

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE  
WORK SESSION  
February 12, 2024

The Council held a work session meeting on February 12, 2024, 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; Amy Kalin; Bret Grossnickle; Cheri Thompson; Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf and Emmitsburg News Journal News Editor, Andrea Grabenstein.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

- Discussed the meeting with MDE, GHD, Mike Reynolds, Dawn Metcalf, Ned Cueman and John Maguire concerning the comments on the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Talked about the differences between SBR's and Oxidation Ditch systems.
- The Town received a cost estimate to repair the fence that was damaged in a car accident on December 14, 2023. The estimate was submitted to USAA Insurance Company.
- Clerk-Treasurer is working on the FY 24/25 budget.
- Discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Taneytown Lions Baseball and The Town of Union Bridge for use of the Town's ballfields. Mayor and Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to inform the Taneytown Lions Baseball team that the Town is not interested in entering into the MOU as written. A copy of the proposed MOU is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- Discussed the new water meter leak detection program.
- Mayor and Council was asked to support the 2024 Union Bridge Fire Company Silent Auction. Mayor and Council were in agreement to donate a basket of items to the Union Bridge Fire Company Silent Auction.

LAURA CONAWAY

- Laura Conaway asked if the Town would be able to purchase more Christmas lights in the FY 24/25.
- Ms. Conaway has received several complaints concerning pet owners not picking up their dogs' excrement.
- Ms. Conaway has received complaints about a person driving a 4-wheeler on the Town's sidewalks and a resident blocking a parking space using buckets and tape on 19 W. Broadway.
- Ms. Conaway spoke with the Elmer Wolfe Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade students concerning the upcoming "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

- Ms. Cutsail had no new business.

BRET GROSSNICKLE

- Mr. Grossnickle was approached by a resident on Union Bridge Road concerning the replacement of his sewage ejector pump. Bret Grossnickle informed Mayor and Council that there are five (5) residents on Union Bridge Road that currently have sewage ejector pumps. Union Bridge provided sewer gravity connection to residents on Honeysuckle Lane in the late 1990's due to some failing private sewer systems. When this occurred the five (5) residents on Union Bridge were offered to hook up to the Town's system with the use of sewage ejector pumps, with the promise that they would be connected to gravity sewer in the near future upon completion of the Bowman Farm development. It has been 20+ years since this occurred and the five (5) residents have had to replace their sewage ejector pumps several times. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle recommended that the Town purchase a sewage ejector pump and have on hand if one needs to be replaced and the resident will only be responsible for the installation labor. Mr. Grossnickle would also like to reimburse the resident for his latest sewage ejector pump purchase. Mr. Grossnickle will bring this up for vote at the February 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- Mr. Grossnickle reported that Union Bridge is beginning the process of identifying lead service lines as required by Maryland Department of the Environment.

AMY KALIN

- Ms. Kalin received complaints concerning the water hook-up on Thomas St., where the roadway has been disturbed.
- Ms. Kalin received complaints on the turn lane on Route 75 for Sheperds Mill Road having lots of pot holes.

CHERI THOMPSON

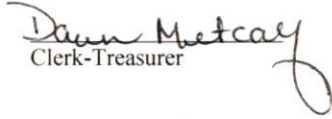
- Ms. Thompson has contacted First Energy and issued several street light repair tickets, since our last meeting.

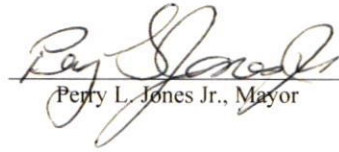
MAYOR JONES

- Mayor Jones informed everyone that Potomac Edison will be working on the power plant and will be parking on the Fire Company parking lot.

**Councilmember Bret Grossnickle motioned to close the open work session and to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

The February council meeting will be held on February 26, 2024.  
The March work session meeting will be held on March 11, 2024.

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Percy L. Jones Jr., Mayor