

1. CALL TO ORDER

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: Led by Mayor or presiding officer.

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

a. Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016

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

Motion Carried

OUT OF AGENDA ORDER

a. Engineer's Report

- 2017 NJDOT Municipal Aid – Asked Committee Members their priority of Roads to be considered for Municipal Aid applications. Deadline is February 3, 2017. The consensus of the Committee was sections of Frontage and Perryville Roads.

Atty. Jost asked that the following motion be approved:

To authorize Mr. Clerico to prepare two Municipal Aid Applications; one for the section of Frontage Road as discussed, and one for the upper section of Perryville Road that has previous design work.

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

Motion Carried

- Red Hills Quarry – Reclamation Plan received from new owners. Issued letter regarding outstanding issues. No response as of this date. Mayor Mazza said UTEC wants to make a site visit to obtain samples of fill brought to the Quarry as part of the Reclamation Plan.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED – acknowledged

- b. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 12/02/16; 12/09/16
- c. Animal Control Officer – November 2016
- d. Municipal Court – November 2016

BACK TO AGENDA ORDER

Mr. Clerico left at this time 7:44 p.m.

7. VISITORS

Paul Pasquarella, Pattenburg Emergency Squad - Appeared before the Committee as a follow up to the Squad’s request to the Township to provide LOSAP for active Members. Mr. Pasquarella provided additional information. He was asked by Committee members if the same request was brought before other Municipalities to which Pattenburg Emergency Squad provides services. Atty. Jost explained the procedure for implementing LOSAP for the Squad. Christian Huschke, member of the Squad explained eligibility requirements. Atty. Jost would like to schedule a meeting with Squad and Committee Members to further discuss the issue.

Mayor Mazza asked Mr. Strauss if he had anything to report. Mr. Strauss referenced the meeting with the Rescue Squads and Fire Companies that provide services to Township Residents. He also mentioned potential proposed legislation and said Ms. McBride offered to assist even though she is no longer a member of the Township Committee.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – No Comments

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Mason, Capitan of Pattenburg Emergency Squad – Mr. Mason said he will provide comments regarding proposed legislation (reimbursement for services provided to State Facilities) to Mark Strauss, Michele McBride and Atty. Jost.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The following resolution was introduced for approval:

Resolution #2016-113

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER(S)**

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that there are insufficient funds to meet the demands necessary for the 2016 Appropriations in the following accounts:

TO: General Administration OE 10510020	\$ 2,000.00
Financial Administration OE 10513020	1,500.00
Solid Waste Collection Misc. 10530570	2,500.00

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING December 21, 2016

Buildings & Grounds OE	10531020	2,000.00
Maintenance of Parks OE	10537520	2,000.00
Total		\$10,000.00

WHEREAS, the following account(s) have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands:

FROM: Legal Services	10515520	\$ 5,000.00
Employee Group Insurance	10522020	5,000.00
Total		\$10,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A: 4-58 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the transfer(s) required to meet the obligations of Union Township.

Date: December 21, 2016

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

Motion Carried

- b. **Discussion** – Request from Clinton Fire Dept. for additional funds towards extrication tool to already purchased service/utility vehicle.

CFO Brennan stated that the request could be discussed as part of 2017 Municipal Budget

14. 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. Stothoff		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

15. REPORTS

- a. **Attorney’s Report**
 - LOSAP – Discussed earlier this evening.
 - Solar Ordinance Amendment – To be introduced next month.
 - Tax Appeal – Kramer Electronics, Block 23, Lot 2.04, 6 Route 173 West - Professional Appraisal has been completed.

- Union Township Historical Society – Group is no longer active. Officers should decide distribution of monies in the Society Account. Atty. Jay Thatcher will provide guidance.

b. Committee Report

Mr. Hirt reported the following:

- Neighbor reported stranger/possible suspicious person on her property. Trooper Brian Walsh will be contacted by Mr. Severino regarding the matter.

Mr. Severino reported the following:

- Requested recycling containers be emptied.

c. Mayor’s Report

- Baptist Church Road – Will talk to Mr. Hermann regarding re-striping. Work would be done in the spring.
- Perryville Railroad Crossing – Mentioned the need to pave close to the Tracks. Mr. Clerico will contact the Railroad. Mr. Hirt mentioned hedge that interferes with visibility at Crossing. Mr. Hermann will be contacted by Mr. Mazza about the issue.
- Old Municipal Building – Suggested placement of structure on concrete slab to store DR&F equipment.
- Temporary Seasonal Employee – CFO Brennan gave update on applicants.

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

To appoint William Langston as a temporary seasonal employee, conditioned on a satisfactory drug screen and physical report.

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

Motion Carried

Atty. Jost asked if the reorganization meeting date had been set. Mayor Mazza said it will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Mason, Pattenburg Rescue Squad – Asked that Barbara Sandusky be invited to a meeting to receive an appreciation award. Mayor Mazza said that would be done at a regular meeting. Mr. Mason will be notified.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Mr. Hirt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Mr. Severino seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Transcribed by: Grace Kocher, Deputy Clerk

Frank Mazza, Mayor

