

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 13TH, 2009

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, Hinkle, Hoban, Steadman and Tubbs. Councillor Bowes was absent.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Paul Capela and Solicitor Timothy Wachter.

Visitors present were Alice Jane Ross, Shirley Lafferty, George Ainsworth, Leo Pfister, John Scott, Dave Pfister, Gary and Yvonne Price, Candice Nohovig, Roy Hanks, Don Smith and Christine Boyer-Krantz and Autumn Kelley from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Hoban that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held December 9th, 2008 and the Special Meeting held December 30th, 2008, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and

seconded by Councillor Tubbs 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.

BENTLEY RUN BRIDGE PROJECT: Christine Boyer-Krantz from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation along with Autumn Kelley were present this evening to discuss the Bentley Run Bridge Project.

Christine Boyer-Krantz said she has maps that she would like to pass out that shows the location of the Bentley Run Bridge Project.

She said she is here tonight to introduce the project, discuss preliminary bridge replacement plans and to receive public input regarding the project which is required by Penndot's Public Involvement Process.

She said the Bentley Run Bridge is located on Bridge Street. The replacement process should begin in late spring and should be completed within eight weeks.

She said on one side of the bridge, a sidewalk will be put in. She said this is the side on where the park is located.

Gary and Yvonne Price of 9 Bridge Street had several questions for Christine Boyer-Krantz.

Christine Boyer-Krantz said if Borough Council and/or any members of the public have any future questions, to please call her at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Office in Oil City at (814) 678-7030.

DAVE AIKENS SUBDIVISION ON EAST HIGH STREET: President Brumagin said

that Dave Aikens was to be here this evening to request Borough Council to reconsider his proposed subdivision on East High Street.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said that Borough Council had denied his request due to the property being in a flood zone.

Councillor Hinkle asked “is this a County or State Ordinance?”

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said this is the Borough’s ordinance.

Councillor Hinkle said according to the flood map he had found, Mr. Aikens property is not located in a flood zone.

President Brumagin said that Mr. Aikens needs to prove this.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: George Ainsworth said that the Zoning Hearing Board has been reviewing the Mill Village Zoning Ordinance. He said he would like to have the Borough’s attorney review their findings.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said that the Zoning Hearing Board needs to present their changes to Borough Council for their consideration, and if Borough Council wants to amend the ordinance, they need to direct him to do so.

RESIDENT PRESENTS HIS CONCERNS TO BOROUGH COUNCIL: Don Smith from Warden Street asked ‘what is the purpose of Borough Council?’

He said there has been times during the holiday season when the weather has been sixty degrees and his family has gotten parking tickets. He said the plows are not out and why should his family be getting parking tickets.

He said the Water Authority is going to be installing sewer lines on

Warden Street. He said he would like to know what Warden Street is going to be like when they put these lines in.

President Brumagin said this is a question for the Water Authority.

Don Smith said he was glad to see that the boot was taken off the snow plow.

Councillor Steadman said the plow that is doing the edging has the steel blade on it.

Don Smith said the Water Authority went out for bid for the use of a backhoe. He said isn't it a conflict of interest for Tomcho's to get the bid. He asked "why can't the Water Authority use the streets department backhoe?"

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said they are a separate entity from the Borough and they can make their own decisions.

THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 WAS READ BY THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR: The Resolution authorizing a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$40,000.00 was read by the Borough Solicitor.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the Resolution authorizing a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$40,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER GIVING IN 2009 SEED MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00 TO UNION CITY PRIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ABANDONED

PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH: The Borough Manager said she has on the agenda for Borough Council to consider giving in 2009 seed money in the amount of \$2500.00 to Union City Pride for the purchase of abandoned properties in the Borough.

She said last month this was tabled. She said she would like Borough Council to not take any action on this so it can be taken off the agenda until she has had a chance to talk with Union City Pride.

TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE CLOSING DATE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the only thing he has to report this evening, is that a closing date for the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note has been scheduled for Friday at 9:00 A.M. at his office.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Councillor Hinkle said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be having a sled riding party on Saturday, January 31st, beginning at 5:00 P.M. at the Willow Street hill.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY BY EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION, AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS, SPECIALTY RESCUE, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE, MITIGATION AND ABATEMENT, TRAINING, INSPECTION SERVICES AND FIRE DRILLS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UNLOCKING OR ATTEMPTING TO UNLOCK DOORS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS OR TENANTS, REQUIRING EQUAL RESPONSE EFFORTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; A REPEALER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban to advertise their intent to adopt an Ordinance of the Borough of Union City

relating to the recovery of costs associated with the provision of emergency services within the Borough of Union City by emergency service providers; establishing fees for fire suppression, automobile accidents, specialty rescue, hazardous material response, mitigation and abatement, training, inspection services and fire drills, and providing for the payment of fees for costs associated with unlocking or attempting to unlock doors from private property owners or tenants, requiring equal response efforts; providing for severability; repealer and an effective date. Councillor Tubbs, Steadman, Hoban and Brumagin voted yea. Councillor Hinkle voted nay. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO: 1049, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REGULATING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE, ACT OF APRIL 29, 1959, P.L. 58, AS AMENDED, AMENDING SCHEDULE V, INSERTING A NEW SCHEDULE V1; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor

Hoban to adopt an Ordinance of the Borough of Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No: 1049, entitled an Ordinance of the Borough of Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania regulating the parking of vehicles upon the public streets and in the municipal parking lots of the Borough of Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania, under the authority of the Pennsylvania legislature, Act of April 29, 1959, P.L. 58, as amended, amending Schedule V, inserting a new Schedule V1; providing for severability and for an effective date. A Roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE POLICE FOR THE YEAR 2009: Councillor Tubbs said Borough Council needs to approve the Union City Volunteer Fire

Department Officers and Fire Police for the year 2009.

He said they are as follows: Fire Chief Jim Dodd, Deputy Chief Ed Eastman, First Assistant Chief Robert Wolf, Second Assistant Chief John Fielding, Captain Terry Ranyak, First Lieutenant Isaiah Edwards, Safety Officer Don Monroe and Fire Police Captain Wally Ehrhart.

He said the Fire Police are Wally Ehrhart, Bill Fink, Shirley Lafferty, Jane Rowland, Bob Stowe, Joan Fink, LaRoyce Rowland, Joseph Lafferty and Alan Brooks.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE POLICE FOR THE YEAR 2009: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the Union City Volunteer Fire Department Officers and Fire Police for the year 2009. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said he would like to talk with the Borough Manager about obtaining more anti-skid.

Councillor Tubbs said he is wondering if there is any way that the Borough can purchase more salt under the contract.

The Borough Manager said she has to see if there is any salt to obtain.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

