

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bischoff opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- 2. **“Sunshine Law” Announcement** – Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice; posted on Union Township website, published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Motion: To appoint Pat Essig as Temporary Deputy Clerk for this meeting and for the remainder of 2012.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

- 4. **ROLL CALL** Present: Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Ms. McBride, Mr. Bischoff
 Absent: Mr. Hirt
 Others Present: J. Peter Jost, Esq., Robert Clerico, P.E., Pat Essig, Temporary Clerk

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2012.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

Executive Meeting Minutes correction will be done during Executive Session.

6. VISITORS

7. REPORTS RECEIVED

- a. Dept of Roads & Facilities – Week Ending 12/07/12; 12/14/12
- b. Engineer’s Report
 - Hoffman Park phase 2 project is finished, minor punch work to be finished. Ms. McBride is looking for salvage records. Mr. Clerico will request the records from both contractors.
 - Race St. Stream Project is filed with the DEP and they have acknowledged receipt.
 - The Attorney sent a memo to me about the No Parking Ordinance you adopted. Handed out copy of

detailed email with a map highlighting the roads impacted for your review. Discussion of number and cost of road signs. Mr. Mazza will have DR&F Foreman to figure how much a sign would cost.

- Brass Castle - Mr. Mazza asked me to look into some issues with the storm water detention basins. Have contacted Toll Bros. for plans and I will get them electronically. Looked at road striping and it is faded but still there so this is a maintenance issue for the warmer weather
- Request from the Union Township School Board about a waste water management planning issue so the Committee can be aware of it.
- DEP correspondence directed to me re: the U-18 Culvert bridge on Race St. Information for the County that they approved; nothing for the Committee to do.
- The Mayor reviewed the history of the wastewater planning and involvement of the Highlands Council and NJ DEP. Mayor requested the Engineer to call Ted Barrensen.

7:25 p.m. Engineer left the Meeting

8. CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mazza mentioned the following correspondence:

- NJ DEP re: Green Communities Grant. We do not participate because this is a grant for urban communities.

Mr. Severino mentioned the following correspondence:

- ISO Re: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule. Attorney will review the correspondence and questionnaire.

Ms. McBride mentioned the following correspondence: None

Mr. Bischoff mentioned the following correspondence:

- Mayor’s Advisory, re: A-2753 Would Direct Payment of Energy Taxes Directly to Municipal Government, Assembly Committee Releases Bill to End State Diversion of Energy Tax Receipts.
- Mayor’s Advisory, re: League Approves 17 Resolutions.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OUT OF AGENDA ORDER

Motion to Approve – Temporary Structure Permit, Perryville Associates, LLC. Requesting a permit for a temporary use of a generator during installation of permanent generator.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza	X		X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

RETURN TO AGENDA ORDER

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-17

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CESSATION OF THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL COURT CASE FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTH HUNTERDON MUNICIPAL COURT AND APPROVING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STORAGE, SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF NORTH HUNTERDON'S CASE FILES AND RECORDS AND THE CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS AS REQUIRED AFTER CESSATION OF REGULAR MUNICIPAL COURT CASE FUNCTIONS

Motion: To table Ordinance No. 2012-17 and cancel the special meeting scheduled for December 21, 2012.

Table with 7 columns: Roll Call Vote, Moved, Seconded, Ayes, Nays, Abstain, Absent. Rows include Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mr. Hirt, Ms. McBride, and Mr. Bischoff.

Motion carried

12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #2012- 140

Resolution to award a contract in excess of \$21,000, pursuant to a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11 for rock salt.

WHEREAS, The Township of Union is a member of Cooperative Pricing Unit, and;

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a Master Contract to International Salt, Inc. (Rock Salt) to provide rock salt for the County and members of the Cooperative Pricing System for Snow and Ice Control Materials Bid No. 2012-19 for the 2012-2013 season, said contract period being from October 16, 2012 to October 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the price (Rock Salt) agreed upon by contract is \$51.87 per ton; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11, the Township of Union desires to authorize the award of a contract which exceeds the bid threshold (\$21,000) under the master contract awarded by the County, as a member participant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes its purchasing agent to purchase rock salt pursuant to the master contract awarded by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to Atlantic Salt, Inc. referenced above, and each such purchase order shall bear the identification code of 51-HCCPS, and said identification number shall be shown on all forms pertaining thereto.
2. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I Patricia Essig, Deputy Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Union at a regular and duly convened meeting held on Wednesday December 19, 2012.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Union this 19th day of December 2012.

 Patricia Essig
 Deputy Township Clerk, Union Township

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza	X		X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

- b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
 RESOLUTION 2012 – 141
 DEDICATION BY RIDER RESOLUTION
 SEWER PASS THROUGH FEES
 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR SEWER PASS
 THROUGH FEES**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a county or municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of moneys by dedication by rider; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures under the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-39, as amended by P.L. 1999, c 292, for the exclusive purpose of depositing and expending funds paid by individual business entities to offset the pass through expenditures payable to the Clinton Township Sewer Utility.

- 2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of the Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on December 19, 2012.

William F. Bischoff, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia Essig, Deputy Twp. Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia Essig, Deputy Township Clerk of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on December 19, 2012.

Patricia Essig, Deputy Township Clerk

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza	X		X			
Mr. Hirt		X				X
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

- c. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2012 - 142
TOWNSHIP OF UNION
2012 APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION**

WHEREAS, An the 2012 Municipal Budget was approved by the Township Committee on May 2, 2012 to assure that adequate provisions were made to address the Solid Waste Collection – Sewer Rent Charges; and

WHEREAS, the actual costs associated with the Solid Waste Collection – Sewer Rent Charges have been determined to be less than the \$120,000.00 approved by the adoption of the 2012 Municipal Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, that \$15,000.00 of the appropriation for Solid Waste Collection – Sewer Rent Charges is hereby cancelled, and that two copies of this resolution, certified to be true, be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

William F. Bischoff, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia Essig, Deputy Twp. Clerk

CERTIFICATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING December 19, 2012

I, Patricia Essig, Deputy Township Clerk of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on December 19, 2012.

 Patricia Essig, Deputy Township Clerk

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried subject to attorney approval

d. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

Resolution # 2012- 143

UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER(S)

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that there are insufficient funds to meet the demands necessary for the 2011 Appropriations in the following accounts:

TO: Financial Admin OE	\$ 500.00
Tax Collector S &W	\$ 500.00
Engineering	\$ 5,000.00
Bldg & Grounds	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$11,000.00

WHEREAS, the following account(s) have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands:

FROM: Roads OE	\$ 6,000.00
Planning Board OE	5,000.00
Total	\$11,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A: 4-58 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the transfer(s) required to meet the obligations of Union Township.

Date: December 19, 2012

I certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Union, Township Committee at a meeting held on December 19, 2012.

Ella M. Ruta,
Municipal Clerk

Witness my hand and seal of the Township
Of Union this ____ day of _____, 2012

SEAL

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

e. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2012- 144

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY
RESOLUTION TO REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF 2012 TAXES**

WHEREAS, the tax collector received duplicate payment for the fourth quarter taxes of 2012 on Block 24 Lot 2 Qualification C0207; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. West made a duplicate tax payment of \$705.46 for the fourth quarter taxes; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. West has requested that a refund of \$705.46.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 19th day of December, 2012 by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector should refund the 4th quarter amount of \$705.46
2. The CFO shall refund \$705.46 to Thomas A. West, 14 North Slope Union Gap, Clinton, NJ 08809
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

f. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2012- 145
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICIA ESSIG DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135 the Township of Union is authorized to appoint a Deputy Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of the Municipal Clerk, The Deputy shall have all the powers of the Municipal Clerk and shall perform the Functions and duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy is not covered by laws pertaining to tenure or salary, wages and compensation for Municipal Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union that effective this date December 19, 2012, Patricia Essig is hereby appointed as Deputy Municipal Clerk in the Township of Union.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: December 19, 2012.

William F. Bischoff, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia Essig, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

g. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2012- 146
RE: LAND USE SECRETARY –
PARTIAL REASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Grace Kocher is presently serving as land use secretary of Union Township for three (3) days per week; and

WHEREAS, there are presently insufficient applications to the Union Township Planning Board/Board of Adjustment to fully employ the land use secretary for three (3) days; however, there is a need for a part time administrative assistant in the office of the municipal clerk, for which Grace Kocher is willing to serve during such times when her services are not needed as land use secretary, and good cause appearing

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, New Jersey that Grace Kocher is hereby reassigned to duties as part time administrative assistant in the municipal clerk’s office during such times during her 3 day work week when her services are not needed in the Land Use Office, as determined by the Township Committee or municipal clerk, to serve in said position at the pleasure of the Township Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while acting as administrative assistant, Grace Kocher shall continue to be compensated at the same salary rate she receives as land use secretary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Patricia H. Essig, Deputy Municipal Clerk

William F. Bischoff, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Union at a meeting held on December 19, 2011.

