

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING January 6, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mazza called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

- 2. **"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. Hirt	X	
Ms. McBride	X	
Mr. Bischoff	X	
Mr. Mazza	X	

Also present: J.P. Jost, Attorney, Grace Brennan and Ella M. Ruta, Twp. Clerk

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. Regular Session Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2015

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

Mayor Mazza asked for a moment of silence in memory of CFO Grace Brennan’s mother-in-law.

6. VISITORS – none

7. REPORTS RECEIVED - Acknowledged

- a. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 12/18/15; 12/25/15
- b. Zoning Report – December 2015
- c. Engineer’s Report
 - Intersection of Perryville Road and Route 625 – Meeting to be scheduled with Mayor, Hunterdon County Engineer and Trooper Walsh to discuss traffic congestion in that area.
 - Pilot Travel Centers, LLC: Mentioned there are still open issues on Punch List.
 - Comcast Road Opening Permit – explained Ordinance Regarding Comcast and their claim to exemption from paying fees.
 - Item for Executive Session.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McBride mentioned the following correspondence:

- HC Board of Freeholders Ordinance eliminating fees for site plans and subdivisions.

Mr. Bischoff mentioned the following correspondence:

- Fire District Consolidations Bill
- Costly Workers' Comp Expansion Advances
- Four Constitutional Amendments Considered
- Board of Education and Local Government Payments exemptions
- Municipal Land Banking Bills A-4248 & S-2867
- Earned Sick Leave - S-785
- Electronic Waste Management Act A-4763

Mr. Severino mentioned the following correspondence:

- A-2327, which requires the Secretary of State to create e-mail notification system alerting when flags should be flying at half-staff. Union Township should sign-up once the system is available.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Trooper Walsh - Mr. Clerico asked that dates be provided regarding a meeting to discuss Perryville Road/Route 625 intersection issues.
- Pilot Travel Centers LLC: Traffic light timing issue discussed.
- Mentioned Various Scams/Packages stolen from Township Residences.

- 10. PUBLIC HEARING - None
- 11. OLD BUSINESS - None
- 12. NEW ORDINANCE - None
- 13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. REPORTS

a. Attorney's Report

- Mr. Jost mentioned Application for Tuition Waiver Program from a Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company Member. He asked that the relevant Resolution be signed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk so the application can be submitted to the State for reimbursement. Clerk asked the need to have her as the administrator of the program. Mr. Jost stated that it is only for filing purposes.

Atty. Jost asked that the following Resolution be approved:

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2016 - 20

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APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Township of Union; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c. 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

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

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

Motion carried

- Items for Executive Session – Litigation and Attorney/Client Privilege Negotiations. Mrs. Brennan said she also has a Personnel Item for Executive Session.

b. Committee Report

Mr. Hirt reported the following:

- Said he will be obtaining quotes for replacement of upstairs windows in the Municipal Building.
- Pattenburg/Route 614 Dwelling - Will be meeting with County Board of Health representative next week. Property is in the County Right-of-Way.

Mr. Severino reported the following:

- Electronics Recycling – Letter received from Nu-Tech advising there will be a charge for pickup of electronics at a rate of .30 cents per pound, plus a \$350.00 quarterly pickup fee for 2016. The Committee had lengthy discussion about the issue and considered various options. They will revisit the matter in the future.

Mr. Bischoff reported the following:

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- Quote "When even one American who has done nothing wrong is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril." Harry Truman
- Spruce Run Archery Center Proposal – to be discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. McBride reported the following:

- COAH – Matter for Executive Session
- Hoffman Buildings – E-mail from Kevin Appleget from the State Green Acres Office regarding buildings indicating that no structures are historic, as per reading of file. Will discuss with Atty. Jost tomorrow.

Mayor’s Report

- Salt Shed – Spoke with contractor who said it would be a two-to-three day project. Work to begin soon.
- Spruce Run Archery Center – Joint Committee/Planning Board meeting scheduled for January 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- UT Municipal Shared Court – Asked Mr. Bischoff for year-end status report. Mrs. Brennan said that final numbers should be available by mid-January 2016. Mr. Bischoff said he does not anticipate any big changes in the negative direction.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments from the Public

16. PAYMENT OF BILLS – Not submitted

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following Resolution introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2016-21
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 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,

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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 investigations of violations 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 require 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in public session on January 6 at 8:23 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.

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

Motion carried by Unanimous Voice Call Vote

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Motion to come out of Executive Session at about 9:08 p.m.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	X		X			
Mr. Hirt			X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			
Mr. Mazza			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 the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Transcribed by: Grace A. Kocher, Deputy Clerk

Frank T. Mazza, Mayor