

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mazza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. "Sunshine Law" Announcement - "Sunshine Law" Announcement-Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by Notice; published in the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mr. Severino	x	
Mr. Mazza	x	
Mr. Hirt	x	
Mr. Sroka	x	
Mr. Stothoff	x	

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

6. VISITORS

7. REPORTS RECEIVED

- a. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 12/14/18; 12/21/18
 - b. Public Safety Coordinator – no report
 - c. Engineer’s Report
- Letters regarding Detention Basins Stormwater MS-4 Permit were mailed to various property owners. Received few responses and said that some recipients of the letter might be coming to a Township Committee meeting with questions.
 - Mayor Mazza asked about Road Improvements Project for Brass Castle. Briefly discussed.
 - Hunterdon County Planning Board Wastewater Management Plan - asked that the Township Planner contact the HC Planning Board, as the extended deadline for the completion of the Plan by the County is approaching.
 - HC Soil Conservation District finally approved removal of fill at 101 Albert Drive.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Severino mentioned the following correspondence:

- Mentioned an Assembly Bill giving control of Vegetation Management in ROW to Electric Utilities. It provides electric utility companies completely unrestricted authority to clear, move, cut or destroy any dangerous vegetation.

Mr. Mazza mentioned the following correspondence:

- Letter from NJ DEP regarding Stobb Farm Dam safety inspection. The inspection report found it to be Satisfactory.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

10. PUBLIC HEARING

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading**13. NEW BUSINESS****14. REPORTS****a. Attorney's Report**

- Will be providing a copy of an updated Ordinance regarding Wireless 5G Communication Facilities and suggested that the Ordinance be introduced soon.
- Mentioned that 2019 will be the last year he is providing legal service as the Township Attorney. Mr. Jost said that he started coming to the UT Committee meeting in 1973 working for a Law Firm at the time. He was officially appointed as the UT Attorney in 1977. He said it was a great honor and privilege to serve the Township. Atty. Jost mentioned a few great accomplishments during his service such as land preservation, building beautiful parks, preventing illuminated billboard signs being placed in the Township, etc.

b. Committee Report

Mr. Hirt reported the following:

- DR&F Foreman Fleming replaced all missing signs that were stolen or broken on Van Syckles Road.

Mr. Stothoff reported the following:

- Mentioned signs for Tractor Trailers that are not so clear to truck drivers. Discussion ensued about proper signage for big trucks. Mr. Stothoff said that no matter what the signage is, it was and is a problem with trailer trucks turning around or trying to enter Pilot Travel Center. He concluded that most of the time it is an enforcement issue.

c. Mayor's Report

- Received a phone call from Crop Productions representative regarding excess amount of water in the driveway, claiming that it is a result of a road reconstruction by the railroad tracks. After looking closer at the problem, Mayor Mazza said the water is coming from the bank located on the business property. Mr. Mazza said the Township will monitor the problem.
- Mentioned garbage left at the abandoned house that is in foreclosure on Perryville Road. Asked that Atty. Jost write a letter to the Bank that owns the property.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none**16. PAYMENTS OF BILLS – no bills prepared for payment****17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2019-20
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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, January 2, 2019

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 Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. _____ Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. _____ Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program , including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
4. _____ Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
5. _____ Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
6. ____ Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigation of possible violations of the law.
7. X 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 required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
8. X 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.
9. _____ Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in public session on January 2, at 7:51 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.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	x		x			
Mr. Mazza			x			
Mr. Hirt			x			
Mr. Sroka			x			
Mr. Stothoff		x	x			

Motion Carried

The Committee returned to regular meeting session at 7:57 p.m.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	x		x			
Mr. Mazza			x			
Mr. Hirt			x			
Mr. Sroka			x			
Mr. Stothoff		x	x			

Motion Carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	x		x			
Mr. Mazza			x			
Mr. Hirt			x			
Mr. Sroka			x			
Mr. Stothoff		x	x			

Motion Carried