

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

- 2. **"Sunshine Law" Announcement-** Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by Annual 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
Mr. Sroka	X	
Mr. Stothoff	X	
Mr. Mazza	X	

Also present: J.P. Jost, Attorney, Robert Clerico, Engineer, CFO Grace Brennan and Municipal Clerk Ella Ruta.

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017

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

Motion carried

6. VISITORS

- a. Page Stiger, Union Township Resident, introduced Marc Saluk, Hunterdon County Economic Development Director. Mr. Saluk gave an overview of Hunterdon County's Development Plan to revitalize the region. Mr. Saluk emphasized the importance of encouraging hi-tech firms.

7. REPORTS RECEIVED - Acknowledged

- a. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 1/27/17; 2/03/17
 - b. Animal Control Officer – January 2017
 - c. Municipal Court – January 2017
 - d. Engineer's Report
- NJDOT Project at Pattenburg Road/Exit 11 - Mentioned Pre-Construction Meeting with DOT Representative, Mayor Severino and OEM Coordinator Glenn Roth. Signed contract anticipates completion of the Project by October 23, 2017. Bridge to be closed for six months, beginning May 20, 2017. Said proposed detour requested by Emergency Services was rejected by the State. Project includes signal re-timing and re-striping of Lanes on southerly approach to Route 173 Intersection at Exit 12. Pilot signal problems were discussed.

- Frontage Road Bridge by Foster Wheeler – Advised Maintenance Representative from NJDOT at above-meeting about the Bridge Project – Sent him information; has not heard back. Will follow up.
- Perryville Road Railroad Crossing – Site meeting with representatives from Norfolk Southern scheduled for February 24, 2017. Right-of-Way issues to be resolved between Township and Railroad.
- Replacement of Yield Sign with Stop Sign at Exit 13 - Waiting for information from NJDOT Representative.
- NJDEP Tier B Permit – E-mail received regarding issuance of Draft Tier B Municipal Storm Water Permits. Will prepare report for Committee for upcoming meeting.
- Chip and Seal Program – Spoke with Mr. Mazza and Mr. Hermann regarding roads to be considered for the Program.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Engineer Clerico mentioned the following correspondence:

- Mr. Clerico mentioned a letter from Resource Management with attached Application for Exempt Recycling Activities at the site of former Red Hills Quarry. Will discuss with Atty. Jost and report at the next Committee meeting. Mayor Severino volunteered to be the Township Liaison for this matter.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Wisnosky, Asst. Chief, Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company, expressed concerns about emergency vehicles responding to calls during Exit 11/Pattenburg Road Bridge Reconstruction Project. After an extensive discussion, Marc Strauss, Public Safety Coordinator offered assistance to Emergency Services in resolving the matter with NJDOT. Mr. Clerico said the State indicated they would be scheduling a Public Information Session at which time issues could be discussed with Emergency Services Personnel and concerned citizens. Senator Doherty will be contacted about the situation. Mr. Stothoff will be the liaison from the Committee.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE 2017-1
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGARDING ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR AND PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS**

To open Public Hearing

Voice Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Mr. Sroka	X		X			
Mr. Stothoff		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

To close Public Hearing

Voice Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino			X			
Mr. Hirt						X
Mr. Sroka		X	X			
Mr. Stothoff			X			
Mr. Mazza	X		X			

Motion Carried

To adopt on second reading

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

Motion Carried

11. OLD BUSINESS - None

12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1st Reading

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2017. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law. Notice is hereby given that the said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held on 15th day of March, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

**ORDINANCE 2017-2
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGARDING PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Union, Chapter III, Article 3-2, is hereby amended as follows (additions thusly; ~~deletions~~ thusly):

3-2 PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Section 3-2.1 is hereby amended as follows:

3-2.1 Prohibition.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or permit the keeping on streets, vacant lots ~~and~~ residential lawns, driveways, parking areas, grounds or other public or private property, except in a lawfully permitted, fully enclosed structure, any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer which is:

- a. Missing tires, wheels, engine, or any essential parts, or
- b. Which displays extensive body damage or deterioration; or
- c. Which does not display a current, valid State license plate, tag or current inspection sticker; or
- d. Which is wrecked, disassembled or partially disassembled.

Section 3-2.2 is hereby amended as follows:

3-2.2 Definitions: As used in this section:

Inoperable shall mean incapable of being legally driven or moved under its own power on the public highways of the State of New Jersey.

Motor vehicle shall mean every device in, upon, or by which a person or property might, if such device were in operable condition, be transported upon a highway, excepting devices moved by human power.

Operable shall mean capable of being legally driven or moved upon the public highways of the State of New Jersey.

Unlicensed or unregistered shall mean not currently licensed or registered by the proper licensing authority to be driven or moved on the public highways, or not bearing current registration plates or tags or a current inspection sticker (Ord. No. 6-2-71 § 1)

Add the following new sections:

3-2.3 Inoperable vehicles on public lands.