Patricia H. Essig, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

h.The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #2012- 147

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION INTO THE MISMANAGEMENT OF “HURRICANE SANDY”
BY JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT (“JCP&L”)**

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light (“JCP&L”) is authorized by the State of New Jersey, Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) to distribute electrical service to the Township of Union in Hunterdon County;

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WHEREAS, JCP&L's parent company is FirstEnergy Corp., a publicly traded, investor-owned company listed on the New York Stock Exchange;

WHEREAS, on October 28 and 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey knocking out power supplies throughout various parts of the State, including 92% of Union Township;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy was widely forecasted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") and other weather services at least six days in advance of the storm;

WHEREAS, 12 days after the storm JCP&L had still failed to restore power to all areas of the Township, and downed trees and power lines remained unaddressed;

WHEREAS, the unreasonably prolonged loss of electrical power has caused incalculable losses and impaired the health, safety and welfare of Township residents and businesses in innumerable ways, including:

- The potable water supply for most areas of the Township is private wells. Unlike areas on public water where service was generally sustained during power outages, private wells cannot operate without power. Residents and businesses on wells were, therefore lacking means of basic sanitation and are unable to flush toilets, bathe, clean and cook.
- Many medications required refrigeration, and certain medical devices required power. The prolonged loss of power for residents who needed such medications and/or medical devices seriously jeopardized their health.
- Heating systems were inoperable, and the protracted loss of heat further compromised health, especially that of the elderly, very young children and others with impaired immune systems.
- Extremely hazardous road conditions were caused by downed power lines, utility poles and trees, and inoperable traffic signals.
- The downed power lines, utility poles and trees isolated residents from basic emergency services such as fire and rescue, and trapped residents.
- Lack of refrigeration resulted in excessive food spoilage and waste.
- While some residents and businesses had access to generators, the use of generators, particularly gas-fed generators, can also be hazardous, and requires continuous re-fueling.
- Cut-off from phone, internet and other forms of communication with the outside world, getting by in frigid conditions without a potable water supply, residents were living in fear, desperation and isolation.

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, public utilities are regulated by the BPU rather than local governments;

WHEREAS, following Hurricane Irene in August of 2011 and the "Halloween Nor'Easter" in October 2011, both of which also resulted in massive, sustained power losses throughout the State, numerous Mayors, Town Councils, Township Committees and other local governments called upon the BPU to investigate the failures of JCP&L to restore power losses, and Governor Christie directed the BPU to review the planning and response efforts of New Jersey's electric distribution companies to Hurricane Irene;

WHEREAS, the BPU conducted hearings and received comments from the public, elected officials and others regarding the preparedness and responsiveness of electric distribution companies to Hurricane Irene and commissioned a report by Emergency Preparedness Partnerships ("EPP") that was issued in August 2012 (the "EPP Report");

WHEREAS, with respect to JCP&L, the EPP made thirty-eight recommendations (more so than for other electric distribution companies) to improve JCP&L’s preparedness and responsiveness to a major storm; and

WHEREAS, the events leading up to, during and following Hurricane Sandy demonstrate that JCP&L and First Energy Corp. were unequivocally ill-prepared to respond to power losses and that residents and businesses throughout the State have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of their lack of readiness.

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this governing body that the ability of JCP&L to respond to power outages was hampered by its failure to integrate circuit maps and roadmaps into one document, and that the creation of “smart maps” would materially speed up JCP&L’s ability to locate and respond to losses of electrical power; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this governing body, JCP&L has for many years employed aging infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electrical power in its system, which infrastructure has not been properly upgraded or maintained; and

WHEREAS, this governing body believes that a systematic, sustained and phased program of placing JCP&L’s power lines underground should be established immediately, with the goal of gradually reducing the vulnerability of JCP&L’s infrastructure to storms such as “Sandy”, and in the meantime, JCP&L should concentrate on modifying, improving and hardening its existing infrastructure so as to reduce the number, length and severity of power outages in the JCP&L distribution system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Legislature of the State of New Jersey should immediately undertake an investigation in conjunction with the BPU into the conduct of JCP&L and FirstEnergy Corp. leading up to, during, and following Hurricane Sandy and consider appropriate legislation to (a) mandate significantly improved responsiveness by JCP&L and FirstEnergy, and other electric distribution companies to sustained power losses in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and businesses throughout New Jersey, and (b) establish greatly enhanced penalties for companies that fail to meet such standards.
2. That a true copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Board of Public Utilities and the governing bodies of all Hunterdon County municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any documents necessary to allow such access, subject to review and approval of same by the Township Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately;

