

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2008

Vision Statement: "The Union City area is a thriving rural community of families, businesses and organizations dedicated to encouraging growth while maintaining small town values."

The meeting of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the Union City Area High School Large Group Instruction Room.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Bowes, Hinkle, Hoban, Steadman and Tubbs.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Paul Capela, Police Chief Kevin Jones, Street Supervisor Paul Maynard and Solicitor Timothy Wachter.

Visitors present were Louis Boyce, Dustin Kolaja, John Scott, George Ainsworth, Joanne Ainsworth, John Lowther, Darrell Obert, Vaughn McCurdy, Alice Jane Ross, Sue Lowther, Roy Hanks, Ahmed and Sharon Syed, Brian Maynard, Cheryl Hartman and Shawn Tharp.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Hoban to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held August 12th, 2008 and the Work Session held August 26th, 2008, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Bowes that the Secretary's Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION ON BILLS: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Steadman that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried.

RESIDENTS SPEAK ON WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE: Cheryl Hartman from 38 Putnam Street said she has lived at this residence for 17 years. She said she is concerned about where her family is going to park over the holidays. She said she can't understand why the parking can't stay the same.

Sue Lowther from 17 Parade Street said she has a shared driveway. She said her husband's family is from out of town. She said she would like to know where they are going to park. She said she did go around the neighborhood with a petition opposing the new winter parking ordinance. She said she is a taxpayer of this community and she feels her rights are being taken away from her.

John Lowther from 3 Maple Street said he owns the property at 68 West High Street. He said he has the same concerns that his mother does. He said he understands that there are safety issues and it is a privilege to be able to park on the street. He said his concern is where his renters are going to park.

Darrell Obert from 48 ½ Putnam Street is opposed to the new ordinance. He said his concern is when there is a family gathering, where are they going to park. He said he would like to know if Borough Council would consider a time span for no parking during the hours of 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.

President Brumagin said that Mr. Obert does have a good point, but how many people are going to get up at 2:00 A.M. to move their vehicles.

Darrell Obert said maybe 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. would be better. He said he would like Borough Council to think about making some compromises with the Borough residents.

Vaughn McCurdy from 50 Putnam Street said he has lived at this residence for 30 years and it has always been alternate parking. He said that he and Darrell Obert share a driveway. He said he has concerns on where his family is going to park.

Sharon Syed from 36 South Street said that lot of the business owners park on South Street. She said she is concerned about where they are going to park.

She said she gave a letter to the Borough Manager about a street light that was out in front of her house on South Street and concerning the ditch in front of her parents house at 14 Maple Street that needed to be cleaned out.

Chief Jones said the information on the street light was given to him and it has been called in.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he did clean out the ditch at 14 Maple Street. He said he will go back tomorrow and clean the ditch out again.

PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE: Louis Boyce said he would like to know if the Fire Department ordinance is going to be adopted this evening.

President Brumagin said we have not met with the Fire Department and therefore, the ordinance would be tabled this evening.

TIME WARNER CABLE: Mayor Paul Capela read a letter from Time Warner Cable in regards to some stations being canceled.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON THE DISPLAYING OF A BANNER
ACROSS A STATE HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: The Resolution on the displaying of a banner across a State highway in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was read by the Borough Manager.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON THE DISPLAYING OF A BANNER
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve the Resolution on the displaying of a banner across a State highway in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requirements. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION PROGRAM: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said last month some of the Council members raised an issue on whether the Borough is interested in potentially looking into a Rental Property Inspection Program.

He said he did receive a flyer offering a training seminar sponsored by the Boroughs Association in October. He said if Borough Council is interested in learning more about that, he can always use some more education credits and would be willing to go at no cost to the Borough.

President Brumagin said he feels it will be a good idea for the Boroughs Attorney to attend this seminar.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT NATALIE WIENCZKOWSKI'S RESIGNATION FROM THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:**

It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Steadman to accept Natalie Wienczkowski's resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective August 28th, 2008. Motion carried.