No person shall leave any inoperable or unlicensed or unregistered motor vehicle, or any part thereof, on any public road or other public lands or premises except in case of emergency, and then for a period of no more than 24 hours.

3-2.4 Inoperable vehicles on private lands.

- a. No person shall leave or maintain an inoperable or unlicensed or unregistered motor vehicle, or any part thereof, on any private lands or premises for more than 15 days, whether or not consecutive.
- b. No owner or occupier of any lands or premises shall permit or suffer any inoperable or unlicensed or unregistered motor vehicle, or any part thereof, to be left or maintained on his or her lands or premises for more than 15 days, whether or not consecutive.

3-2.5 Exemptions.

This chapter shall not apply to motor vehicles or parts thereof located in garages or other buildings, nor to operable, but unlicensed or unregistered, motor vehicles displayed for sale on premises of a licensed new or used car dealer.

Section 3-2.3 shall be renumbered as follows:

~~3-2.3~~ **3-2.6** **Violations and Penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty stated in Chapter I, Section 1-5. Each and every day that such violation continues or exists shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.

Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Attest:

Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

Matt Severino, Mayor

First Reading: February 15, 2017

Publication: February 23, 2017

Public Hearing/

Adoption: March 15, 2017

Publication: March 23, 2017

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

Motion Carried

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2017-38
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**AUTHORIZING 2017 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT –GEOLOGIST/HYDROGEOLOGIST
CONSULTANT**

Eric DeRicco, Cherry, Weber & Associates

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has a need to acquire hydrogeologic services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44-A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS Cherry, Weber & Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Cherry, Weber & Associates has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Union in the previous one year, and that the contract will

prohibit Cherry, Weber & Associates from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified to the governing body the availability of funds for said contract in a line item entitled Planning Board, OE; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into a contract with Cherry, Weber & Associates, for hydrogeologic consulting services for 2017 at the hourly rate of \$140.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of this municipality.

Date: February 15, 2017

**CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., I, Grace M. Brennan, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Union, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriated funds in the 2017 Temporary/Adopted Budget to award a contract Cherry, Weber & Associates, under the line item "_____".

Date: _____

Grace M. Brennan, CFO

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

Motion carried

b. **Discussion** – Municipal Website

Mr. Sroka apprised the Committee of research he is doing regarding contracting with a less expensive firm.

14. REPORTS

a. **Attorney’s Report**

- Mentioned call from CFO Brennan regarding Hunterdon County Open Space Money. Spoke with County Representative about the funds. Resolution will be prepared for the March 1, 2017 Committee Meeting.
- Pattenburg Derelict Property – Sent another letter to owner regarding awaited improvements.
- Model Ordinance from NJ DOT regarding fundraising to be considered at the next meeting.

- Fair Housing Litigation – Apprised Committee of \$3,000.00 request from E-Consult to represent the Township in preparation of New Housing Number Requirements. Mr. Jost said that Vicinage 13 was requesting \$2,000.00 to represent the Township in another COAH matter. He asked that separate motions be made and voted upon to approve requested payments.

Atty. Jost asked that the following motion be introduced for approval:

To approve a \$3,000 payment to E-Consult for representing the Township regarding Fair Housing Litigation.

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

Motion carried

Atty. Jost asked that the following motion be introduced for approval:

To approve a \$2,000 payment to Jeffery R. Surenian & Associates representing Vicinage 13 Group regarding COAH matters.

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

Motion carried

b. Committee Report

Mr. Mazza reported the following:

- Parks – Road Crew installed gates at Finn and Millbrook Parks – Damage reported again at Millbrook over the weekend. Contacted Stan Prater from JCP&L, regarding poles for restricting parking.
- Stream Cleanup, April 22, 2017 – received an e-mail from Heidi Budsock, Boy Scout Troop 119 seeking volunteer help for the cleanup. Clerk mentioned that a statistical report should be generated and submitted with the Clean Communities Grant application.

Mr. Sroka reported the following:

- Mentioned interviews that are scheduled for next week with five candidates for DR&F’s position.
- Asked if Committee would like a post on the Township’s Facebook about Exit 11 Bridge Reconstruction Project and Road Closing Dates. The Committee was receptive.

Mayor’s Report

- Met with Kerry Pflugh from State NJDEP - Ms. Pflugh said the Archery Center is no longer being proposed at Spruce Run. She also mentioned a Highlands density ruling that would be issued in April of 2017.

– Emphasized the need for conducting dog census this year. Asked about obtaining the cost.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Marc Strauss, Public Safety Coordinator – Mentioned the Township might be able to hire a college intern for the dog census.

Asked Mr. Mazza the number of poles needed for Finn Road Park. Mr. Mazza said “four”.

16. PAYMENT 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
Mr. Sroka	X		X			
Mr. Stothoff			X			
Mr. Mazza		X	X			

Motion carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Mr. Stothoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Sroka seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Transcribed by: Grace A. Kocher, Deputy Clerk

Matt Severino, Mayor