

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. "Sunshine Law" Announcement - Adequate notice of this public meeting has been published in the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News, posted on the municipal bulletin board and the Township website in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. This notice has also been filed in the Municipal Clerk's office.

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mr. Scott	x	
Mrs. Cherney	x	
Mr. Wunder	x	
Mr. Stiger	x	
Dr. DeGiralamo	x	

Also present were Susan Sharpe, Esq., and Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk.

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

a. Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2025

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney			x			
Mr. Wunder			x			
Mr. Stiger	x		x			
Dr. DeGiralamo		x	x			

Motion Carried

6. VISITORS – Krystine Stoskus and Sarah Morno – mental health and suicide awareness presentation

Ms. Stoskus, School Based Youth Services Coordinator Hunterdon Behavioral Health and Ms. Morano, Coordinator Adolescent IOP Hunterdon Behavioral Health provided detailed information about services that are provided in Hunterdon County. Those services are available for students in and outside of schools as well as families. The Q & A portion followed the presentation. Printed material of services was available for public at the meeting. The presentation will also be posted on the Township website.

7. REPORTS RECEIVED

a. State Police, Trooper DeLorenzis - provided a verbal report regarding vehicle stops and accidents on I-78 and local roads.

Mr. Scott thanked State Troopers for a very quick response to malfunctioning traffic light at Pilot /Exxon intersection.

Mr. Stiger mentioned that a request to place barricades in Brass Castle Development on Halloween will be coming next month. He said that last year he was contacted by a resident who reported unsafe and dangerous conditions on Cooks Cross Road and surrounding area. He suggested that the State Police or the Committee contact the Homeowners Association to prevent last year's chaos.

b. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 8/15/25; 8/22/25; 8/29/25; 9/05/25

- c. Animal Control Officer – not submitted
- d. Municipal Court – not submitted
- e. Zoning Officer – not submitted
- f. Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company – not submitted
- g. Recreation Committee – provided a short summary of the report that was submitted to the Clerk and the Committee
- h. Environmental Commission – Mrs. Cherney reported that at their meeting recycling of mattresses was considered. Also discussed was a field trip organized by EC. More information to come at future meetings.
- i. Engineer's Report
  - Wash Bay, Garage Roof Project – bid opening was rescheduled due to a potential bidder requesting additional information. Addendum to Bid Specs was issued.
  - Baptist Church Road Sections 4 – preconstruction meeting with Topline already took place. Construction is scheduled to start at the beginning of October.
  - Finn Road Park Walking Trail – hopeful that bids are received and a contract can be awarded at the next TC meeting.
  - Deer Hill Road Project – virtual pre-construction meeting has been scheduled with Crossroads Inc. to reconstruct all inlets on the road.
  - Perryville Road Sections 4A and 4B Project – documentation submitted and is being processed by NJ DOT.
  - Deerfield Lane repairs – the company/contractor who did the work is out of business. Performance bond is valid through the end of November. Will be contacting and dealing with the bonding company.

The Mayor asked about installing speed humps on Main Street that was discussed some time ago. At that time, he said residents came to the meeting complaining about speeding cars.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –**

Mr. Scott mentioned a letter regarding the Governor signing legislation prioritizing funding through NJ DCA and NJ Economic Development Authority making it in compliance with the affordable housing obligations that have been imposed. He also said that an inquiry was received from Affordable Housing and Fair Share Authority asking for additional information regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> round obligations.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Karen Wisnosky, a resident, stated that there were a few people from the Townships' Engineer Firm on her road and asked what they were doing. Mr. Clerico answered that it was stormwater compliance.

Mike Sadusky, PVFC Fire Chief, asked that all eligible members be sworn in as Fire Police before the next meeting.

## **10. PUBLIC HEARING –**

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **12. NEW ORDINANCE – Introduction/1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate

discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent Agenda and will be considered separate.

Mr. Wunder requested that item “b” be removed from the consent agenda

- a. **RESOLUTION #2025-95:** Authorizing the Employment of Peter Suh as Part-Time Finance Clerk

**RESOLUTION #2025 – 95**

**Authorizing the Employment of Peter Suh**

**Part – Finance Clerk**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Union is in need of a part-time Finance Clerk, and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Suh, is qualified and has been offered said position, and good cause appearing;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Peter Suh shall be hired as the part-time Finance Clerk, effective October 1 ,2025 to serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee, at an hourly rate of \$30.

