

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2008

The Work Session of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the City Building.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Bowes, Hinkle and Steadman. Councillor Tubbs arrived at 8:05 P.M. Councillor Hoban was absent.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Paul Capela and Street Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Dustin Kolaja, George Ainsworth and Dennis Ploss.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BY-LAWS: The Borough Manager said she would like to know if the Parks and Recreation Commission By-laws will be adopted at next month's Council Meeting.

Councillor Hinkle said the Commission has some questions and he will stop in to see me before the October Council Meeting.

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS: The Borough Manager said she wants to remind Council about turning in their Budget Request Forms over to her as soon as possible.

BID SPECIFICATIONS ON WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL: The Borough Manager said last month copies of the bid specifications on waste/recycling disposal was given to each member of Borough Council for you to review.

She asked "does anyone have any additions or deletions to the bid specifications?"

She said approval to advertise for bids will be placed on the October Agenda.

PARADE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: The Borough Manager said she received a letter from Kenneth Lewis from the Parade Street United Methodist Church.

She said the Church learned of the new winter parking ordinance. She said their parking lot is not big enough for all of their parishioners and they are wondering if Borough Council would give them a temporary exemption for Sunday morning services from 9:30 A.M. till 1:00 P.M. for the area in front of the Church.

President Brumagin said he doesn't feel it benefits the Borough to ticket people who are in Church.

Councillor Hinkle asked "how did Council decide on what streets are snow routes?"

He said after the Borough Council meeting, he went down Parade Street and noticed how many nice homes are on this street. He said these are taxpaying people and he felt bad for them.

He said by having these snow routes, is it going to help.

Councillor Bowes said Borough Council changed the ordinance that an illegally parked vehicle may be towed after receipt of two parking tickets within three consecutive days.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said most of these people have driveways. He said they want to park on the street during the winter months because they don't want to shovel out their driveways.

President Brumagin said instead of making all streets “No Parking” during the winter months, Borough Council chose the main routes as Snow Emergency Routes.

Councillor Bowes said if Borough Council grants an exemption to the Parade Street Church, everybody is going to be asking for an exemption.

President Brumagin said he agrees and the Church needs to plow out an area in their parking lot for their older parishioners.

ROAD SALT: The Borough Manager said the COG that the Borough is a member of, went out for salt bids and we received no bids. She said we were told that there is a shortage of salt.

She said the COG has been meeting with representatives from the State to see if municipalities can buy salt through Co-Stars. She said if the Borough is permitted to buy salt through Co-Stars, it will be much higher in price than what the Borough has paid in the past.

She said the Borough has a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to plow the state roads during the winter months. She said with the possibility of not being able to purchase salt and the increase of salt prices, gas prices she would recommend to Borough Council that the Borough no longer maintain the state routes.

President Brumagin said he would like to see the street department employees use the liquid brine this winter season.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he does not feel the Borough is going to have enough salt in the budget to do the state routes.

The Borough Manager said many of the other municipalities are

getting out of their state contract to snow plow the state roads this winter.

REGIONAL MAIN STREET MANAGER MEETING: Councillor Bowes said he wants to remind members of Borough Council about the Regional Main Street Manager meeting to be held Tuesday, September 30th, 2008 at 4:15 P.M. at the Corry Hi-Ed Building.

BUDGET: Councillor Hinkle said he wasn't sure if the Parks and Recreation Commission work with him on preparing the budget request.

The Borough Manager said according to the by-laws, you and the Commission work together in preparing your budget for the year.

DEMOLITION OF BUILDING: President Brumagin said he would like to know if anyone was approached about the building that was taken down across from Ethan Allen.

Zoning Officer Dennis Ploss said that he was not approached.

STREET PAVING: Councillor Steadman said Russell Standard will be coming in tomorrow to start paving the streets.

Councillor Hinkle asked "when a street is resurfaced, do the property owners pay for this?"

The Borough Manager said no.

WATERFORD STREET: Councillor Steadman said he would like to see a weight limit sign be placed on Waterford Street. He said he knows it can't be enforced until the ordinance has been adopted.

ZONING ORDINANCE: George Ainsworth said a Zoning Hearing was held on September 11th for a mobile home that is to be placed on Merrill Avenue. He said the Zoning Hearing Board would like Borough Council to consider revising the Zoning Ordinance that mobile homes be at least 1,000 square feet.

Zoning Officer Dennis Ploss said the ordinance currently states that mobile home has to be 12 feet wide by fifty feet long. He said this is what the Zoning Hearing Board would like to see changed.

The Borough Manager said the Zoning Hearing Board did receive Zoning Ordinances from other municipalities to see what they did about mobile homes being placed in their community.

President Brumagin said it might be a good idea to get the whole book from Waterford Borough and compare their Zoning Ordinance to ours.

USE OF CITY BUILDING: Dustin Kolaja said he would like to use the Borough's conference room on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager