

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE  
WORK SESSION  
March 10, 2025

The Council held a work session meeting on March 10, 2025, 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.; Laura Conaway; Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; Amy Kalin; and Cheri Thompson. Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

- Council reviewed the FY25/26 budget and had no questions, concerns, or edits.
- The resident at 17 S. Main Street would like to remove a pole from his backyard that houses the fire company's siren. Mayor Jones said the pole belongs to the fire department and resident would need to contact them. Mayor Jones believes the former resident deeded that part of his property to the fire department for the pole.
- A complaint was received regarding burning in town at Elger and Whyte Streets. The burn ban is not currently in effect. It was in effect last week due to high winds. The complainant contacted the Carroll County Health Department, who visited the site. They determined that the material being burned was hazardous with paint and glue on the wood. They made contact with the land owner and warned that she could be fined \$1,000 if it happens again. Land owner will ensure that her tenant does not do it again. The Town follows county code for burning. A copy is attached to the minutes.

LAURA CONAWAY

- Council President Laura Conaway presented two essays that were submitted by Elmer Wolfe for the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The mayor and council agreed that Savannah Koons' essay is the Union Bridge winner. A copy of the essays is attached to the minutes.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

- Ms. Cutsail received several complaints about Flood Zone patrons parking along Route 75. Mayor Jones said to refer complaints to the police.
- Ms. Cutsail also mentioned that when Flood Zone holds events, many people are crossing Route 75 without a crosswalk. Mayor Jones stated that he spoke to State Highway Administration and, because there is no intersection at Flood Zone, they will not put a crosswalk or sign up.

BRET GROSSNICKLE

- Mr. Grossnickle had no new business.

AMY KALIN

- Ms. Kalin had no new business.

CHERI THOMPSON


- Ms. Thompson invited the council to help with the Duck Derby on Saturday, June 7, 2025. This year's event will benefit suicide prevention and suicide prevention for veterans.

MAYOR JONES

- Mayor Jones said that MML is putting forth two bills. The first bill would allow municipalities to charge entertainment tax for additional revenue. The second bill would allow civilians to read redlight and speed cameras. All revenues from tickets must be used for public safety (i.e., sidewalks, stop signs, crosswalk signs, etc.).
- There was a sewage block on Thomas Street and Mike Zechman was called to help.
- Bonnie Hyde had a new sewer line installed at her house. The old line was crushed by a tree root.

The March council meeting will be held on March 24, 2025.  
The March work session meeting will be held on April 14, 2025.

  
Council President

  
Perry L. Jones Jr., Mayor