

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
WORK SESSION
January 11, 2021

The Council held a work session meeting on January 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting teleconference. Notice of the teleconferenced 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.; Donald Wilson; Ellen Cutsail; Laura Conaway; Amy Kalin; Edgar Wentz; and Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

- People have been dumping debris (box springs, mattress, bed frame, carpet, kids' play kitchen, building debris and bags of trash) in front of the Town's building used to store the Christmas decorations on Warehime Alley. A "No Dumping" sign has been placed on the building. This building is also in bad shape and needs to be removed and a new building needs to be purchased. Maintenance would like electric installed in the new building. Mr. Wilson will look into the cost of a new building.
- Mayor and Town Council discussed the upcoming elections and how the Town will handle the voting process due to COVID-19. After discussion Mayor and Town Council decided that election will be held at the Town Hall, with the following restrictions; one voter in the building at a time, masks must be worn, pens, voting booths and door handles being wiped down with sanitizing wipes. Voters will enter in the door closest to the Water Treatment Plant and exit out the door next to the council podium.
- Service Line Warranties of America requested that the Town submit a W-9 and fill out the New Partner Form so that they can send the Town its royalty payment. Mayor and Council gave the Clerk-Treasurer permission to fill out the New Partner Form and the W-9 and send both to Utility Service Partners, Inc.
- John Maguire's status in his law firm has changed. Mr. Maguire is no longer a partner he is considered "Of Council." Mr. Maguire will still be working with the Town along with Mandi Porter.
- Mayor and Council agreed with the Clerk-Treasurer, that the Town needed to pursue a new IT company. Mayor and Council gave permission to have Maryland IT Solutions give the Town an estimate to provide IT services to Union Bridge.
- Clerk-Treasurer will begin to look for a new water/sewer billing program.
- The State of Maryland has accepted liability for the damages to the decorative light at the corner of N. Main and E. Elger St.
- Discussion on future Planning and Zoning consultant.

DONALD WILSON

- Mr. Wilson questioned Lehigh Cement Co. concerning the lights located on Lehigh Drive. Lehigh agreed that the lights belong to them and that they will look into repairing them.
- Mr. Wilson reported that the drain on Railroad Street is caving in. Mr. Wilson will contact Stambaugh's in the spring to look at it and give an estimate on cost of repair.
- Beer signs have been removed at the corner of Main Street and East Broadway.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

- Ellen will be attending the E&O meeting the end of this month.
- Ellen received a complaint from a resident regarding the disturbances from tenants residing in two of Nathan Baugher's rental properties on Elger Street. There have been multiple disturbances at these residences. Ms. Cutsail will request a call of services report from the Sheriff's office and keep record so that the Town can pursue the Disorderly House ordinance.
- Ms. Cutsail has received complaints about the George Keeney property located on Whyte Street. Ms. Cutsail is trying to contact Amanda Keeney to inform her that the property needs to be cleaned up.
- Ms. Cutsail has noticed that there seems to be an increased number of bulk items that town residents have been placing outside for the Town's trash company to pick-up. Hughes Waste Company will not to pick-up bulk trash.

AMY KALIN

- Amy Kalin reported that she hasn't received any calls for water/sewer issues.
- Ms. Kalin has received many complaints that Main Street is very dirty.

LAURA CONAWAY

- Ms. Conaway submitted a light for repair order to Potomac Edison.
- Ms. Conaway will attend the Carroll Cable Regulatory Commission meeting this Thursday.
- Christmas lights electricity has been turned off. Christmas lights will be removed from poles in the near future.
- Ms. Conaway reported that there are a lot of cigarette butts being tossed on the sidewalk in front of 17 W. Broadway. Butts eventually end up in the street and then flushed down the storm drain.

EDGAR WENTZ

- Mr. Wentz reported that the Exler Family donated a Gator to the fire company. The fire company will be able to use this as an EMS vehicle and it could be very useful on the walking trail.

-The property on the corner of N. Main and W. Broadway has gutter and fascia hanging off the building and it poses a tripping hazard. The Clerk-Treasurer has tried to contact the owner of the building to have them remove the debris.

MAYOR JONES

-Mayor Jones participated in a conference call with the Governor's office on Friday, January 1st.

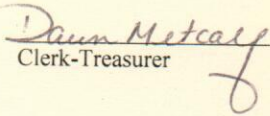
-Mayor Jones participated in a Town Hall Meeting with Senator Ben Cardin.

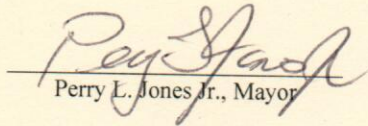
-The Taneytown Lion's baseball association is in need of baseball fields to hold their games. They have requested the possibility to access Union Bridge's baseball fields for some of their games.

-Mayor Jones spoke with Steve Weller about his tenant residing at 27 N. Main St. The Union Bridge ambulance crew continue to run numerous calls to this residence and it is becoming a problem.

The January council meeting will be held on January 25, 2021.

The February work session will be held on February 8, 2021.


Clerk-Treasurer


Perry L. Jones Jr., Mayor