

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE  
WORK SESSION  
January 13, 2020

The Council held a work session on January 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall. Those present were Mayor, Perry L. Jones Jr.; Donald Wilson; Ellen Cutsail; Laura Conaway; Amy Kalin; Edgar Wentz; and Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

-At the December 23, 2019 council meeting Council President, Donald Wilson, asked the Town's attorney, John Maguire, that if the Town accepted the buyout from MD7 if the Town could invest those funds in a higher yield investment market. Mr. Maguire's response was sent in a memorandum dated January 9, 2020, which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. In the memorandum Mr. Maguire stated that the Town could elect to submit an amendment to its investment policy to the State Treasurer with the intent of authorizing higher yields, but given the conservative nature of the State Treasurer, and the reality that public funds should not be exposed to unnecessary risk, the State Treasurer is most likely to prohibit the risks associated with higher investment yields. Under State Law and the Town's current Investment Policy, the Town can invest in the Maryland Local Government Pool (MLGIP), which is professionally managed. After reviewing Mr. Maguire's memorandum, and reviewing the interest rates the Town is currently receiving on its investments, council was in agreement not to invest in the MLGIP at this time.

-Mayor and Council discussed Dawn Christmore's, Lease Consultant for MD7 letter, dated December 2, 2019, expressing interest to buy a perpetual easement for the cell tower. Council was in agreement not to entertain Ms. Christmore's proposal, at this time. A copy Ms. Christmore's letter is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

-The roof over the entrance at the Community Center is in need of major repair. This is an item that should be placed in the FY20/21 Budget.

-A complaint was received about the amount of junk that has accumulated at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It was brought to the Town's attention that the same ordinances that apply to residents should apply to the Town as well. Council was in agreement that the area should be cleaned up and that an email should be sent to Jeff Glass, WWTP Contract Superintendent and Mike Zechman, Water and Sewer Contract Maintenance, that if anything is of value it needs to be marked so that it is not disposed of. Ken Black, Public Works, will begin to dispose of debris in the month of May.

DONALD WILSON

-Mr. Wilson had no new business.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

-On January 15, 2020 Ellen will be attending the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting.

-On January 22, 2020 Ellen will be attending the Maryland Municipal League Engagement and Outreach meeting.

-On January 27, 2020 Ellen will be attending the EAC meeting with the County Commissioners.

AMY KALIN

-Amy Kalin had no new business.

LAURA CONAWAY

-Ms. Conaway had no new business.

EDGAR WENTZ

-Mr. Wentz had no new business.

MAYOR JONES

-Mayor Jones gave everyone a copy of National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program to review. Mayor Jones would like to discuss at the January 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting if Union Bridge would be willing to support the program.

-Union Bridge will be hosting the next Carroll County Chapter Maryland Municipal League Dinner Meeting in March 2020. Mayor Jones is in the process of securing a venue for the dinner. The dinner will most likely be held at Bowling Brook Manor.

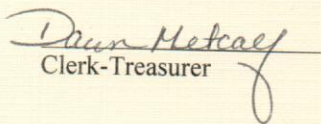
-At this year's Maryland Municipal Fall Conference, Frederick County and Carroll County will be responsible for sponsoring the reception.

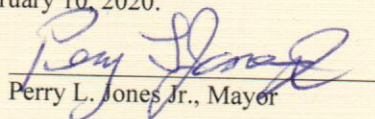
MASTER DEPUTY BRIAN COLUSSY – PIA REQUEST DISORDERLY HOUSE LAW

-Deputy Colussy attended the work session meeting to go over the information that Council member, Ellen Cutsail obtained from the Carroll County Sheriff Department for all calls for service within the Town limits of Union Bridge from December 10, 2018 through December 10, 2019. After reviewing the calls for service, it appears that there are quite a few houses that would fall under the Town's Disorderly House Law. Council was in agreement that the Town should start the process of enforcing this ordinance. The first step is for the Clerk Treasurer to get a list of residents who will agree to serve on the Abatement Committee.

The January council meeting will be held on January 27, 2020.

The February work session will be held on February 10, 2020.

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Perry L. Jones Jr., Mayor