

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Street Supervisor Paul Maynard and Solicitor Timothy Sennett.

Visitors present were Leo Pfister, Dave Pfister, Howard Buell, Ken Calfo, Roy Hanks and Bob Wolf.

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis that all Councillors having read the Work Session held January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Meeting held February 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 and Work Session held February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, be approved. Motion carried.

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

**UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Bob Wolf said he is here this evening to present the 2010 Union City Volunteer Fire Department Operational year end report.

He said the Fire Department is using mandated reporting software. He said the software is required in order to be eligible for federal funds.

He said several firefighters took the Firefighter 1 testing this year. He said that he and Assistance Chief Danny Hawley passed the test.

He said in regards to the Cherry Hill fire, he learned about a hot work permit. He said a hot work permit is required for anyone who is using a cutting device in a commercial structure.

He said he would also like to suggest to Borough Council that buildings that have a sprinkler system in place be required to keep them in working order.

He said the Fire Department has seen an increase in cost of turnout gear. He said the average age of their gear is thirteen to fourteen years old. He said he wrote a grant to the Community Foundation and the Fire Department was awarded \$17,000 to secure ten complete sets of turnout gear.

He said the Fire Department's fundraising efforts has taken a hit due to the economy.

He said the Fire Department is in need of replacing their 1992 International Grumman engine

He said currently the Fire Department has thirty five members who answer calls.

He said in 2010 the Fire Department changed their operating procedures. He said now when an injury occurs, the Fire Department will require an investigation into the incident to determine whether it could have been prevented.

He said the total call volume for the year 2010 was 164.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING:**

The Borough Manager said that she along with Councillor McCrillis and Chief Jones will be attending the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs conference to be held from Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

She said the conference falls on the same day as our Council Meeting. She said that Borough Council will need to reschedule the April Council Meeting date.

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> TO TUESDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>:**

It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to change the April Council Meeting from Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Motion carried.

**LAW AND ORDER BANQUET:** The Borough Manager said she would like to remind Borough Council about the Law and Order Banquet. She said the Law and Order Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She said it happens to be on the same night as the Fire Department's banquet.

**LAW SYMPOSIUM:** The Borough Manager said she would also like to remind Borough Council about the Law Symposium sponsored by the Knox

Law Firm. She said the date of the symposium is Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She said if any member of Borough Council is interested in attending, please submit your RSVP.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councillor Bowes called for an Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. to discuss appointments. President Brumagin excused himself from the Executive Session. Borough Council reconvened at 7:39 P.M.

**MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN LOWTHER TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to appoint John Lowther to the Union City Municipal Authority Board to serve until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. A roll call vote was taken. Councillor Kolaja, McCrillis and Bowes voted yea. Councillor Steadman voted nay and Councillor Hoban abstained. Motion carried.

**ETHAN ALLEN BUILDING:** Councillor Kolaja said he is wondering if we can ask the owner of the Ethan Allen Building to install a fence around his property.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said the streets department is getting their equipment ready for spring.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

