

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2020

The Council held a GoToMeeting teleconference, on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:00 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, Laura Conaway, Amy Kalin, Ellen Cutsail and Edgar Wentz present. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to approve the May operating statement; May 11, 2020 council meeting minutes; June 8, 2020 public hearing minutes; June 8, 2020 special meeting/work session minutes and Quantum financial statements for May 2020. Councilmember Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Jones recommended to re-appoint Thomas Marble to serve as the alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). **Council member Donald Wilson motioned to accept Mayor Jones recommendation and to re-appoint Thomas Marble as the alternate on the P&Z Commission. Council member Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** Thomas Marble's term will expire in June 2025.
- Mayor Jones reported that the distributions for Highway User Revenues (HUR) have decreased as result of changes in driver behavior during the COVID-19 pandemic. Union Bridge HUR funds are estimated to be \$62,194.81 for FY 2020 and \$65,917.27 for FY 2021.
- Maryland is one of the top states in the census reporting.
- Mayor Jones received a request from Dream Big to have a parade for the 2020 graduates. Mayor Jones informed Dream Big that the Town cannot give permission for a parade on Route 75 and that Dream Big would have to contact State Highway to obtain their permission.
- Mayor Jones continues to participate in conference calls with Governor Hogan's staff, Carroll County Commissioners and the County's Mayors concerning updates on the virus, every Friday.
- MML will be holding a virtual conference this June.
- Mayor Jones stated that as of July 1, 2020 the County will be charging \$34.00 a ton to recycle.
- Military banners continue to be a Town project. Costs for the banners have increased to \$105.00.
- Mayor Jones asked for the Council's approval to endorse the statement by MML President Ryan Spiegel regarding racial injustice. Council was in agreement to endorse the MML President Ryan Spiegel statement regarding racial injustice.
- Mayor Jones thanked all the restaurant owners for remaining open to serve their community.
- Mayor Jones reported that a new business will be opening on N. Main Street and that he wishes them success.

ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mr. Maguire reported that Citizens UB Solar site plan has been moving slowly because the area is still partly in the County and partly in the Town. Ned Cueman asked John to write a letter to the County to clarify that the Town wants the County to proceed as the primary review agency, while keeping the Town in the loop to comment as the project moves forward. When a pre-submittal meeting is scheduled, John Maguire and Ned Cueman would like to take part in this meeting to make sure the County understands the settlement agreement the parties have through the Public Service Commission (PSC) approval and the dynamics of the annexation.
- Chris Heyn from the County, contacted Mr. Maguire and stated that the County is interested in getting the Town's Stormwater Management project back on track. Mr. Maguire informed Mr. Heyn that the PSC order is now final and unappealable so he can rely on the land options that requires the sale of the two acres that the County needs to complete that project.
- Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 18, 2020. Commission will be asked to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council on Ordinance No. 316, which is a combination of changing the criteria for the appointment of the Town's Zoning Administrator and the regulation of small wireless facilities. Jim Piet, Jackson Ridge, has requested the P&Z commission for an extension on Jackson Ridge Section One, Revised & Updated Preliminary Subdivision Plan.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY COLUSSY

- Deputy Colussy reported that between the dates of May 18, 2020, until June 14, 2020, the Carroll County Sherriff's Office responded to 38 calls for service within the town limits of Union Bridge. Out of those calls for service, only two (2) calls required a report. A copy of Deputy Colussy's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

MRDC CIRCUIT RIDER - MIKE REYNOLDS

- Mr. Reynolds monthly grant status report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- The Town has been renewed as a Sustainable Community Designation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- There were no public comments or concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

- Ms. Kalin has received no phone calls for water and sewer. Ms. Kalin stated that she has received some phone calls concerning the insurance plan for water/sewer lines.

STREETS

- Mr. Wilson met with White Pine to go over the Town streets that will be repaired this upcoming fiscal year and is waiting on a cost estimate for all the streets discussed.
- Mr. Wilson and Chris Harris picked up a picnic table that was donated to the Town. Chris will repair some damage and the table will be place at the trail.
- Lehigh will send out their lift to the Town Hall to help repair the Town's flag pole.
- Mr. Wilson installed a swing along the trail. A sign has been posted "Swing at Your Own Risk".

COMMUNITY CENTER

- Edgar had no new business.

STREET LIGHTS

- Laura Conaway stated that the banner brackets are ready to be picked up.

POLICE

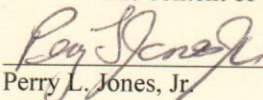
- Ms. Cutsail stated that Carroll County has had the best response to the 2020 Census in the State of Maryland.
- Ms. Cutsail reported that the Town's trash company will not pick up any items that do not fit into a trash can.
- Ms. Cutsail reported that, beginning July 1, 2020, the Carroll County Landfill will be charging \$30.00 a ton tipping fee for recycling. Ms. Cutsail encourages residents to continue to recycle, as landfill costs for recycling is much cheaper that cost for refuse.
- Ms. Cutsail recommends that if residents have any items they are giving away, to make sure those items are placed away from their refuse.

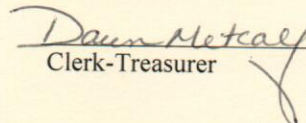
Councilmember Donald Wilson motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on July 27, 2020.

A work session meeting will be held on July 13, 2020.

The content of the council meeting is contained on a zip drive.


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Clerk-Treasurer