

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Steadman and Tubbs. Councillor Hoban was absent.

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

Visitors present were Roy Hanks, Brian Maynard, Bob Wolf, Rachael Wolf, Alice Jane Ross, George Ainsworth, Leo Pfister, Dave Pfister and Louis Boyce.

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Special Meeting held June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and the Work Session held June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, be approved.

Councillor Tubbs said an amendment needs to be made to the Work Session minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

He said on page 59 of the minutes, it currently reads “this ditch considered a street” it should read “this ditch considered a stream”.

Motion carried.

**MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Hinkle 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 Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried.

**BOB WOLF TO SPEAK TO BOROUGH COUNCIL ON SOME CONCERNS HE HAS ALONG WITH UPDATING BOROUGH COUNCIL ON THEIR STATUS OF THE FIRE COMPANY SIDE OF ERIE COUNTY DISPATCH:** Bob Wolf said he is hear this evening to update Borough Council on the 911 Center.

He said he was selected by the South County Chief Association to be their representative at the 911 meetings. He said they currently have been meeting every Thursday at the new 911 Center. He said eventually they should be meeting once a month.

Mayor Paul Capela asked “ when will the Union City Fire Department be with the new 911 System?”

Bob Wolf said he thinks it will be the middle of October, because the contract with Emergycare expires the end of October.

He said that any member of Borough Council is welcome to attend these meetings and if any of you have not had a chance to tour the building, this will you give a chance to do so.

Bob Wolf said on a more personal note, he had corresponded with Councillor Tubbs that he was interested in asking for re-employment for the open position with the Police Department.

He said he was informed by Councillor Tubbs that Borough Council rejected this consideration.

He said he has prepared a statement that he would like to read to Borough Council.

The statement that was read by Bob Wolf is attached and will be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

**CITIZEN VOICES CONCERN ON HIRING ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS:** Louis Boyce said that Borough Council needs to consider hiring more police officers.

He said in Erie, the crime is getting worse and it will be heading to Union City. He said mark my words, Borough Council has less than two years and needs to start looking into developing a Civil Defense Unit.

**TIME WARNER CABLE:** The Mayor read a letter from Time Warner Cable in regards to channel changes.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SIGN A DEED AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** The Borough Manager said that PennDOT had met with her concerning the bridge replacement on Bridge Street. She said that PennDOT needs to obtain a portion of the right-of-way from the Borough.

She said PennDOT would be purchasing the property at a price of

\$500.00.

She said in order for Penndot to proceed with the project, approval needs to be granted to permit the Borough Manager to sign the deed agreement on behalf of Borough Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SIGN THE DEED**

**AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the Borough Manager, Cheryl Capela, sign a deed agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE BIDS ON ADA COMPLIANT CONCRETE CURBS:** The Borough Manager said she only received one bid. She said the bid is from Palombo Contracting, 7060 Leechburg Road, New Kensington, PA 15068.

She said their bid is for 54 ADA Compliant Concrete Curb ramps at a cost of \$96,930.00.

President Brumagin said this cost is higher than what he had anticipated.

He said he thinks Borough Council should reject the bid.

**MOTION TO REJECT THE BID:** It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hinkle to reject the bid from Palombo Contracting. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO TABLE APPROVING THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY FOR AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Steadman to table approving the Resolution to make an application to the County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW:** Solicitor Timothy Wachter said his firm will be holding a seminar to update their clients on the Right-to-Know Law.

**LETTER SENT TO CHIEF JONES FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE:**

Councillor Tubbs said in your folder, is a copy of a letter that was sent to Chief Jones from the Pennsylvania State police.

He said the letter from the Pennsylvania State Police expresses their appreciation on Chief Jones excellent investigative work.

He said he feels Borough Council should recognize this with a letter of commendation from Borough Council.

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

**MOTION TO DIRECT THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO WRITE A LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO CHIEF JONES:** It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Bowes to direct the Borough Manager to write a letter of commendation to Chief Jones. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he will be starting the bridge project on Pleasant Street within the next couple of weeks.

He said that Beckwith Equipment will be meeting with the Borough Manager to discuss the lease agreement on the new backhoe.

He said he has been working on getting bid specs on a plow truck.

**UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:** Councillor Tubbs said that Shawn Anthony has had problems with sewage backing up in his basement.

He said he has been coming to the meetings to get the Water Authority to pay for his damages.

He said he just wants to know if the streets department has checked into this drain to see if it is actually going into the sanitary sewer line.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said that Shawn Anthony does have a drain in his backyard and this drain was dyed by the Water Authority and the dye showed that this drain is going into the Sanitary Sewer line.

**GATHERING AT FRENCH CREEK:** Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he would like to thank Union City Pride for the great job they did on the Gathering of French Creek.

President Brumagin said the Firework display were fabulous. He said he feels that the Fireworks need to receive more advertisement.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Manager