

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2024

The Council met in the Union Bridge Town Hall, on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 7:05 p.m., for their monthly council meeting. 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. Mayor Jones presided over the meeting with councilmembers Laura Conaway; Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; Amy Kalin; Cheri Thompson and Town Attorney, Mandi Porter. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to approve the August 2024 operating statements; August 26, 2024 council meeting minutes and Quantum's financial statements for August 2024. Councilmember Amy Kalin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

-Mayor Jones recommended that the Council reappoint Tom Long to the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). **Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to reappoint Tom Long to the P&Z commission. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** Tom Long's term will expire June 2029.

-Mayor Jones met with Heidelberg Materials new Plant Manager, Paul Arnold.

-Mayor Jones has received many complaints this month concerning truck traffic, traffic backup at Elmer Wolfe Elementary School dismissal and mowing the milkweed at the Doanld D. Wilson walking trail.

ATTORNEY REPORT – MANDI PORTER

-Ms. Porter called for action on Resolutions 02-2024, to amend the Town Charter concerning residency to run for council; 03-2024, to amend Town Charter concerning residency to run for mayor; and 04-2024, to amend Town Charter concerning uncontested elections.

Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to approve Resolutions 02-2024, 03-2024 and 04-2024. Council President Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Porter stated that the Resolutions shall become effective fifty (50) days from the date of the adoption, unless petition for referendum is filed. These Resolutions will be posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall continuously for a period of at least forty (40) days following the adoption and a summary of this Resolution shall be published in the newspaper four (4) times at weekly intervals at least forty (40) days after the date of adoption. A copy of Resolution 02-2024, 03-2024 and 03-2024 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

-Ms. Porter updated the Mayor and Council on the PFAS Multi State Litigation. Tyco and BASF are additional defendants and the Town's litigation team recommends that Union Bridge opt-in to move forward with all settlement negotiations with Tyco and BASF.

Councilmember Bret Grossnickle motioned to opt-in to all settlement negotiations with Tyco and BASF. Council President Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY MCGINNIS

-Deputy McGinnis was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-Carroll County Times Reporter, Sherry Greenfield inquired on what prompted the changes to Union Bridge's election requirements/procedures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

-Mr. Grossnickle reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the Quaker Hill Road New Water Service Line project, with the sealed bid opening held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The Town received two (2) bids.

Stambaugh's Inc.	\$24,339.00
Mid-Atlantic Utilities, Inc.	\$61,290.00

Councilmember Bret Grossnickle motioned to award this project to Stambaugh's Inc. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail second and the motion passed unanimously.

STREETS

-Ms. Kalin had no new business.

COMMUNITY CENTER

-Ms. Cutsail attended the September 11, 2024 MML Carroll County Chapter meeting in Hampstead.

-There will be a meeting on September 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss what the future holds for St. James Lutheran Church.

-The United Way Rescue Mission food truck was at the Community Center on September 18, 2024. This location worked very well.

POLICE/MOWING/CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

- Ms. Conaway addressed several parking issues since last month's meeting.
- Ms. Conaway thanked volunteers, Judy Jones, Ellen Cutsail and Monte along with Union Bridge Fire Company for donating ice for the Town's summer Snow Cone events.
- Ms. Conaway worked with Joy Bowman, Manager Shriner Court, and Dawn Metcalf to revise the Shriner Court Residents Handbook.
- Ms. Conaway worked on the Drug Awareness Expo that is scheduled to take place on October 2, 2024.
- Ms. Conaway's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

STREET LIGHTS/TRASH

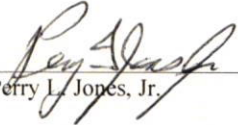
- Ms. Thompson reported two (2) light repair tickets since the last council meeting.
- Ms. Thompson attended the MML Carroll County Chapter meeting in Hampstead.
- Ms. Thompson had one (1) trash complaint at the corner of Benedum and Lightner Streets.
- Ms. Thompson's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

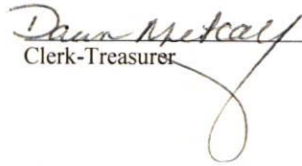
Council President Laura Conaway motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on October 28, 2024.

The next work session will be held on October 7, 2024.

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


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Clerk-Treasurer