

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11TH, 2011

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, Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman.

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

Visitors present were Dave Himes, Roy Hanks, Bob Glenn and Becky Glenn.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Kolaja that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held December 14th, 2010, Special Meeting held December 30th, 2010 and Work Session held December 30th, 2010, 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 Bowes that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried.

RESIDENT COMPLAINS ABOUT DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS: Robert Glenn said he owns a business on Main Street and he has concerns about the dilapidated buildings on Main Street. He said it is going to make it very difficult to sell his business in the future if something does not get done with these properties.

He said he also has concerns about the Ethan Allen Property that recently burned to the ground. He said he heard the property owner does not have insurance. He said he is wondering what is going to be done with that property.

President Brumagin said he understands his concerns and Union City Pride has been working on getting those properties on Main Street removed.

He said a certified letter from the Borough was sent to the owner of the Ethan Allen property.

He said that we have checked on what it would cost to clean up this property and it would be around \$200,000.

Councillor Bowes said Union City Pride has been working on getting those properties on Main Street torn down. He said these buildings have asbestos and the cost of removing the asbestos is what is holding up the progress. He said Union City Pride is still working on it and hopefully you will see some progress soon.

He said the Union City School District along with the Borough of Union City will be working on a tax incentive in hopes to bring

businesses and/or new residential homes in the Borough.

Robert Glenn said he also has concerns about the sidewalks on Concord Street not being cleared of snow. He said many students walk this route to school and they are walking in the streets because of property owners not shoveling their sidewalks. He said he does not want to see any child get hit.

Code Enforcement Officer Dave Himes said the current Snow Removal Ordinance said the property owners have twelve hours after a snow storm to shovel their sidewalks.

He said he has been working on delivering notices to businesses on Main Street. He said he can hand out these same notices to property owners on Concord Street.

President Brumagin said we can also have the Resource Officer patrol the streets before school.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A BUSINESS CREDIT CARD THROUGH NORTHWEST SAVINGS

BANK: The Resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a Business Credit Card through Northwest Savings Bank was read by the Borough Manager.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A BUSINESS CREDIT CARD THROUGH NORTHWEST SAVINGS

BANK: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a business Credit Card through Northwest Savings Bank. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

PROPOSED FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he had

presented Borough Council with a proposed Flood Plain Ordinance for Borough Council to review and make any comments.

He said if there are no comments from Borough Council, he needs to submit this Ordinance to DCED.

He said he also wants to remind Borough Council that they will need to appoint an Administrator of this Ordinance.

Borough Council directed Solicitor to submit Ordinance to DCED.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said that the closing was held on the Tax Anticipation Note.

MOTION TO APPOINT BOB PHILLIPS AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to appoint Bob Phillips as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board to serve until December 31st, 2013. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councillor McCrillis said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a sled riding party on Saturday, January 29th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

He said they plan on having a bon fire at this event. He said they are also looking at having either a horse drawn sleigh or wagon. He said the Boy Scouts will be providing the food for this event.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2011: It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve the Union City Volunteer Fire Department Operation Officers for the year 2011. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE POLICE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2011:

It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the Fire Police appointments for the year 2011. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councillor Kolaja said he met with Chief Jones and the Borough Manager to see how the administration of the Borough is done. He said he also met with the Street Supervisor Paul Maynard about riding with him sometime.

He said after doing some investigation in regards to the Ethan Allen Fire, there were thirty fire departments that had responded to this fire.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said that the Streets Department is keeping up with snow. He said they did have to order more cinders.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said if Borough Council has any concerns in regards to the performance of his job whether negative or positive, please let him know.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager

