

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE  
WORK SESSION  
January 10, 2022

The Council held a work session meeting on January 10, 2022, 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.; Donald Wilson; Laura Conaway; Cheri Thompson; Edgar Wentz; Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf. Councilmember Amy Kalin was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

- We are having problems with the Connect Meter System interfacing with the new Diversified water/sewer billing system. The Town's Connect Meter System is over three generations and Badger no longer offers technical support for the generation the Town is currently using. Diversified has been and continues to try to get the two systems to work together but, at this time, they have been unable to do so. This could be a costly issue. After talking with Diversified and Mike Zechman, Town's Water/Sewer Maintenance Contractor, we may be at the point of having to purchase a new meter reading system. The cost for this new system could be between \$190,000 to \$250,000. The Town will be getting a cost estimate from L.B Water Service and Badger Meter Systems. After reviewing the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and the 2017 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility Handbook, it appears that the Town can use our SLFRF funds to purchase this new system. Once it is confirmed that we need to purchase a new system, we need to move forward with the order as soon as possible, as availability is a problem and it could take eight (8) months before they are able to ship.
- On January 5, 2022, the loan for N. Main St. Sewer Extension (Honeysuckle Lane) in the amount of \$142,000 was paid in full. This loan was initiated on August 23, 2001.
- Mayor and Council are invited to attend the January 20, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting. County representatives will be in attendance for the presentation of the Locust Wetlands project site plan. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Everyone was in agreement that Stambaugh's invoice 2109001, in the amount of \$38,000, for Penrose Street water line renewal will be paid out of the SLFRF funds.
- Linda Biddle is interested in seeing some exercise classes come into town. She knows several instructors who would possibly be interested in offering some classes but need a space to hold them. She inquired about the use of the Council Chambers. Mayor and Council did not think that the Council Chambers were conducive for exercise classes. Councilmember Edgar Wentz offered the use of the Community Center at an hourly rate of \$25. A contract and a certificate of insurance will be needed by each instructor. Councilmember Edgar Wentz asked the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Ms. Biddle with this information.
- Discussion on what account the Payment In Lieu of Taxes for the Solar Facility monies should go. Everyone was in agreement that the funds should be placed in the general account.

DONALD WILSON

- On January 7, 2022, Mr. Wilson had a few complaints on snow removal which he took care of.
- Donald reported that he had a complaint about the church bells ringing. Mr. Wilson got the Pastor's number and informed the resident that he needed to contact the church with his concern.

LAURA CONAWAY

- Ms. Conaway reported that she plans on attending the Carroll Cable Regulatory Commission meeting on January 13, 2022.

AMY KALIN

- Ms. Kalin was absent.

CHERI THOMPSON

- Ms. Thompson reported to First Energy that the light across from the Dollar General is out.
- Ms. Thompson thanked everyone for their cooperation in the New Year's Eve event and firework display. A good time was had by all.

EDGAR WENTZ

- Mr. Wentz reported that the residents at 10 Benedum Street are blowing snow out onto Benedum Street and in the alley.

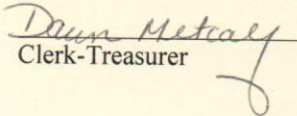


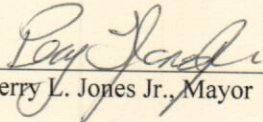
MAYOR JONES

- Mayor Jones passed on the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest information to Councilmember Laura Conaway.
- Scott Hancock, Maryland Municipal League Executive Director, will be retiring November 1, 2022.
- Mayor Jones continues to work on permits for the 150<sup>th</sup> Union Bridge Anniversary. There is a concern about the impending State closure of Shepherds Mill Road (for bridge repair) that may prohibit the parade on Rt. 75/Main Street, due to the detour.

The January council meeting will be held on January 24, 2022.

The February work session will be held on February 14, 2022.

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Perry L. Jones Jr., Mayor