MOTION TO TABLE APPROVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BY-LAWS: it was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hinkle to table approving the Parks and Recreation Commission By-laws. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Councillor Hinkle said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be doing a float for the Homecoming Parade.

He said the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently working on the Halloween Parade. He said they are looking to see if they can use the Fire Hall.

Councillor Tubbs said the Halloween Parade has in the past, been held at the American Legion where the ladies serve cider and donuts.

Councillor Hinkle said he will let the committee know that the American Legion has done this in the past.

MOTION TO TABLE THE TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Bowes to table the two appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve until December 31st, 2009. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT KRISTY KOLAJA TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban to appoint Kristy Kolaja to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve until December 31st, 2010. Motion carried.

MOTION TO TABLE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF COST INCURRED BY PAID OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WHEN RESPONDING TO AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SCENES AND TO OTHER HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE ON THE STREETS OR ROADWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY: It was moved by Councillor

Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban to table adopting an Ordinance authorizing the recovery of costs incurred by paid or volunteer emergency service organizations when responding to automobile accident scenes and to other hazardous incidents which take place on the streets or roadways located within the Borough of Union City. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND OTHER BOROUGH OFFICIALS AS NEEDED:

It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Bowes to purchase a computer to be placed on the second floor of the City Building for the Emergency Management Coordinator and other Borough Officials as needed and cost not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Bowes to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT BRADEN MCCRILLIS AS THE DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to appoint Braden McCrillis as the Deputy Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON THE SALE OF A 1996 CHEVROLET POLICE VEHICLE: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve advertising for bids on the sale of a 1996 Chevrolet Police Vehicle. Motion carried.

WEIGHT LIMIT SIGN BE PLACED ON WATERFORD STREET: Councillor Steadman said he would like to have the 9000 lb. weight limit sign be placed on Waterford Street along with a speed limit sign.

Councillor Tubbs said the Borough already has an ordinance establishing the speed limit of twenty-five miles for all Borough streets.

The Borough Manager said she can draft the weight limit ordinance.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE BOROUGH OFFICIAL TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE ON ESTABLISHING A WEIGHT LIMIT FOR WATERFORD STREET: It

was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to direct the appropriate Borough official to prepare an Ordinance on establishing a weight limit for Waterford Street to advertise as such at the October meeting. Motion carried.

STREETS DEPARTMENT: Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said the catch basin on Route 97 by Mel's Motor Sports was put in.

He said that Union Street was milled off today.

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIVING THE 2009 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION REPORT BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2008 FOR THE UNIFORM AND NON-UNIFORM PENSION FUNDS: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded

by Councillor Bowes acknowledge receiving the 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report by September 30th, 2008 for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Funds. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor

Tubbs to approve the transfer of monies from account number 410.041 Full-Time Officer \$7,296.00 transfer monies to account number 432.100 Road Salt, account number 438.010 Supplies \$6,600.00 transfer monies to account number 430.514 Gasoline, account number 410.010 Part-Time Patrolman \$5,200.00 transfer \$3000.00 to account number 410.030 Police Overtime and transfer \$2,200.00 to account number 430.514 Gasoline. Motion carried.

MEETING ON THE REGIONAL MAIN STREET MANAGER: Councillor Bowes said the Work Session on the Regional Main Street Manager has been

scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th, 2008 at 4:15 P.M. He said the location has not been established.

He said he is encouraging all Council members to attend.

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: There being no objection, the Informational Summary will stand approved and be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Brumagin called for an Executive Session at 7:46 P.M. to discuss personnel matters. Borough Council reconvened at 8:08 P.M.

MOTION TO HIRE POLICE SECRETARY AS A BOROUGH EMPLOYEE AT A PAY RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2008: it was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban to hire the police secretary as a Borough employee at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour effective September 10th, 2008. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager