

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
WORK SESSION
November 8, 2021

The Council held a work session meeting on November 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall. Notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at the Town Hall, on the Town's website, and provision to the Carroll County Times. Those present were Mayor, Perry L. Jones Jr.; Donald Wilson; Laura Conaway; Amy Kalin; Cheri Thompson; Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf; and Water Sewer Maintenance, Mike Zechman. Councilmember Edgar Wentz was absent.

DEAN PENNINGTON – 30 S. MAIN STREET

-Mr. Pennington was in attendance and wanted to discuss why his water/sewer consumption was so high at 30 S. Main Street. He questioned if the water meter could be malfunctioning. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the tenant's brother stated that there was a leak in the bathroom. Mr. Zechman explained how the water meters work. Mike Zechman informed Mr. Pennington that, if a new water meter was purchased and installed, the old water meter would be sent off to Laurel Management Company for testing. If the test results state that meter is not malfunctioning, Mr. Pennington would be responsible for all costs associated for the new water meter and the cost of the test for the old water meter. Mr. Pennington stated that he is in the process of evicting the tenants and that he thinks they will be gone by the end of next week. Mr. Pennington would like to wait on having the old meter tested until he can access the inside of the residence to see if there is a water leak. Mr. Pennington was told that it is illegal for him to access the meter pit and that if he needed the water turned off, he needed to call the Town to do it. Public Works Officer, Ken Black, checked the water meter and noticed that the red triangle was spinning, which indicates water flow. The young man at the residence stated he was not using any water, at that time. Mr. Black turned the water off at 30 S. Main Street until leak is repaired.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

- The MIOX Boards at the water treatment plant needs to be replaced. The cost of the replacements will be \$3,203.95.
- The December 13, 2021 work session is canceled.
- We will be having a Public Hearing at the December 20, 2021 Council meeting.

DONALD WILSON

- Mr. Wilson stated that Calvin Hoy, who has been a citizen of Union Bridge for many years, turned 94 years old today.
- Mr. Wilson would like to see a few chandeliers placed in the Community Center. Mr. Wilson would be interested in funding one chandelier. Clerk-Treasurer will forward the idea to Councilmember Edgar Wentz.
- Mr. Wilson reported for Mr. Wentz that the tree trimming at the Community Center has been completed.

LAURA CONAWAY

- Ms. Conaway reported that MML Carroll County Chapter meeting will be held in Hampstead on December 16, 2021.
- Food Drive will be held on December 5, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Food will be donated to the St. James Lutheran Food Pantry.

AMY KALIN

- Amy Kalin had no water and sewer calls.
- Ms. Kalin reported that she has had several people approach her about the parking meters are fogged up due to the weather and they are not able to read them.

CHERI THOMPSON

- Ms. Thompson revisited the possibility of reopening the comfort stations at the tot lot and the possibility of mailing out the newsletters. Mr. Wilson stated that he wants to put both of these issues to rest. Mayor Jones stated that we have discussed these items at multiple meetings. The newsletter is readily available for anyone who wants it and the consensus is that the comfort station is not going to be reopened and the newsletters are not going to be mailed out.

EDGAR WENTZ

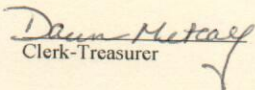
- Mr. Wentz was absent.

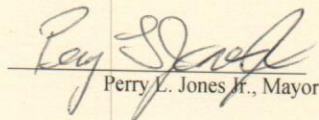
MAYOR JONES

- Work at the solar facility is beginning.
- Lights at the basketball courts are not working, Mr. Black needs to check on them.
- Mr. Jones informed all councilmembers that, when a holiday falls on a meeting date, the meeting date will be moved and that everyone needs to be available. Councilmember Cheri Thompson stated that Dream Big UB holds their meetings the first Monday of the month and that she will not be here for any town meetings if they interfere with her Dream Big UB meetings.

Change per Ms. Thompson request, November 22, 2021 Council meeting: After Clerk-Treasurer explained the importance of a quorum (quorum at least 3 councilmembers must be present in order to conduct business at a meeting), Ms. Thompson stated that if a quorum is needed she will make every effort to attend meeting.

The November council meeting will be held on November 22, 2021.
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Clerk-Treasurer


Perry L. Jones Jr., Mayor