

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2021

The Council held a GoToMeeting teleconference, on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:02 p.m., for their monthly council meeting. Notice of the teleconferenced meeting was given by posting the agenda at the Town Hall, on the Town's website, and provision to the Carroll County Times. Mayor Jones presided over the meeting with councilmembers Donald Wilson; Ellen Cutsail; Laura Conaway; Amy Kalin; Edgar Wentz; Town Attorneys, John Maguire and Mandi Porter. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to approve the March 2021 operating statements; March 22, 2021 council meeting minutes; April 12, 2021 work session minutes and Quantum financial statements for March 2021. Councilmember Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Jones will attend the WRCC meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Union Bridge stormwater management facility will be a topic of discussion.
- Mayor Jones attended the executive board meeting on April 14, 2021.
- Mayor Jones has an upcoming meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss possible stream restoration.
- Mayor Jones informed everyone that Ms. Conaway's election sign placed near the town's welcome sign is on her property and that the town's welcome sign is also on Ms. Conaway's property.
- Mayor Jones called for a motion on Budget Ordinance 316-A, for fiscal year 2021/2022. **Council member Ellen Cutsail motioned to approve Budget Ordinance 316-A for fiscal year 2021/2022, for expenditures and revenues of \$1,014,008.00, with the town tax rate to remain at \$.35 per \$100 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge, and the town personal property tax rate to remain at \$.75 per \$100 of assessed value. Council member Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** A copy of Budget Ordinance 316-A is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- The VFW will be having the Memorial Day event.
- Union Bridge Fire Company will not be having a carnival this year.
- Union Bridge election will be held on May 11, 2021 at the Town Hall between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT – JOHN MAGUIRE

- Mr. Maguire reported that Citizen UB solar project site plan has been approved by the Union Bridge Planning Commission, that approval has been communicated back to Carroll County. Mr. Maguire received notice from Ed Cueman that a final plan, that incorporated comments and had been presented at prior hearing, has been filled. Mr. Cueman and Carroll County are in the process of reviewing it, with the expectations that the plan will go back to Carroll County Planning Commission for approval, possibly at their May meeting.
- Mr. Maguire updated everyone on the Locust Wetland project. Mr. Maguire received a proposed deed for the two (2) acres from the County's attorney office for him to review. Mr. Maguire passed the proposed deed along to the attorneys for Citizen UB Solar, who asked for some revisions to that deed. We are getting closer to closing on this real estate for the Locust Wetland project. Construction is still a ways off, but things are moving forward with step one, which is to have the land transferred to the Town.

ATTORNEY REPORT – MANDI PORTER

- Ms. Porter had no new business.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY COLUSSY

- Deputy Colussy was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- Cheri Thompson, Dream Big, stated that the annual Duck Derby is scheduled for May 22, 2021 and will be held at the walking trail.
- Council member Donald Wilson stated that he has been able to get a boom from Lehigh to save the ducks from floating to the bay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

- Ms. Kalin stated she has not received any water and sewer calls this month.

STREETS

- Mr. Wilson reported that he has not had any complaint on streets.
- Permits have been filed for the storage building on Warehime alley.

COMMUNITY CENTER

- Mr. Wentz reported that he and Circuit Rider, Mike Reynolds, are working on getting bids for the Community Center roof repair.

STREET LIGHTS

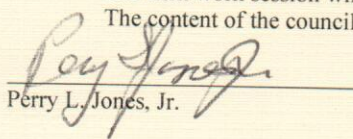
- Laura Conaway reported that she has received twenty-six (26) "If I Were Mayor" essays from the students at Elmer Wolfe Elementary.
- Ms. Conaway reported that Lehigh has agreed to reconnect the lights on Lehigh Drive.

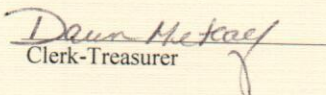
POLICE

- Ms. Cutsail informed everyone that Maryland Municipal League (MML) received 1,224 essays for the 2021 "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The award ceremony will be held on May 11, 2021.
- Ms. Cutsail found a shredding company and will forward the information to the Clerk-Treasurer. Pricing fluctuated from \$100.00 per hour to \$400.00 per hour.
- Ms. Cutsail informed everyone that the MML 2021 in-person Summer Conference registration also includes the virtual conference.
- Ms. Cutsail is continuing to set up abatement meetings for the property owners that have issues that fall under the Disorderly House Nuisance Code.
- Council member Ellen Cutsail motioned that Leda Bush be designated as the Parking Enforcement Officer and is authorized to issue parking citations. Council member Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on May 24, 2021.
The next work session will be held on May 10, 2021.
The content of the council meeting is contained on a zip drive.


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Dawn Metcalf
Clerk-Treasurer