

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2024

The Council met in the Union Bridge Town Hall, on Monday, August 26, 2024 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; Bret Grossnickle; Amy Kalin; Cheri Thompson and Town Attorney, Mandi Porter. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail was absent. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to approve the July 2024 operating statements; July 22, 2024 council meeting minutes, August 12, 2024 work session minutes and Quantum's financial statements for July 2024. Councilmember Amy Kalin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

ALL4HIM, CARRIE KRUGER, P.E. – VALVE BONNET BOLT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

-Ms. Kruger updated Mayor and Council on the Valve Bonnet Bolt Replacement Project. A copy of Ms. Kruger's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

-Mayor Jones recommended that the Council reappoint Logan Grossnickle to the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to reappoint Logan Grossnickle to the P&Z commission. Councilmember Amy Kalin seconded and the motion passed, Three (3) in favor, One (1) abstention. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle abstained from the vote. Logan Grossnickle's term will expire, June 2029.

-Mayor Jones presented Resolution MD Two Fifty. Governor Wes Moore created the MD Two Fifty Commission by executive order on July 3, 2023, to develop, encourage and execute an inclusive observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation that recognizes all Marylanders' struggle for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness before, during, and after the American Revolution. Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept MD Two Fifty Resolution. **Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to accept Resolution MD Two Fifty. Councilmember Amy Kalin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** A copy of Resolution MD Two Fifty is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

-Union Bridge will hold the Union Bridge Drug Awareness Expo. On October 2, 2024, at the Union Bridge Fire Company.

-Mayor Jones reported on Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS stats as shown below:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>	<u>EMS Responses</u>	<u>Fire Responses</u>	<u>Mutual Aid Responses</u>
7/14/24 – 7/21/24	561	404	80	77
7/21/24 – 7/28/24	512	401	44	67
8/11/24 – 8/18/24	512	377	50	85
8/18/24 – 8/25/24	528	396	63	69

Total Calls in 4 weeks 2,113.

ATTORNEY REPORT – MANDI PORTER

-Ms. Porter introduced ordinances 02-2024, to amend the Town Charter concerning residency to run for council; 03-2024, to amend Town Charter concerning residency to run for mayor; and 04-2024, to amend Town Charter concerning uncontested elections. A public hearing on all three resolutions will be held on September 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the three (3) resolutions mentioned above is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

-The Town received an inquiry about opening a cannabis dispensary within the corporate limits of Union Bridge, the property in question is in the Restricted Industrial district. Mandi's advised the Town, that if this is something the Town would like to consider, it needs to be articulated in the Union Bridge Code. After discussion, Mayor Jones stated that this should be defined in the Town's code and asked Ms. Porter to draft a proposed amendment to the code.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY MCGINNIS

-Deputy McGinnis reported that between the dates of July 22, 2024, until August 26, 2024, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office responded to 31 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 McGinnis's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-Richard Biddle asked for some clarification concerning the letter dated August 7, 2024, stating that there is personal property located at the rear of 37 N. Main St., Union Bridge that is obstructing the safe and legal passage of vehicles on Warehime Alley. Mr. Biddle argued that Warehime Alley doesn't run behind his property. The conversation was left that Mr. Biddle's attorney and the Town's attorney would discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

-Mr. Grossnickle asked Council for the ability to authorize any change orders that may arise with the Valve Bonnet Bolt Replacement Project. **Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to allow Councilmember Bret Grossnickle and/or Mayor Jones to authorize and change orders that the Town may receive concerning the Valve Bonnet Bolt Replacement Project, as long as there are funds available to pay for the change orders. Councilmember Amy Kalin second and the motion passed unanimously.**

STREETS

-Ms. Kalin reported that this year's road maintenance has been completed.
-Ms. Kalin attended this month's Planning and Zoning meeting.
-Ms. Kalin's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

COMMUNITY CENTER

-Ms. Cutsail was absent.

POLICE/MOWING/CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

-Ms. Conaway addressed several parking issues since last month's meeting.
-Ms. Conaway thanked 7-Eleven and Raising Cane's for participating at this year's National Night Out. Ms. Conaway also thanked the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Union Bridge Fire Company and all the volunteers for their continued support.
-Ms. Conaway worked with Joy Bowman, Manager Shriner Court, on several matters.
-Councilmember Conaway motioned to have the Town's Attorney, Mandi Porter send twelve (12) parking citations to the State Attorneys Office for Nolle Pros. Councilmember Grossnickle second and the motion passed three (3) in favor, one (1) abstention. Councilmember Thompson abstained, due to a conflict of interest. A copy of the tickets sent to the States Attorney for Nolle Pros is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
-Ms. Conaway's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

STREET LIGHTS/TRASH

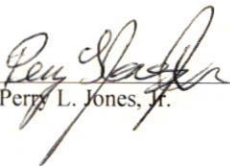
-Ms. Thompson had no new light repair tickets since the last council meeting.
-Ms. Thompson attended the National Night Out event and manned the bounce house.
-Ms. Thompson's full report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

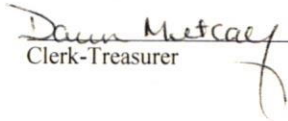
Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Amy Kalin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on September 23, 2024.

The September work session meeting is cancelled.

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


Perry L. Jones, Jr.


Dawn Metcalf
Clerk-Treasurer