

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2020

The Council held a GoToMeeting teleconference, on Monday, October 26, 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 Laura Conaway ("Caller 1"); Amy Kalin; Ellen Cutsail; Town Attorney, John Maguire. Councilmember Edgar Wentz was absent. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Donald Wilson motioned to approve the September 2020 operating statements; September 28, 2020 council meeting minutes; October 5, 2020 work session minutes and Quantum financial statements for September 2020. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Jones stated that Union Bridge will have Trick or Treat on October 31, 2020 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- October has been a busy month for Mayor Jones. He has been attending many Maryland Municipal League (MML) meetings.
- Mayor Jones attended the MML Fall Conference virtually.
- Mayor Jones shared the thank you letter he received from The Butterfly Ladies. A copy of the letter is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- Mayor Jones asked Deputy Colussy if the Town's speed sign was able to give reports on how many vehicles traveled the roadways, and the speeds vehicles were traveling. Deputy Colussy stated that the speed sign was able to do this and that he would include him on future reports.

ATTORNEY REPORT

-Mr. Maguire gave a brief update on the solar project. The second revised and updated site plan on the solar project has not been filed. Mr. Cueman submitted some comments on behalf of the Town, including questioning the reduction of the 100' set-back along S. Main St. We are waiting to hear how the applicant may respond to this or how it may show up on the revised site plan. The applicant also has some other issues with the County, including stormwater management. A quick turnaround is not expected. Mr. Cueman left the site plan at the Town Hall for Mayor, Council and Planning and Zoning Commission members to review. If any of you have questions please let Mr. Cueman or the Clerk-Treasurer know. The annexation plat is getting close to final form. Lawyers for Citizens Solar have contacted Mr. Maguire about putting together the annexation petition and resolution, which will be filed with the annexation plat. The Town has time to accomplish this, as this will be submitted after the site plan approval.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY COLUSSY

- Deputy Colussy reported that between the dates of September 28, 2020 until October 25, 2020, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office responded to 32 calls for service within the town limits of Union Bridge. Out of those calls for service, only three (3) calls required a report. A copy of Deputy Colussy's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- In response to Mayor Jones inquiry on the speed sign reports, Deputy Colussy stated that the speed sign was placed on N. Main St. near the Dentist office from October 6, 2020 through October 10, 2020. It reported a total of 6,429 vehicles, with 2,256 traveling at 21 -25 miles per hour (mph), 2,600 traveling at 26 - 30 mph and 974 traveling at 31 - 35 mph.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-Cheri Thompson, Dream Big, thanked the Mayor and Council for agreeing to allow Dream Big to sponsor the Pumpkin People and Their Scarecrow Cousins contest. Dream Big has received 25 entries. Judging will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The Carroll County Times reported on the contest in the Sunday, October 25, 2020 edition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

-Ms. Kalin stated she hasn't received any phone calls for water/sewer issues this month.

STREETS

- Mr. Wilson stated that he is in the process of getting prices to clear the brush along the west side of the Town Hall between W. Locust and West Thomas Street.
- The large information kiosk has been relocated to the N. Main St. entrance of the Donald D. Wilson Walking Trail. A new, smaller information kiosk has been placed at the square.
- Potomac Edison is close to finishing the installation of the new lights at the Community Center. Once all lighting has been installed, Mr. Wilson will contact White Pine to begin paving the parking lot.

COMMUNITY CENTER

- Mr. Wentz was absent.

STREET LIGHTS

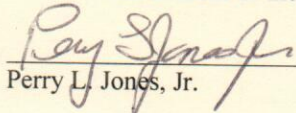
- Laura Conaway stated that she has reported four (4) street lights to First Energy that are in need of repair.

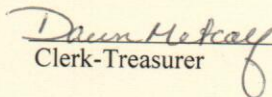
POLICE

- Ms. Cutsail attended the virtual fall MML Conference.
- Ms. Cutsail encouraged everyone to keep working towards their Banner City designation.
- November is Municipal Government Works month.
- Dream Big is sponsoring a raffle for a hand made quilt. St. James Lutheran Church is sponsoring a raffle for baskets.
- Ms. Cutsail will be attending the Engagement and Outreach meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

Councilmember Donald Wilson motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on November 23, 2020.
A work session meeting will be held on November 9, 2020.
The content of the council meeting is contained on a zip drive.


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Clerk-Treasurer