- b. **RESOLUTION #2025-** : Authorization to Purchase Compact Excavator – removed
- c. **RESOLUTION #2025-96:** Authorization to Purchase Trailer for Compact Excavator – vote rescinded (no need to purchase trailer if not purchasing excavator)

**RESOLUTION 2025 –~~96~~–removed**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TRAILER FOR COMPACT EXCAVATOR**  
**EAGLE POWER OF NEW JERSEY, INC.**  
**63 ROUTE 31 NORTH**  
**PENNINGTON, NJ 08534**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Union along with the Foreman of the Department of Roads and Facilities, have determined that there is the need to purchase a trailer for the compact excavator, and

**WHEREAS**, this item will be purchased through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, 092922-MNR, so no bidding is required; and

**WHEREAS**, there is appropriated in ordinance 2025-5, sufficient funds for this purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract shall not exceed \$20,000

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby authorizes the CFO to issue the purchase order for the purchase of this equipment through Sourcewell Cooperative and Eagle Power of New Jersey, Inc.

- d. **RESOLUTION #2025-96:** Halloween - Establishing and Declaring a Juvenile Curfew in the Township of Union

**RESOLUTION #2025-96**

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING A JUVENILE CURFEW IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION**

WHEREAS, P.L. 1992, Chapter 132 (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.52 et seq.) authorizes and empowers a municipality to enact an ordinance making it unlawful for a juvenile of any age under 18 years within the discretion of the municipality to be on any public street or in a public place between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by the juvenile's parent or guardian, or unless engaged in, or traveling from, a business or activity which the laws of this State authorize a juvenile to perform and making it unlawful for any parent or guardian to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place during those hours; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union on October 6, 1993, adopted on final reading "An Ordinance to Provide for the Establishment of a Curfew for Juveniles in the Township of Union and Providing Penalties for the Violation thereof"; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provides that whenever the Governing Body shall determine the need for a curfew for juveniles, the Governing Body may by resolution declare a curfew in the municipality for a period of not more than 90 days and for such hours and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Township Committee, provided that such curfew shall commence not earlier than 10:00 p.m. and shall end not later than 6:00 a.m. during each of the curfew dates established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union as follows:

1. Establishment of Juvenile Curfew. A juvenile curfew is hereby established and declared in the Township of Union commencing at 10:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. of the following day, during each of the following curfew dates:

**Thursday,                      October 30, 2025**  
**Friday,                         October 31, 2025; Trick or Treat Hours 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

2. Condition of Curfew. During the curfew established herein, it shall be unlawful for any juvenile under the age of 18 years to be on any public street, or in a public place, either on foot or in a vehicle, within the Township of Union during the above designated times.
3. Exception to Curfew. The above-established curfew shall not apply to a juvenile:
  - a) When the juvenile is engaged in an errand involving a medical emergency;
  - b) When the juvenile is in attendance at an extra-curricular school activity, or an activity sponsored by a religious or community-based organization, or other cultural, educational, or social events;
  - c) When work time of the juvenile who is gainfully and lawfully employed overlaps the curfew hours.
  - d) When the juvenile is an attendant as a bona fide student at an evening school of institution.
  - e) When the juvenile is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult having the care and custody of the juvenile.
  - f) When the juvenile is on an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by the juvenile's parent/guardian.
4. Responsibility of Parent or Guardian. During the curfew herein established, it shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of a juvenile to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on a public street or in any public place in violation of the above-referenced Ordinance and the curfew established hereunder.
5. Posting, Publication and Distribution of Curfew Notice. Copies of this Resolution shall be posted in such public or quasi-public places as may be designated by the Township Committee and may be published in such newspapers as the Township Committee shall designate. Copies shall also be supplied to area schools with a request that they make students aware of the curfew. Failure to post, publish or distribute this Resolution shall not relieve any person from the obligation of complying with the terms of the curfew imposed hereunder.

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- 6. Notification to Law Enforcement Agencies. Certified copies of this Resolution and the above-referenced Ordinance shall be sent by the Municipal Clerk to law enforcement agencies, including the Municipal Police Department, if any, and the New Jersey State Police.

End of Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney			x			
Mr. Wunder		x	x			
Mr. Stiger	x		x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

At this time the Committee decided to also remove item “c” from the consent agenda and amend their vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney		x	x			
Mr. Wunder			x			
Mr. Stiger	x		x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

End of consent Agenda

a. **Payment of Bills**

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney			x			
Mr. Wunder	x		x			
Mr. Stiger		x	x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

b. **Motion to Approve** – UT Recreation - Analysis and Business Proposal for Summer Camp

Recreation Committee Chair Meisner answered members of the Committee questions and gave a brief overview of the proposal.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney			x			
Mr. Wunder		x	x			
Mr. Stiger	x		x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

14. REPORTS

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a. **Attorney's Report** – working on Affordable Housing response to correspondence received from Fair Share Housing Center that will be discussed in the Executive Session.

b. **Mayor's Report**

- Summer edition of the Newsletter has been sent out and posted on the Township website.
- Hunterdon Games was another success. The Township came in the first place.
- Christmas Tree Lighting has been scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2025.
- Township Inspirational Project – the winning Grade 2 class has delivered their project that were bookmarks to the Municipal Building for distribution.

c. **Committee Reports**

Mr. Stiger reported the following:

- Employee Health Care Benefits - researching options plans other than State Health Benefits.
- I-78/22 Corridor meeting – mentioned at the meeting was James Baird Foundation which is planning a dinner by Chef Gray to raise funds for young aspiring Chefs.
- Brochures promoting “Explore the Other Side of New Jersey” such as Food to Table, Beer and Wine Trail, Farmers Markets, etc. should be available shortly.
- Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Business BASH networking event. Over 600 people attended last year. They are expecting attendance to be equal or better than last year.

Mrs. Cherney reported the following:

- Members of PVFC will be sworn in as Fire Police before the next TC meeting.
- Mentioned new attendance policy issued by the Regional High School Board.
- Finance Clerk – a goal from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December is to have the newly appointed Clerk, Peter Suh a probationary role learning from the current CFO with hopes that he can step into the CFO position in January. Mr. Suh will be attending the next TC meeting on October 15, 2025 to meet all Committee members.

Mr. Scott reported the following:

- Roadside Cleanup – tentatively scheduled for October 18, 2025. PVFC, UTEC have committed to volunteering. Working on COI and parking for volunteers.
- Received a complaint from a resident of Bethlehem Township about maintenance on Polktown Road. Contacted Road Foreman Fleming who will be inspecting, assessing and removing overgrown vegetation, cleaning drainage inlets and filling potholes.
- Backing up intersection at Charlestown Road and Rt 173 was reported to NJ DOT.
- Speed control sign was placed by State Police by middle school.
- Searching for grants came across “Tree and Urban Canopy Revitalization” grants available through the County. Will be further looking into that grant.
- Looking into an option of recycling Christmas trees. Trees would be collected by the Township and taken to Deer Path Park. Also looking into a shared service with a neighboring municipality that provides the service.
- Mentioned that Ordinance for an Emergency Ambulance Services and Fire Response should be considered for adoption setting fees and charges for our emergency responder who are called to accidents on I-78.

Mr. Wunder reported the following:

- Neighborhood Watch – no issues to report
- Thanked everyone for listening to the presentation given tonight. As promised during the campaign Mr. Wunder said he promised to take on three issues, neighborhood watch, mental health and suicide awareness

and voluntarism for emergency services. He said that he will be working with PVFC’s Fire Chief and perhaps other Chiefs on the third promise.

d. **Finance Officer** – not present

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

Karen Wisnosky, a resident, asked who should be contacted when visiting cars parking on her cul-de-sac are in the way of emergency vehicle driving through. Mr. Wunder advised to call a non-emergency number to Police or, if possible, contact neighbors and ask them to be more conscientious of where their guest park vehicles.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution #2025-97**

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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Union will convene in an Executive Session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b. The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed in this session is as follows:

- 1. Anticipated Litigation – Affordable Housing

The matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Formal action may be taken following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union assembled in public session on September 17, 2025, at 8:32 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above. Action may be taken.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney			x			
Mr. Wunder		x	x			
Mr. Stiger	x		x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

Atty. Sharpe stated that the following topics will be discussed in Executive Session: Affordable Housing Litigation and adding Kal Freight Litigations and contract negotiations, legal advice regarding Rolling Hills and contract negotiations regarding Gravel Hill.

Mr. Scott contacted Corey Piasecki, Principal Planner at NJ Highlands via telephone call and asked him if documents submitted by the Township is following NJ Highland requirements so that the Township can proceed with the engineering work toward conformance. Mr. Piasecki said that a letter of approval should be going out tomorrow.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:29 pm

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Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott			x			
Mrs. Cherney	x		x			
Mr. Wunder			x			
Mr. Stiger		x	x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

The following motion was introduced for approval following the Executive Session:

To authorize Township Attorney Sue Sharpe to file a response to the Township’s Affordable Housing Matter Docket #HNT-L-00047-25 in condition to Affordable Housing subcommittee approval.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Scott		x	x			
Mrs. Cherney			x			
Mr. Wunder	x		x			
Mr. Stiger			x			
Dr. DeGiralamo			x			

Motion Carried

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mr. Stiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Mr. Wunder seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Transcribed by: Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

David DeGiralamo, Mayor