

**MINTUES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

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, McCrillis and Steadman. Councillor Hoban was absent.

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

Visitors present were Alice Jane Ross, Dustin Kolaja, Shawn Tharp, Monica Verbosky, Shirley Seidler, Roy Hanks and Union City Municipal Authority Manager Terry Shrout.

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to table approving the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

**UNION CITY MUSEUM:** Monica Verbosky said she is here this evening on behalf of the Union City Historical Society. She said the back wall of the Museum is in need of major repair.

She said the Historical Society did receive a bid in the amount of \$8300 from Rafferty's.

She said the side wall facing the American Legion parking lot is also in need of repair. She said the Historical Society received a bid from Erie Custom Exteriors in the amount of \$7900.00. She said the Historical Society has approximately \$6000 in their account and they are pretty sure that they can come up with the rest of the monies through donations and fund raisers to fix this side wall.

She said the building is owned by the Borough and the Borough should be taking responsibility in repairing the back wall.

President Brumagin said he would request that the Historical Society provide a copy of the proposed bid on the back wall to the Borough Manager.

**RESIDENT COMPLAINS ABOUT HIGH GRASS:** Shawn Tharp said he was here last month to complain about the property next to his that has not been mowed all summer. He said this property still has not been mowed.

He said he would like a copy of the letter that the Code Enforcement Officer sent to the property owner.

President Brumagin said he will contact the Code Enforcement Officer to check on the status of this property.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$529.00 FOR UNION CITY PRIDE**

**INCORPORATED:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to approve paying the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance in the amount of \$529.00 for Union City Pride Incorporated. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE'S MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**FOR 2011:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to approve the agreement to participate in the planning process of the County of Erie's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2011. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY OF ERIE'S MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS:**

It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Steadman to appoint Dustin Kolaja as the Borough's representative to the County of Erie's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Process. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Borough Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he would like a brief Executive Session after the meeting for the purpose of litigation.

**ERIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE:** Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the Erie County Tax Collection Committee has appointed Berkheimer to be the new tax collection beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

He said Berkheimer has agreed to a collection rate of 1.5%.

He said that the Borough Manager is currently the Borough's delegate to the Tax Collection Committee. He said each year the governing bodies need to appoint a delegate. He said this will need to be done in December.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR NAMES FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR FOR THE FIRST WARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MARVIN**

**TUBBS:** It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Bowes to approve advertising for names for the position of Councillor for the First Ward to fill the unexpired term of Marvin Tubbs. Motion carried.

**CODIFICATION OF BOROUGH ORDINANCES:** President Brumagin said he would like to review the ordinances that are not being enforced and get them off the books.

He said Borough Council needs to be thinking about getting these ordinances codified.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said this might be something that one of their interns might be able to do for the Borough.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Councillor McCrillis said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be having a Halloween Parade. He said they will be starting at Tot Lot park and end at the Firehall.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councillor Bowes said he would like the Borough Manager to please remind Chief Jones that he needs to attend the Council Meetings.

He said he also noticed there were no police report in our packets. He said he would like the Borough Manager to remind Chief Jones that these reports need to be submitted to Borough Council monthly.

**COUNCIL TO OPEN AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE SALE OF THE BOROUGH'S 1964 WESTERN 300 PACER ROAD GRADER:** The Borough Manager said she received one bid and the bid is from Hall Construction, 14500 Willey Road, Waterford, PA 16441 at a bid price of \$1700.00.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BID FROM HALL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1700.00:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Bowes to approve bids on the sale of the 1964 Western 300 Pacer Road Grader at a bid price of \$1700.00. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO OPEN AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE SALE OF THE BOROUGH'S 1994 GMC TOP KICK DUMP TRUCK WITH 11 FOOT GLEDHILL PLOW AND 10 FOOT CINDER SPREADER:** The Borough Manager said she received one bid and the bid is from Brian Jones at a bid price of \$3800.00.

Councillor Steadman said he does not feel it is a good idea to sell this truck. He said if we have a break down, we have a spare truck. He said in the past when we have broke down, we had to rent a truck.

The Borough Manager said that we have never maintained three trucks. She said as long as she has been here, we have never rented a truck to plow our streets. She said when we were down with one truck, the streets department used the road grader.

President Brumagin said Borough Council discussed getting rid of this truck due to the costly upkeep of the truck.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BID FROM BRIAN JONES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3800.00:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to approve the bid from Brian Jones in the amount of \$3800.00. Councillor McCrillis, Bowes and Brumagin voted yea. Councillor Steadman voted nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said the Streets Department has been patching.

He said the leaf pickup starts Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

He said the green pickup went to Crotty's to be repaired.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said the new dump truck was going to be in the Homecoming Parade. He said when Bob Phillips went to get the truck, the battery in the truck was dead.

He said the two police cruisers and the International Truck went to get undercoated.

President Brumagin said he would like to thank Councillor Steadman for keeping him updated while he was in the hospital.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEM STATE-AID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,643.89 BE DEPOSITED INTO THE NON-UNIFORM**

**PENSION FUND:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the General Municipal Pension System State-Aid in the amount of \$22,643.89 be deposited into the Non-Uniform Pension Fund. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL AND PLANNING:** Councillor Bowes said he would like to see monthly reports from the Zoning Officer and the Code Enforcement Officer.

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

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE KURT SONNEY:** State Representative Kurt Sonney spoke to members of Borough Council and the public on various

issues concerning the State Budget, use of gambling funds and other state and local issues.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

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