

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023

The Council met in the Union Bridge Town Hall, on Monday, June 12, 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; Amy Kalin; Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; Cheri Thompson and Town Attorney, Mandi Porter. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to approve the May 2023 operating statements, May 22, 2023 council meeting minutes. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

-Mayor Jones recommended to reappoint Kathy Brumfield, Cheryl Keeney, Ellianna Bowman and Joy Bowman to serve on the Board of Elections. **Councilmember Ellen Cutsail motioned to reappoint Kathy Brumfield, Cheryl Keeney, Ellianna Bowman and Joy Bowman to serve on the Board of Elections. Councilmember Laura Conaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** This is a four (4) year term, beginning on July 1, 2023, ending on June 30, 2027.

-Maryland Municipal League Carroll County Chapter Officers is as follows:

Neal Roop – President  
Stacy Link – Vice President  
Mona Becker – Treasurer  
Laura Conaway – Secretary

-Mayor Jones thanked Ken and Debbie Black for planting the flowers around the town hall sign.

-Mayor Jones thanked Deputy Kevin McGinnis for resolving the issue the town had with a resident displaying an expired handicapped placard.

-Mayor Jones thanked everyone who helped with the June 9, 2023 free snow cone event.

-The Town received a complaint for 22 S. Benedum Street concerning the abundance of trash that is being hauled into town and a trailer being parked on the street all night long. A letter was sent from the Town's Zoning Administrator informing the resident of the multiple code violations. A copy of the letter sent is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

-There are a camper and trailer parked in the Warehime Alley Parking Lot. Mayor Jones is going to inform the owners that both the camper and trailer need to be removed from the parking lot.

-MML conference is June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>.

-The Board of Carroll County Commissioners voted at its meeting to allocate Program Open Space (POS) funding in the amount of \$150,918 each to New Windsor, Taneytown, Union Bridge and Westminster for fiscal year 2024.

ATTORNEY REPORT – MANDI PORTER

-Town Attorney, Mandi Porter gave an update on the PFAS litigation.

\*June 5, 2023 was to be the start date of the trial for the class action lawsuit.

\*A stay (postponement of action) was requested and granted so that settlements could be reached.

\*They settled with DuPont defendants in the amount of \$1.185 Billion. It is unknown what portion Union Bridge will receive.

\*Baron & Budd, P.C. will be contacting Union Bridge to make sure that all of the Town's PFAS test results are up-to-date and to determine if any further testing needs to be done in order to maximize the Town's recovery.

\*DuPont Defendants hold a relatively small share of the AFFF market relative to more prominent operators such as 3M.

\*Hopefully within the next 21 days, 3M will reach a settlement. It could take up to a year to determine the Town's recovery.

\*Kidde Fenwal, Inc Defendants filed a petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

\*The Maryland Attorney General's Office filed twin lawsuits against several manufactures that used PFAS. If successful, the Town of Union Bridge could potentially see funds in the form of grants.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY MCGINNIS

-Deputy McGinnis reported that between the dates of May 22, 2023, until June 12, 2023, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office responded to 24 calls for service within the town limits of Union Bridge. Out of those calls for service, only three (3) call required a report. A copy of Deputy McGinnis's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-Cindy Dotterer, Mobile Services Program Supervisor Carroll County Health Department (CCHD), and Kelli Richardson, Nursing Supervisor and Health On Wheels Planning Team Member, attend the Council meeting. Ms. Dotterer presented the new mobile health service "Health On Wheels" CCHD program to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Dotterer is preparing to deliver clinical and wellness services throughout Carroll County and would like to include Union Bridge in their monthly rotations. CCHD would like to see if the Community Center, Town Hall or a local business could possibly host their vehicle so that they could provide services to members of the Union Bridge community that find transportation to the CCHD building a challenge. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle questioned the liability if someone was to get hurt on the host's parking lot. Mayor Jones stated that he would ask if the Union Bridge Fire Company would be

interested in hosting the CCHD "Health on Wheels" program. A copy of Ms. Dotterer presentation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

CIRCUIT RIDER – MIKE REYNOLDS

-Mike Reynolds was absent. A copy of Mr. Reynolds' report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER/SEWER

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

-Councilmember Grossnickle will attend the meeting on June 15, 2023 concerning the GHD Town of Union Bridge WWTP Preliminary Engineering Report.

STREETS

-Ms. Kalin stated that Donald Wilson met with White Pine on June 9, 2023 to go over the streets that are in need of repair.

COMMUNITY CENTER

-Ms. Cutsail reported that she met with Donald Wilson and Steve Stambaugh to discuss the trees and bushes that need attention at the Community Center.

-Community Center sign is in need of repair. The town logo is peeling off and the posts are in bad shape.

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

POLICE/MOWING/CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

-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 125 snow cones were served. Ms. Conaway thanked all of the volunteers.

-Councilmember Conaway received notification that The Town of Union Bridge received the 2023 Banner City/Town designation.

-Ms. Conaway had one (1) call related to parking meters.

-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.

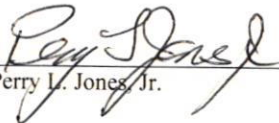
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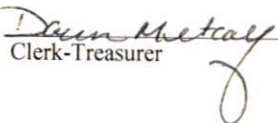
**Councilmember Laura Conaway motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Ellen Cutsail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

The next council meeting will be held on July 10, 2023.

The next work session meeting will be held on July 24, 2023.

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

  
Perry L. Jones, Jr.

  
Clerk-Treasurer