

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2023

The Council met in the Union Bridge Town Hall, on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 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. Mayor Jones presided over the meeting with councilmembers Laura Conaway; Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; Cheri Thompson and Town Attorney, Mandi Porter. Councilmember Amy Kalin was absent. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to approve the June 2023 operating statements, June 12, 2023 council meeting minutes, the July 12, 2023 work session minutes and Quantum's financial statements for May 2023 and June 2023. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

CIRCUIT RIDER – MIKE REYNOLDS

-Mike Reynolds presented Mayor and Council with a resolution that is a requirement from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development based on an application for a grant for a track loader with a mowing attachment. This is a new requirement and they are asking that Mayor and Council approve and sign the resolution. **Councilmember Bret Grossnickle motioned to approve the resolution for USDA, Rural Development grant application for a track loader. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** A copy of the resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
-A copy of Mr. Reynolds' report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE "IF I WERE MAYOR..." ESSAY CONTEST

-Earlier this spring 4th graders in the state of Maryland were invited to participate in the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) annual "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest. Union Bridge Mayor and Council selected Elmer Wolfe Elementary student, Kinlee Crumbacker's essay. Mayor Jones congratulated and presented Kinlee Crumbacker with a certificate of recognition and a \$25.00 gift certificate for Original Pizza. A copy of Ms. Crumbacker's essay is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

-Mayor Jones attended the MML Summer Conference and gave an oral report on the workshops he attended.
-Mayor Jones will be serving on the MML Board of Directors once again.
-Mayor Jones will be serving on the Legislative Committee.
-Flood Zone held their 4th Annual Anchored Mini Boat parade and raised \$32,100.00 for the Union Bride Fire Company and New Windsor Fire and Hose Company.

ATTORNEY REPORT – MANDI PORTER

-Town Attorney, Mandi Porter gave an update on the PFAS litigation.
*Settlement has been reached in the class action lawsuit with 3M.
*Baron & Budd, P.C. are currently working on Union Bridge's Fact Sheet, that must be completed and submitted to the court.
*Union Bridge may be asked to do more water sampling that may be needed for settlement purposes.
-Town Attorney, Mandi Porter gave an update on Antietam Broadband.
*Ms. Porter stated that she is anticipating that Antietam Broadband will be coming back to Union Bridge to reopen the discussion on being able to offer broadband highspeed data and phone service in Union Bridge. New Windsor is currently working with Antietam Broadband.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY MCGINNIS

-Deputy McGinnis reported that between the dates of June 12, 2023, until July 24, 2023, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office responded to 42 calls for service within the town limits of Union Bridge. Out of those calls for service, only five (5) calls required a report. A copy of Deputy McGinnis's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-Patricia Ludlam, 20 S. Benedum Street, expressed her concerns on the trailer that Mr. Amaro of 22 S. Benedum owns and uses to bring in debris from out of town. She has experienced rodent issues inside her residence from his activity. A copy of Ms. Ludlam's written statement, pictures of the trailer and violation letters that were sent to Mr. Amaro are attached to and made a part of these minutes.
-Mr. Amaro, 22 S. Benedum St., was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

-Mr. Grossnickle had no phone calls related to water or sewer since the last Town Council meeting.

STREETS

-Ms. Kalin was absent. A copy of Ms. Kalin's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

COMMUNITY CENTER

-Ms. Cutsail attended the MML Summer Conference and gave an oral report on the workshops she attended. Ms. Cutsail also volunteered her time at the MML Summer Conference and did a lot of networking.

-Ms. Cutsail was appointed to the MML Engagement and Outreach Committee.

POLICE/MOWING/CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

-Ms. Conaway introduced Boy Scoutmaster Brian Vanderhoof; Boy Scout, Monte Vanderhoof and Boy Scout Wolfgang Vanderhoof who were in attendance to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

-Ms. Conaway attended the MML Summer Conference and discussed the workshops she attended.

-Ms. Conaway sent Public Information Act request for Union Bridge calls for service to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

-Ms. Conaway stated the Snow Cones at the Square was successful. Approximately 105 snow cones were served. Ms. Conaway thanked all of the volunteers.

-Ms. Conaway met with Shriner Court residents on July 3, 2023.

-Ms. Conaway had several interactions concerning parking matters.

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

STREET LIGHTS/TRASH

-Ms. Thompson had no phone calls related to street lights since the last Town Council meeting.

-Ms. Thompson attended the Summer MML Conference and discussed the workshops she attended.

-Ms. Thompson completed her Academy of Excellence requirements this year.

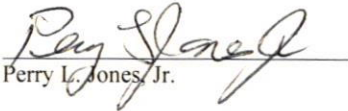
-Ms. Thompson's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

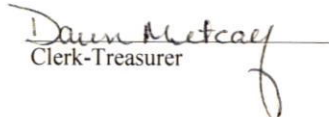
Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on August 28, 2023.

The next work session meeting will be held on August 14, 2023.

The content of the council meeting is contained on a zip drive.


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Dawn Metcalf
Clerk-Treasurer