

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 26TH, 2009

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

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

There were no visitors present.

ERIE COUNTY DIRECTORY: The Borough Manager passed out the 2009 Directories to members of Borough Council.

REMOVAL OF TREES IN CAFLISCH PARK: The Borough Manager said that Street Supervisor Paul Maynard had approached her about getting the trees in Caflisch Park removed.

She said that he has received a quote for the removal from J's Tree Service out of Waterford. She said the quote is for the removal of 7 trees and 7 stumps at a cost of \$1900.00. She said there is \$7000.00 in the Parks General Service Account.

She said this is a good price and if Borough Council has no objection, she would like to proceed in having these trees removed.

Borough Council had no objection in going forward.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Councillor Tubbs said that our full-time Officer Jason

Russell has left the Police Department to go work for the City of Corry.

He said that with the economy the way it is, he does not feel it is a good time to hire another full-time officer.

Chief Jones said the Civil Service Testing will be held Saturday, June 13th, 2009.

He said Jason Lantzy who is a part-time police officer with us, will probably be leaving shortly.

Councillor Tubbs said he was contacted by Bob Wolf who wanted to know if he could work part-time for the police department.

Councillor Hinkle asked how the Civil Service testing is done.

Chief Kevin Jones explained the point system to Councillor Hinkle.

Councillor Tubbs said when Borough Council opens the job up for a police officer, the Civil Service issues a list of three names.

Chief Kevin Jones said what takes the time is doing the background checks, credit reports and the psychological testing. He said the prospective officer must also go to Harrisburg to take a test. He said this is required through MPOEC.

Councillor Tubbs said Borough Council needs to think about this and give Bob Wolf an answer.

Councillor Tubbs said that he received information from Councillor Brumagin on the drug use in the Borough.

Councillor Tubbs said he would like to know how the Police

Department has the resource to do the drug investigations.

Chief Kevin Jones said he works with the Drug Task Force out of Erie.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Councillor Tubbs said the Water Authority will be having a Special Meeting to consider engineering services.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councillor Hinkle said the Parks and Recreation Commission is working on the Summer Recreation Program.

Councillor Hinkle said at their last Commission meeting, they met in the park. He said there was a group of kids using very foul language. He said he wants to know if there is anything that can be done about this.

Chief Kevin Jones said he should of called the Police Department. He said the Police Department would of asked the kids to leave the park.

SINK HOLE IN ROAD: Councillor Steadman said he would like to thank the Borough Manager for letting them use the dump truck for the girls softball team.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said there is an issue with a sink hole that is located in front of Rite-Aid Store. He said that he and the Water Authority went down to take a look at the sink hole. He said the Borough does not have a line there, but the Water Authority does have a sanitary sewer line.

He said he thinks it is the semi's causing this dip in the road. He said he will be meeting with George Backhoe to take a look at this.

WATERFORD STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT: Street Supervisor Paul Maynard

said he met with the Borough Engineer about the storm water on Waterford Street. He said that the Engineer said there is no grant monies available at this time. He said there might be some stimulus monies available in the next round for storm sewers.

PAVING PROJECTS: Councillor Tubbs asked about the paving projects.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he has the list of streets that was decided in the drive around. He said that he and the Borough Manager will be meeting with Deborah from Municipal Services to go over the streets.

RESIDENT COMPLAINS ABOUT SPEEDING ON MILES STREET: Chief Kevin Jones said he received an email from a gentleman who was complaining about the speeding on Miles Street.

Councillor Tubbs said he has seen very little speeding on Miles Street.

He said just paint some white lines and check on it a few times.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Councillor Steadman said that he was approached by Dave Himes and he is interested in the Code Enforcement position.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said it makes perfect sense to have a street department employee. He said we are always on the streets and we see the violations that are going on.

President Brumagin said he wasn't sure if Greg Bowes had a name for Borough Council.

Councillor Steadman said the only concern Dave Himes had was if he has to go to court during work hours will he still receive his pay or does he have to use vacation time.

Councillor Tubbs said he would have to use vacation time. He said that wouldn't happen very often. He said he can always make arrangements with the District Justice to see if she can schedule the hearings during the hours he is not working.

The Borough Manager said she will place this on the agenda for Borough Council to consider.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager