

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9TH, 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 High School Large Group Instruction Room.

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

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

Visitors present were Roy Hanks, Debra Lyons, Alice Jane Ross, Tamra Baker and Bobbie Miller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Kolaja 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 July 12th, 2011 and the Work Session held July 26th, 2011, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON BILLS: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried.

OWNER OF CONGDON HOTEL REQUESTS PARKING CHANGES: Debra Lyons said she is the owner of the Congdon Hotel and she is here this evening requesting Borough Council to consider removing the road sign in front of her building. She said if she would have an ambulance call at her hotel, the sign would interfere with them getting into the hotel.

She said she is asking that the sign be placed a few feet down from her building.

She said she would also like Borough Council to consider having a handicap parking spot on the same side of the street as her hotel. She said she is not asking that the handicap parking be placed in front of her building, just some place close enough so patrons did not have to cross the street.

President Brumagin said that Borough Council will discuss her request at their next Work Session.

MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 930 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NUMBER 585, WHICH CREATED THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE TERM OF EXISTENCE OF THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Bowes to approve adopting the Ordinance amending Ordinance number 930 which amended Ordinance number 585, which created the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of extending the term of existence of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania. A roll call vote was taken. Councillor Kolaja, McCrillis, Hoban and Bowes voted yea. Councillor Brumagin abstained. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 16TH, 2011: The Borough Manager said she wants to remind Borough Council about a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 16th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the City Building to open and approve paving bids.

GRANT TO PURCHASE STATE APPROVED WORK SIGNS: The Borough Manager said she was awarded a grant to purchase state approved work signs.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he has copies of the revised Storm Water Management Ordinance for Borough Council to consider advertising their intent to adopt.

He said he would like to remind Borough Council that the Ordinance needs to be adopted by September 21st of this year. He said in order for Borough Council to meet this deadline, Borough Council needs to take action this evening.

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

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to advertise their intent to adopt the Storm Water Management Ordinance. Motion carried.

HANDICAP CROSSWALKS: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said a question arose in regards to maintenance of a Borough Street requires the municipality to install handicap crosswalks. He said the answer to that question is yes. He said the law is very clear on this issue.

WATER HOOKUPS: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he was asked to investigate whether properties are required to have a source of water.

He said according to the Borough's Ordinance, the only hook up that is required by Borough residents is sewer.

He said the Borough Code does provide Borough Council the power to make property owners connect into the water line by Ordinance.

MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST, 2012: It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Hoban to table the appointment to the Union City Municipal Authority Board. Councillors Kolaja, McCrillis, Hoban and Bowes voted yea. Councillor Brumagin abstained. Motion carried.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: President Brumagin said the Water Authority checked into the line that is in front of Braden McCrillis's house. He said they found out that this line was running into the sanitary sewer.

GARAGE SALES: President Brumagin said that Ruth Jane Watts was suppose to be at this meeting this evening. He said she had some concerns about the number of garage sales that are permitted per year under the Zoning Ordinance.

He said she feels since she is in a business district, she should be able to have more than two yard sales a year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Brumagin said he would like to hold an Executive Session after the Council Meeting to discuss litigation. He said no action will be taken.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councillor Bowes said the slide at Caflich Park is broken.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councillor Kolaja said that he and Chief Jones met to discuss scheduling. He said they both had different ideas and those ideas will be presented at the August Work Session.

PUBLIC WORKS: Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said the railroad crossing on Main Street will be closed Saturday and Sunday for repairs.

He said the streets department has put down approximately twenty tons of hot patch.

MOTION TO APPROVE SENDING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON “PLANNING SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY EVENTS” AT A COST OF \$100.00 PER

PERSON: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to send up to three individuals to attend the seminar on “Planning Successful Community Events at a cost of \$100.00 per person. Motion carried.

UNION CITY REDEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE: Councillor Bowes said the Union City Redevelopment Task Force would like to hire Strategy Solutions. He said however, the committee needs to find funding sources to pay Strategy Solutions.

He said he would like to get some financial help from the Borough. He said he will have the Borough Manager make copies of the plan provided by Strategy Solutions.

PAINT THE TOWN: Councillor Bowes said that Chris Lash and Carrie McFarland are raising funds to present “Paint the Town”. He said the makeover will start at Concord Street down Main Street to the old Union City Diner.

He said their goal is to raise \$5000.00 within two months.

ROUTE 6 HERITAGE: Councillor Bowes said Borough Council had adopted the Route 6 Heritage Plan quite a few months ago. He said that the Route 6 Heritage committee has been working on some ideas.

He said he had contacted the owner of the Diner to see what their plans are for the Diner.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Kolaja that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager