

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mazza called the meeting to order 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

4. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mr. Severino		X
Mr. Hirt	X	
Ms. McBride	X	
Mr. Bischoff	X	
Mr. Mazza	X	

Others present: J.P. Jost, Attorney, Robert Clerico, Engineer and Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. Minutes of Budget Workshop Meeting of February 17, 2016
- b. Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2016

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

Motion Carried

6. VISITORS

Out of Agenda Order

- Nathan Sferra, Eagle Scout Troop 200 – Mayor Mazza asked Atty. Jost to read the following Proclamation honoring Nathan for his Eagle Scout Project:

PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING NATHAN SFERRA
FOR COMPLETING "HOFFMAN PARK PUBLIC ENJOYMENT PROJECT"
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law, and scouts achieve their ranking by fulfilling requirements in areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Sferra, Life Scout with Troop 200 in Annandale, has completed his Eagle Scout Project, called the “Hoffman Park Public Enjoyment Project”, consisting of clearing 100 feet of shoreline by the pond, removing brush around the life ring area, and installing four benches for visitors to the Park to rest and enjoy nature. Fishermen can sit down and take a break from fishing to eat their lunch and enjoy the Park wildlife; and

WHEREAS, by cleaning the shoreline, the trees now have space to grow and will not be killed by vines, thus giving fisherman better access to the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, members of his Troop and family helped with the Project, expending a total of 284 hours, of which time 103 hours were Nathan’s; and

WHEREAS, many visitors to the Park stopped to say thank you as the Project was progressing and said they were very happy with the refurbishment of the area, including the addition of benches allowing those traversing the area to stop and enjoy the beauty of the Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Mazza, Mayor of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the residents of the Township of Union, joins with Troop 200 in recognizing this bright and outstanding young man for his accomplishment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Union to be affixed on this 2nd day of March 2016.

Mayor Frank T. Mazza

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7. REPORTS RECEIVED – acknowledged

- a. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 2/12/16; 2/19/16
 - b. Engineer’s Report
- Pilot Travel Centers LLC - Mentioned Pilot’s request for a reduction of their Performance Bond. Mr. Clerico has not heard from Pilot, but Atty. Jost said he had spoken with Pilot Atty. James Lott. Mr. Jost suggested that Mayor Mazza intervene.
 - Frontage Road Bridge - NJDOT has not provided any new information regarding the Project.
 - Perryville Road/Route 625 Intersection – Hunterdon County installed signs.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bischoff mentioned the following correspondence:

- Governor 's proposed State Budget.

Mr. Mazza mentioned the following correspondence:

- Municipal Participation - Traffic Striping Various Roadways. Mr. Mazza will follow up with Mr. Hermann, DR&F.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

10. PUBLIC HEARING - None

11. OLD BUSINESS - None

12. NEW ORDINANCE – None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
In the County of Hunterdon
Resolution No. 2016-44**

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, (Hunterdon County)
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2016 the governing body of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Union

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby, certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of Township of Union at a meeting of said governing body held on March 2, 2016.

BY:

Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

ATTEST BY:

Grace Brennan, Finance Officer

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP
IN THE
MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM
#65MCESCCPS**

The Township of Union agrees to participate as an Affiliate Member in the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC, Co-op) New Jersey State Approved Cooperative Pricing System #65 MCESCCPS.

The Cooperative is established for Members to acquire goods and services based upon the MRESC, as Lead Agency, developing bid specifications, conducting competitive bids and making awards to vendors as a result of competitive bids.

An Affiliate Member shall have the right to use the current and future bid awards under the MRESC Co-op. The Affiliate Member agrees that any purchases through the MRESC Co-op shall be invoiced in the name of the Affiliate Member.

The Affiliate Member shall include the NJ State Approved Cooperative Pricing System designator, #65MCESCCPS and the appropriate MRESC Bid # on all purchase orders for goods or services purchased through this Co-op. The Affiliate Member shall require MRESC Co-op awarded vendors to include the NJ State designator and the MRESC Bid number on all invoices for goods or services acquired through the Co-op pricing.

The Affiliate Member agrees to honor all the terms and conditions of the MRESC Co-op Awards. The MRESC monitors the performance of the awarded vendors over the course of their award. The MRESC request the Membership report any problems with quality of products or services from the MRESC awarded vendors to insure the continued quality of service for all Members.

The MRESC makes no representation or warranties as to the suitability, fitness or quality of any goods or services provided to the Membership. The Affiliate Member agrees to look solely to the vendors for any defect or failure of performance in the goods or services provided and hereby expressly waives any claim against the MRESC.

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There is no participation fee to be an Affiliate Member or to use the MRESC Co-op. The MRESC collects a fee from awarded vendors which are included in their prices for goods or services sold through the Co-op.

Agreed to:

Accepted by:

Affiliate Member

**Middlesex Regional Educational Services
Commission**

By:

By: Patrick M. Moran SBA/BS

(Signature)

(Name, Please Print)

Date: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

Motion carried

b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2016-45
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY
RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVER PAYMENT OF 2015 TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector received an over-payment for the 2015 property taxes on Block 15 Lot 55 (23 Baptist Church Road); and

WHEREAS, Polish & Slavic FCU., the mortgage holder for the property, has requested a refund of \$1,596.96

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 2nd day of March, 2016 by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector should refund the amount of \$1,596.96
2. The CFO shall refund \$1,596.96 to Polish & Slavic FCU, Attention: Magdalena Gulewicz, 9 Law Drive, Fairfield, NJ 07004
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

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Mr. Bischoff	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- c. **Proclamation Recognizing Nathan Sferra for his Eagle Scout Project** – Presented earlier in the meeting.
- d. **Motion to Approve:** – Application for Extension of the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Pilot Travel Centers

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

Motion carried

14. REPORTS

a. **Attorney’s Report**

- Working on an Ordinance Providing for Protective Custody for DWI arresties - Will prepare sample ordinance for next meeting and apprise Committee Members of its content.
- E-Consult Contract – will prepare Resolution approving contract for next Committee Meeting.
- Unregistered Vehicles – Zoning Official, Mayor and Mr. Jost are pursuing a resolution of the matter in conjunction with the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office.
- Marc Strauss, Public Safety Coordinator – Mr. Strauss’s report will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting when he is present.
- Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Co. Ordinance? Subcommittee to meet next week. Should be in readiness for the next Committee Meeting.
- Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company Certificate – Spoke with Township’s Insurance Carrier. Mr. Jost suggested meeting with CFO Brennan, UT’s Carrier, a Committee Member and the Fire Company’s Insurer to clarify coverage.
- Union Hill Reconstruction – Mayor Mazza said it is anticipated that the Units should be ready for occupancy by mid-March. He and Ms. McBride will be visiting the Site Friday, along with Homeowners Assn. and State Construction Officials.
- Abandoned/Vacant Properties Ordinance – Ongoing discussion with NJLM Deputy Counsel who had a concern about definitions pertaining to banks – State vs. Federal.

b. **Committee Reports**

Ms. McBride reported the following:

- Railroad Quiet Crossing – New resident submitted Inquiry through Website e-mail – Dismayed by noise. Resident was given name of person who appeared at a November Meeting regarding the matter.
- ANJEC Update – Received correspondence voicing concern about the lack of support for E-waste in municipalities. ANJEC is asking that legislators be contacted and support a law to allow E-waste collection days. Ms. McBride will prepare a letter for the Committee to review at the March 16, 2016 Meeting.
- Stream Cleanup April 16, 2016 – Asked Committee Members to participate.

Mr. Bischoff reported the following:

- Quote: I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle". Winston Churchill

Mr. Hirt reported the following:

- Flemington Traffic Circle – Reconstruction of the Circle began in March.

c. Mayor’s Report

- Union Hills Reconstruction Update – Will contact Chuck Herring and Jack Templeton at DCA regarding meeting on March 4th or 11th, 2016. Mayor will apprise Ms. McBride of date.
- Mayoral Appointment – David Tomasini to serve on UT Recreation Committee

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

16. PAYMENTS OF BILLS

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

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

Motion Carried

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Ms. McBride made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Transcribed by: Grace Kocher, Deputy Clerk

Frank Mazza, Mayor

At 7:38 p.m., State Trooper Walsh arrived and Mayor Mazza asked that the Committee Meeting reconvened.

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

Mr. Mazza			X			
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Motion Carried

State Trooper Walsh Report:

- State Trooper Walsh provided reports for January and February 2016 to Attorney Jost.
- Mentioned addition of new recruits
- Mayor Mazza’s concern regarding male arrested at Union Township Middle School
- Burglary at resident’s home by contractor
- John’s Law Ordinance (referenced in Atty. Jost’s Report)
- Cyber-safety presentation at Bethlehem Township School, will be doing same presentation at Union Township Schools and also for adults in Union Township.
- Traffic Signal by Pilot was discussed. Mr. Clerico understood Mayor Mazza would be contacting NJDOT Commissioner about the issue. Mr. Clerico will follow up too. Trooper Walsh said he had not received any feedback about the Signal.

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Ms. McBride made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Transcribed by: Grace Kocher, Deputy Clerk

Frank Mazza, Mayor