

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 13<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, Solicitor Timothy Wachter and Street Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Debra Lyons, Tamra Baker, Bob King, Jason Brumagin, Bonni Miller and Alice Jane Ross.

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Steadman that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and the Special meeting held August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be approved. Motion carried.

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

**HOMECOMING PARADE:** Bob King said he is President of the Union City Alumni Association and he is here this evening to invite members of Borough Council and the Borough Manager to ride in the Homecoming Parade.

He said if there is any interest, please let him know by Monday.

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE:** Mayor Bill Hinkle said the Storm Water Management Ordinance is on the agenda this evening for Borough Council to approve for adoption.

He said he wants Borough Council to know that he refuses to sign the ordinance.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said according to the Borough Code, the Mayor has ten days to review the ordinance and provide his objections on why he refuses to sign the ordinance. He said once this is received, the Ordinance will then be reconsidered by members of Borough Council. He said if the ordinance is approved by majority of members of Borough Council, the ordinance will become full force and effect as if it had received the approval of the Mayor.

Mayor Bill Hinkle said the ordinance is too restricted to homeowners.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said DEP will take steps if the ordinance is not adopted by September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Councillor Bowes asked "if the ordinance is tabled, does it have to be readvertised?"

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said yes. He said if Borough Council wishes, he can amend Section 102 “Statement of Findings” and delete Section 103 “ The Purpose of the Ordinance”.

**MOTION TO ADOPT A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Steadman to adopt a Storm Water Management Ordinance which provides for general provisions, including the purpose of and statutory authority for the ordinance; applicable definitions, storm water management standards, including general regulatory requirements, erosion and sedimentation requirements; protected water shed standards; riparian buffer standards, design criteria; SWM site plan and report requirements; easements; the requiring of financial guarantees; providing for inspections and for enforcement and penalties as well as prohibitions against certain non-storm water discharges to storm water systems or the waters of the Commonwealth; and allowing for the recovery of fees and expenses and recording requirements for approved SWM site plans and related agreements; and related appendices. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the ordinance does require someone to administer the Storm Water Management Ordinance. He said he would recommend hiring an engineer.

He said Borough Council can have the Borough Manager obtain prices from engineering firms and bring this information to next months Council Meeting.

**UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD:** President Brumagin said there is still a vacancy on the Water Authority Board. He asked “does anyone have any names?”

The Borough Manager said that Jeff Ferringer might be interested in

serving on this board.

Councillor Bowes said he would like to talk with Jeff before Borough Council decides to appoint him to the Water Authority Board.

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

**KIDS WALKING IN THE STREET:** President Brumagin said the Borough Manager received a grant to install new sidewalks on Concord Street and he noticed that kids are still walking in the street.

He said he had emailed Chief Jones letting him know that these kids need to get off the street.

Bonni Miller said Concord Street is not the only street where kids are walking in the road. She said she has spotted the kids on Parade, Washington and Fourth Avenue.

She said it might be a good idea to have an announcement at the School letting the kids know that they must walk on the sidewalks.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Councillor McCrillis said the Parks and Recreation will be having a float in the Homecoming Parade.

He said there is also a Family Fun Night on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary School sponsored by Healthy Youth.

**MOTION TO TABLE APPROVING THE PROPOSED PHONE PLAN FOR THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Hoban to table approving the proposed phone plan for the Union City Police Department. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REQUESTS MADE FROM DEBRA LYONS:** Councillor Steadman said that Debra Lyons had made a request that she would like the street sign in front of her building be moved. He said he does not see where the sign is blocking the entrance to her building.

He said secondly, she is requesting a handicap parking spot on the same side of the street as the Hotel. He said this matter is still being reviewed.

Debra Lyons said that she had two older gentlemen that fell trying to get across the street to her building. She said the customers who park in the back parking lot have to walk the alleyway which the borough owns but she has been maintaining.

She said the building next door has a lot of water runoff from their roof that just runs into the parking lot. She said the water runoff becomes a problem in the winter. She said the owner of this property should be made to have the water runoff go into a drain.

**MOTION TO MOVE THE SIGN IN FRONT OF THE CONGDON HOTEL:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to have the streets department move the sign in front of the Congdon Hotel. Councillor Kolaja, McCrillis, Hoban, Bowes and Brumagin voted yea. Councillor Steadman voted nay. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO TABLE PROVIDING A HANDICAP PARKING SPOT ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE STREET AS THE CONGDON HOTEL:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to table providing a handicap parking spot on the same side of the street as the Congdon Hotel. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIVING THE 2012 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION REPORT BY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2011 FOR THE UNIFORM AND NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLANS:** It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Bowes to acknowledge receiving the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO DISCUSS APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE SIDEWALK COMMITTEE:** Councillor Bowes said he would like the sidewalk committee to become active again. He said Jason Brumagin is here this evening to show his interest on serving on the sidewalk committee.

**MOTION TO APPOINT JASON BRUMAGIN TO THE SIDEWALK COMMITTEE:** It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to appoint Jason Brumagin to the sidewalk committee. Motion carried.

President Brumagin said Borough Council had enacted a sidewalk reimbursement program. He said we are the only community that gives a reimbursement of fifty cents per square foot.

Councillor Bowes said more volunteers are needed to serve on the sidewalk committee.

President Brumagin asked Bob King if he would be interested.

Bob King said he would like to review the ordinance before he would agree to serve on the sidewalk committee.

**COUNCIL TO DISCUSS TIGHTENING UP BUILDING CODE/ORDINANCES FOR BLIGHTED/CONDEMNED PROPERTIES:** Councillor Bowes said he would like the Solicitor to look into providing the Borough with the toughest guidelines we can have allowable by law for those blighted/condemned properties in the Borough.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councillor Bowes called for an Executive Session at 8:11 P.M. to discuss personnel. Council reconvened at 8:34P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

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