

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 14TH, 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, Bowes, Hinkle, Hoban, Steadman and Tubbs.

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

Visitors present were Alice Jane Ross, Mike Wienczkowski, George Ainsworth, Mark and Irene Clausen, Roy Hanks, Dustin Kolaja, Nancy Brumagin, Judy Lewis, Brian Maynard, Leo Pfister, Larry Miller, Pat Miller and Chris Bloom.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held March 10th, 2009, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Steadman 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.

CITIZEN COMPLAINS ABOUT WATER PROBLEMS IN HIS BACKYARD: Mark

Clausen said he lives at 87 North Main Street and he is here this evening concerning the water he gets in his backyard due to the creek that runs along the side of his property.

He said he knows a few years ago, Borough Council had a meeting with DEP and they had found some minnows and cattails and, therefore, nothing could be done about cleaning out the creek.

He said he spoke with DEP and they are willing to set up a meeting to look at the creek again.

Councillor Steadman said the pipes are not big enough to handle the amount of water that comes off of the hospital hill and John Street.

Mark Clausen said he knows that Powell's was out a couple of years ago to clean out these catch basins.

Councillor Steadman said he would like to talk with the Borough Manager about getting the engineer to come out and take a look at this situation.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he does his best to keep the catch basins cleaned out, but there is so much volume of water that goes through these lines.

President Brumagin said that Mr. Clausen needs to get the name of the DEP representative that he spoke with and give this information to the Borough Manager so she can set up a meeting.

TIME WARNER CABLE: Mayor Paul Capela read a letter from Time Warner Cable on channel changes.

AUDIT CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY: President Brumagin said he received a letter from the Department of Labor and Industry.

He said this letter is in regards to a periodic audit that was conducted on BIU to see if they are complying with the State guidelines. He said the audit was performed on Brady's Ice Cream.

He said he will give the audit report to the Borough Manager for her to make copies to give to members of Borough Council.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councillor Hinkle said the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. He said they had approximately 350 kids show up.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR A CIVIL SERVICE LIST: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve advertising for a Civil Service List. Motion carried.

RESOURCE OFFICER: Councillor Tubbs said the change with the Resource Officer will begin tomorrow. He said that Officer Markham will be working with Officer Russell tomorrow.

CHANGE DATE OF WORK SESSION: Councillor Tubbs said the Law Symposium put on by the Boroughs Law Firm will be held the same night as the Boroughs Work Session. He said he knows that he and the Borough Manager will be attending this Symposium. He said Borough Council needs to reschedule the Work Session.

The Work Session was rescheduled for Thursday, April 30th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the City Building.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON THE LEASING OF A BACKHOE/LOADER: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to approve advertising for bids on the leasing of a backhoe/loader. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON BRINE: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve advertising for bids on brine. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said the street crew has been very busy.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he was asked by Borough Council to set up a meeting with Penndot to look at the catch basin on the corner of Warden and East High Street.

He said that Michelle Morningstar from Penndot is no longer the representative for this area. He said that George Backhoe will be taking her place. He said that he spoke with George and he will be meeting with him as soon as he has had a chance to meet with Michelle.

Councillor Steadman said the street crew has ten months of work with only six months to get it done.

President Brumagin said Borough Council needs to start thinking about what streets need to be paved or seal coated this year.

MOTION TO ACCEPT SHAWN THARP'S RESIGNATION AS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to accept Shawn Tharp's resignation as the Code Enforcement Officer effective March 31st, 2009. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to

approve advertising for a Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT MARVIN TUBBS TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL

AUTHORITY BOARD: Councillor Bowes said based on improving our commitment between the Borough and the Union City Municipal Authority Board and receiving petitions with over two-hundred and fifty signatures, he would like to make a motion to appoint Marvin Tubbs to the Union City Municipal Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hinkle. Councillor Hinkle, Tubbs, Steadman, Hoban and Bowes voted yea. Councillor Brumagin abstained. Motion carried

SPRING CLEAN UP: Councillor Bowes said he feels Borough Council needs to schedule a day to do a drive around of the Borough.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he will get the school bus and drive Borough Council around.

Borough Council scheduled the drive around for Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. and everyone to meet at the City Building.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE SPRING CLEAN UP OF ITEMS WITH FREON AND TIRES:

It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to approve the Spring Clean Up to be held on Friday, June 5th and Saturday June 6th at the Borough Garage for the disposal of any items with freon and tires with the limit of four tires per household unless they apply for a special exception from either the Borough Manager or the Street Supervisor. Motion carried.

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 Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager