

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE  
WORK SESSION  
May 12, 2025

The Council held a work session meeting on May 12, 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; Cheri Thompson; and Mandi Porter, Town Attorney. Amy Kalin and Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf, were absent.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

-Cannabis Laws: Mandi Porter attended the state cannabis presentation. Municipalities are permitted to put conditional uses in zoning, for a case-by-case issuance. Zoning can dictate how far apart two or more facilities can be located. Zoning could limit public consumption (i.e., restrict consumption at facility) and amount of possession (beyond personal use). If Union Bridge doesn't place restrictions, state laws will be followed. At the current time, the Town will not receive any taxes or revenues from cannabis sales or manufacture (the state receives it all). Mayor Jones stated that the MML is fighting for shared revenues with counties and municipalities. Zoning will include both dispensary and growing facilities (cultivation, manufacture).

**-Council member Bret Grossnickle motioned to approve the Maryland Circuit Rider/Town Manager Resolution. Council member Ellen Cutsail seconded and it passed unanimously.** A copy of the Resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**-Council member Bret Grossnickle motioned to approve the Circuit Rider Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with MRDC. Council member Ellen Cutsail seconded and it passed unanimously.** A copy of the MOA is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**-Council member Bret Grossnickle motioned to approve the Circuit Rider MD Assurance of Compliance. Council member Ellen Cutsail seconded and it passed unanimously.** A copy of Maryland Assurance of Compliance is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

LAURA CONAWAY

-Council President Laura Conaway stated that she noticed a car parked at the stormwater management pond along the side (between the pond and the creek) and questioned if the area was stable enough to support a car. Mayor Jones suggested a cable with lock and a "No Trespassing" sign be placed at the pond.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

-Ms. Cutsail wants the county to place a "Hidden Entrance" sign on Ladiesburg Road to warn drivers of Shriner Court.

BRET GROSSNICKLE

-Mr. Grossnickle reported on the PFAS class action suit. Union Bridge received a settlement payment from 3M in the amount of \$34,304.18. Mr. Grossnickle recommended that the money be placed in a CD, everyone was in agreement. The Clerk-Treasurer will check into the interest rates and open the CD sometime this week.

AMY KALIN

-Ms. Kalin was absent.

CHERI THOMPSON

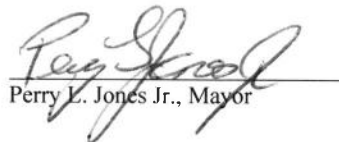
-Ms. Thompson had no new business.

MAYOR JONES

-Mayor Jones had no new business

The May council meeting will be held on May 19, 2025.  
The June work session meeting will be held on June 9, 2025.

  
Council President

  
Perry L. Jones Jr., Mayor