

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2020

The Council met in the Union Bridge Town Hall, on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., for their monthly council meeting. Mayor Jones presided over the meeting with councilmembers Donald Wilson, Laura Conaway, Amy Kalin and Edgar Wentz present. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail was absent. Mayor Perry Jones opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. The sign-in sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to approve the January operating statement; January 27 council meeting minutes; February 10, 2020 work session minutes and Quantum financial statements for January 2020. Councilmember Edgar Wentz seconded and the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Jones stated that Mike Reynolds, Zoning Administrator appointment has to be rescinded. Union Bridge Code requires that the Zoning Administrator must be a Carroll County resident. Mike Reynolds is not a Carroll County resident. Chad Green will remain the Zoning Administrator at this time.
- Mayor Jones reported that Union Bridge sent a letter to Annapolis opposing House Bill 203, Senate Bill 614 and Senate Bill 962, in reference to altering the purpose of the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program to include making flexible grants available to the governing bodies of Baltimore County and Howard County.
- Maryland Municipal League (MML) has decided not to move forward with the SG Technology Bill at this time. MML recommends that each Municipality enact a local ordinance governing 5G Small Cells.
- Mayor Jones reported that one of MML's legislative priorities for 2020 is the full and permanent restoration of municipal highway user revenue. There is a possibility that highway user revenue could drop again, like it did during the recession in the year 1995.

ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mr. Maguire emailed everyone a copy of Judge McLean's Proposed Order, Case No. 9483 Citizens UB Solar. Mr. Maguire reviewed the Proposed Order and found it consistent with Judge McLean's comments at the end to the hearing that Mayor Jones, President Wilson and Mr. Maguire attended on December 19, 2019. There is no need for the Town to appeal, however the Public Service Commission (PSC) staff objected to the inclusion of the Citizens/Town Settlement Agreement as part of the Order. Judge McLean overruled this objection at the hearing and has expressly made the Settlement Agreement part of the Proposed Order. This is an area where a possibility of appeal exists. The Town needs to wait out the remaining procedural steps before the Order can be made final. A copy of Judge McLean's Proposed Order is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- Mr. Maguire reported that the Boat Launch License Agreement has been signed by the County Administrator, Roberta Windham. A copy of the signed license agreement has been sent to the Town.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY COLUSSY

- Deputy Colussy was unable to access how many calls for service the Sheriff's Office responded to within the town limits. However, between the dates of January 26, 2020, until February 23, 2020, the Sheriff's Office wrote approximately eight (8) reports. A copy of Deputy Colussy's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- Cheri Thompson, Dream Big Union Bridge, reported on upcoming events: the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 11, 2020 and the Duck Derby is scheduled for May 9, 2020. The next Dream Big Union Bridge meeting will be March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Dream Big is doing a sub sale through March 8, 2020 subs will be picked up on March 16, 2020. Subs are being prepared by Original Pizza.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER SEWER

- Ms. Kalin received one phone call this month for water and sewer.1

STREETS

- Mr. Wilson reported that there are 18 applicants on the waiting list for Shriner Court Senior Housing.
- The Brethren Church of Linwood, the Brethren Church of Union Bridge and St. James Lutheran Church will be holding a Sunrise Service on April 12, 2020. Service will take place at the Lehigh Campus across from the 7-Eleven. Immediately following the service, a light breakfast will be served at Union Bridge Church of the Brethren.

COMMUNITY CENTER

- Edgar reported that he is waiting on estimates to have the flat roof of the Community Center repaired.
- The Board of Public Works approved Union Bridge's request for Program Open Space funds regarding the Union Bridge Community Center Parking Lot Enhancements project.

STREET LIGHTS

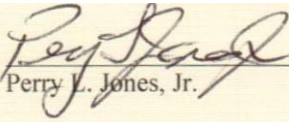
- Laura Conaway attended the Carroll Cable Regulatory Commission meeting on February 13, 2020.
- Ms. Conaway will be visiting the 4th graders at Elmer Wolfe Elementary in the near future to discuss the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

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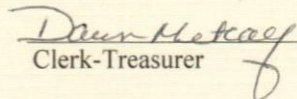
- Ellen Cutsail was absent.

Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Amy Kalin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on March 23, 2020.
The next work session will be held on March 9, 2020.
The content of the council meeting is contained on a zip drive.



Perry L. Jones, Jr.



Dawn Hickey
Clerk-Treasurer