

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JANUARY 26TH, 2010

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

Councillors present were Bowes, Hoban, McCrillis, Steadman and Tubbs. Councillor Brumagin was absent.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Bill Hinkle, Police Chief Kevin Jones and Solicitor Timothy Wachter.

Visitors present were Dave Pfeil and Dustin Kolaja.

DAVE PFEIL SPEAKS TO BOROUGH COUNCIL ABOUT OPENING UP COFFEE HOUSE AT THE CONGDON HOTEL: Dave Pfeil from 26511 Lincolnton Road, Union City, PA said he is here this evening to speak to Borough Council about opening up a Coffee House at the Congdon Hotel.

He said that he had spoken with John Burnell from BIU and John had informed him that he needed to come to Borough Council to get permission to open up a Coffee House. He said he is a minister and would also like this to be a place for a youth group.

Vice-President Bowes said he doesn't understand why John Burnell would tell you that you need approval from Borough Council. He said Borough Council cannot give permission for the use of the building.

He said if you are planning on selling food, you should be checking with the Health Department.

The Borough Manager said that John Burnell would be the individual

that would issue Mr. Pfeil an occupancy permit.

HRG ENGINEERING FIRM: The Borough Manager said that the engineering firm of HRG had contacted her about their interest in serving as the Boroughs Engineer for the next Borough project.

She said she would like to present to Borough Council a list of their qualifications that they had put together for Borough Council to review.

THE FOSTER PROPERTY AT 9 CONCORD STREET: The Borough Manager said that a deed search was done on the property located at 9 Concord Street owned by James Foster.

She said it came back with several judgments against this property along with an outstanding mortgage and back real estate taxes. She said that Union City Pride cannot afford to purchase this property.

She said that the Borough will have to be responsible for the cost to tear down this property. She said the quote she received to tear down this property is \$9800.00.

Councillor Tubbs asked “where are the funds to pay for the removal of this building going to come from?”

He said that when Borough Council agreed to raise taxes this past year, he said that he would not vote to spend any of the unexpended dollars. He said however, he is only one vote on Borough Council.

The Borough Manager said she doesn't know what to do with this property. She said that she continually receives complaints on when this building is going to be removed. She said she would at least like Borough Council to agree to go out for bids and once the bids are received, we can then talk about this further.

Borough Council agreed to have the Borough Manager solicit bids for the removal of the building on 9 Concord Street.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he is here this evening to discuss the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

He said that the Borough has to permit this, however, the law does allow the municipality to determine what district this business can be in. He said it has been determined that the Ethan Allen building is in a B-2 District.

He said the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will need to be submitted to the Union Area Planning Commission and the Erie County Department of Planning for their review. He said they have thirty days to review.

He said at the next Borough Council Meeting, Council will need to schedule a Public Hearing to be held prior to the March Council Meeting on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

He said Borough Council will also have to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Public Indecency Ordinance. He said Borough Council will also have to approve advertising their intent to adopt this Ordinance.

He said Borough Council will want to give this Public Indecency Ordinance to Chief Jones for his review.

RESIDENT COMPLAINS ABOUT THE NOISE AT TRUE TEMPER: Mayor Bill Hinkle said he received a call from Chris Lindberg in regards to the noise coming from True Temper. He said that she had informed him that she cannot sleep at night due to the noise coming from the

blowers at True Temper.

He said he is going to check with the Plant Manager at True Temper to see what can be done.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR ANNUAL DINNER: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said we need to set date, time and place to hold our annual dinner.

It was decided to go to the Frog Pond on Monday, February 15th, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said that more salt has been ordered. He said under the Co-Star Contract through the State, a municipality is required to purchase 60% of the total estimate amount.

PERSONNEL AND PLANNING: Vice-President Bowes said that he has requested a list of all the blighted properties and a list of all the unpaved streets in the Borough.

He said he would like this information by the next Work Session.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Councillor McCrillis said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a sled riding party this Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

He said if there is no snow, it will be held the following Sunday.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councillor Tubbs said that Chief Jones will be out for family medical reason. He said that Officer Barber will be in charge.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Councillor Tubbs said that the Water Authority Board hired Terry Strout as the new Water Authority Manager. He said he will be starting on Monday, February 8th, 2010.

He said he used to be the Assistant Manager at the Corry Water Treatment Plant.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager