

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2025

The Council met in the Union Bridge Town Hall, on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:07 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. Council President Laura Conaway presided over the meeting with councilmembers Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; Amy Kalin; Cheri Thompson; Town Attorney, Mandi Porter and Town Planning and Zoning Consultant Edmund Cuman. Mayor Jones was absent. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to approve the January 2025 operating statements; January 27, 2025 council meeting minutes, February 10, 2025 work session minutes and Quantum's financial statements for January 2025. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

-Council President Laura Conaway reported that Mayor Jones may have found a potential buyer for Buttersburg Restaurant.
-Current election judges Cheryl Keeney and Eillanna Bowman can no longer serve on the Board of Elections. Mayor Jones recommended that Barb Warehime and Judy Jones be appointed to fill the vacancies. **Councilmember Bret Grossnickle motioned to appoint Barb Warehime and Judy Jones to the Board of Elections. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

ENOUGH INITIATIVE

-Ed Singer, Local Management Board for Children, Youth, and Families and Commissioner Vigliotti gave a presentation on the ENOUGH Initiative which aims to alleviate poverty. ENOUGH stands for Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households. Mr. Singer introduced Local Care Team Coordinator, Maria Lowry and Community Engagement Coordinator, Adison Eslinger. Union Bridge was identified as having a high poverty level and Carroll County would like to start implementation of the initiative in areas that have a high poverty level. Mr. Singer stated that they are looking to partner with the local community to see what is needed to help Union Bridge. Ms. Eslinger will be out in the community to get information from residents about what is needed in Union Bridge to make a difference. Mr. Singer encouraged everyone to take the survey that is included in his handout. A copy of the ENOUGH Initiative packet is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

ATTORNEY REPORT – MANDI PORTER

-Ms. Porter introduced Resolution No. 01-2025, Adoption of Fourth Amendment to Comprehensive Plan at the January 27, 2025 council meeting. The public hearing for Resolution No. 01-2025 was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Porter is asking Council to adopt Resolution No. 01-2025. **Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to adopt Resolution No. 01-2025, for the Adoption of Fourth Amendment to Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** A copy of the 2024 plan review and Resolution No. 01-2025 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY MCGINNIS

-Deputy McGinnis reported that between December 23, 2024 and February 24, 2025 there were 61 calls for service within the Town of Union Bridge. Out of those calls for service six (6) were found to be reportable. A copy of Deputy McGinnis' report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-No public comments or concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

-Mr. Grossnickle had no new business.

STREETS

-Ms. Kalin stated that the Town made it through the snow and ice storms.

COMMUNITY CENTER

-Ms. Cutsail had no new business.

POLICE/MOWING/CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

-Ms. Conaway visited with 4th graders at Elmer Wolfe Elementary School and invited them to participate in the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

-Ms. Conaway worked with Leda, Ellen, Dawn and Deputy McGinnis throughout the month regarding parking issues.

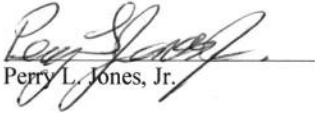
-Ms. Conaway's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

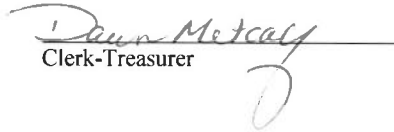
STREET LIGHTS/TRASH

- Ms. Thompson reported one (1) street light in need of repair since the last council meeting.
- Ms. Thompson reported that the annual Duck Derby and Jeep show is scheduled for June 7, 2025.
- Ms. Thompson's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Councilmember Amy Kalin motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on March 24, 2025.
The next work session will be held on March 10, 2025.
The content of the council meeting is contained on a zip drive.


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Clerk-Treasurer