

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2011**

The Union City Borough Council Work Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at Caflisch Park.

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

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Bill Hinkle, Police Chief Kevin Jones and Street Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Debra Lyons, Tamra Baker and Bonnie Miller.

**ZONING HEARINGS:** The Borough Manager said two Zoning Hearings will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. She said the first hearing is for a property owner who wants to build a garage which the property owner does not meet set back requirements. She said the second hearing is for the property owner who installed a shed in their front yard. She said under the Zoning Ordinance, a shed is not permitted in the front yard.

The Borough Manager said a Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for Mr. Carl Boone who wants to install a skateboard park on property known as the old Ethan Allen building. She said the hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Union City Area High School Large Group Instruction Room.

**UNION CITY MUSEUM:** The Borough Manager said at the last Work Session, a request was made to have internet service at the Museum. She said she wanted to inform Borough Council that internet service is now available to the Museum.

**CONCORD STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT:** The Borough Manager said she received a call from Rick Price of PennDot informing her that they had received a call from Tracy Copeland of 95 Concord Street. He said that Ms. Copeland is upset that the contractors did not come back to fix her paved driveway. He said that he informed Ms. Copeland that this was the Boroughs project and the Borough needed to fix the problem.

The Borough Manager said she informed Mr. Price that after speaking with the Borough's attorney, this is the contractor's responsibility.

She said she will be getting a copy of the contract and submitting it to Mr. and Mrs. Copeland for them to pursue.

**CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET:** Debra Lyons said Christmas on Main Street will be held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**BUSINESS MIXER:** Debra Lyons said she will be holding a Business Mixer on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Congdon Hotel from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Councillor McCrillis said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their last "Movie in the Park" on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said the Streets Department will be grading and brining this week.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he is still waiting to hear from the State on where they want the catch basin to be placed on Route 97.

He said Vincent Cross Paving will be milling O'Dell Street this coming Thursday.

**UNION CITY PRIDE:** Councillor Bowes said Union City Pride is moving forward in obtaining the Foster property on Concord Street. He said the only property left on that block would be the occupied property.

He said the donation paperwork is being prepared for the property at 30 South Main Street.

He said the owner of the old hospital located on Warden Street has agreed to donate the property to Union City Pride.

He said that Union City Pride is working on getting the webpage updated. He said on the website, Union City Pride has their movie agreement forms and grant pass through forms.

**UNION CITY REDEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE:** Councillor Bowes said at the last Redevelopment Task Force meeting, Chris Lash and Carrie McFarland spoke about wanting to raise monies to “Paint the Town”. He said they would get residents to donate their time and monies. He said painting will be for the down town district beginning at Concord Street and ending at West High Street.

Councillor Bowes said Redevelopment Task Force has also accepted moving forward with hiring consultant Strategy Solutions. He said we will be looking for funding sources.

He said he wants to let everyone know that the public can rent the Movie Equipment.

**UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Jones said he was asked to check into getting air cards for the computers in the police cruisers. He said the cost of the air card is \$42.00 per month for the plan.

He said he also checked into having a cell phone plan. He said the plan

is for 700 minutes at \$59.19 per month. He said the plan would include up to five phones.

President Brumagin said he would like this to be placed on the September agenda for approval.

Chief Jones said National Night Out was a huge success again this year. He said he would guess that there were around 500 people. He said he would like to thank everyone who helped with this event.

**WEATHER ALERT SIREN:** Councillor Kolaja said a few months ago discussion was held about repairing the weather alert siren. He said the Fire Department found an organization that will donate monies to get this siren fixed.

He said he would like to have the Fire Department hold a Public Meeting on educating the public on the weather alert siren.

**UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:** President Brumagin said the State has issued a drought warning. He said he would like residents to reduce their water intake by 5%.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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

Borough Manager