Patricia H. Essig, Deputy Clerk

William F. Bischoff, Mayor

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza	X		X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

- i. **Motion to Approve** – Request our weekly cleaning service, Workline, to clean windows inside and out on basement level and first floor in the Municipal Building at the price of \$7.00 per window.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

- j. **Motion to Approve** – Temporary Structure Permit, Perryville Associates, LLC. Out of Agenda Order in Public Comments.
- k. **Motion to Approve** – Shared Services Agreement to provide for the storage, security and administration of the Municipal Court of North Hunterdon’s files.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

14. REPORTS

- a. **Attorney’s Report** – All items covered

b. Mayor’s Report

- “Patriotism – a definition: Supporting your country all the time; and your government when it deserves it. Mark Twain”
- Received an invitation to swearing in and reorganization of the Freeholders at the Courthouse in Flemington on January 2 at 4:00 p.m.
- Attended the communications meeting at the County and everyone is required to have new UHF radios at \$800.00 apiece. Chief Van Fossen said that the Fire Dept. will have to replace their radios.
- Letter from County re: Charity clothing donation boxes. Discussion and no action taken at this time.
- Former Ikaria building office and lab dual use zoning issue I contacted Mark Anderson’s office and spoke with Jolanta Maziarz . I asked about inserting an explanatory paragraph in ordinance amendment. I asked Mr. Jost to speak with Jolanta and get the appropriate very simple and legal language from her.
- Had a conversation with the Prosecutor about burglaries and vandalism and “Our Community” email origin.
- Due to a clerical error our meeting with DOT did not happen. Alternate date of January 8th. Ms. McBride will check.
- Fish & Wildlife to enforce our new No Stopping No Standing Ordinance on their property. Mr. Panko said it was a good idea but needed to be checked with the Bureau Chief Tratongelo who agreed.
- Mr. Jost and I attended a meeting about exit 15 changes that do not include Frontage Road.

c. Committee Reports

Mr. Severino reported the following:

- Talked to electrician about the lighting in the hallway and he will install an override switch that has auto/on.
- The Animal Control Officer spoke with Fish & Game and they will receive the bill from Union Township for any dogs left in the dog runs.
- Quotes for heat pump air handler. Will hold off until beginning of 2013 although funds were allocated in 2012.

Ms. McBride reported the following:

- Will be meeting with FEMA representative on Friday to review the damage on the old Municipal Building and potentially the garage. I recommend that next year we take this building down. This will be one of the areas in the Sidney Brook Grant eligible for landscaping and repair. This would be a Buildings and Grounds project.
- Received a survey from a debris management service (garbage not stumps). Frank Mazza and Craig Hermann will handle.
- Personnel and Negotiations for Executive Session

Mr. Mazza reported the following:

- Eighteen truckloads of stumps at \$100/load from right-of-ways to Plushanki’s Green Rock Recycling.
- Date for park shutdown for debris. Discussion and decision to keep it open for now until early spring.

d. Clerk’s Report - None

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

16. PAYMENT OF BILLS

The approved list of bills and all claims against the Township of Union, except for #24868, as appearing in the Claims Register of this date be paid and that all checks listed hereinafter be issued in payment thereof.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Contract Negotiations and Personnel. If needed, action maybe taken following Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #2012-148
Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the
Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

1. _____ *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege*: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

2. _____ *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in Executive session on December 19, 2012, at 8:40 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

8:40 pm go into Executive Session

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

8:45 come out of Executive Session

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

Motion: Approved the Executive Session Minutes of December 5, 2012 as amended.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Mazza	X		X			

Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

In the matter of William Hardenberg who was tragically killed in an accident around the time of the hurricane.

Motion: To consider for the Township to waive the five year vesting period for the LOSAP vesting of Mr. Hardenberg so that the beneficiary can receive his accumulated credit in that account since the failure to make the five years was entirely as a result of his tragic death and it would be appropriate to waive the five years and to permit his beneficiary to receive the accumulated benefit. Allow the Plan Administrator to administer the funds such as to disburse them to the to the beneficiary.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

18. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mr. Severino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mazza seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Essig, Deputy Township Clerk

William F. Bischoff, Mayor