

February 26, 2008

The Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, convened in regular session at Municipal Headquarters, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on the 26th day of February, 2007 at 7:41 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Clifton People, Jr., Chairman of the Township Committee.

The Clerk read the following statement:

"This is a regular meeting of the Township Committee. Public Notice of this meeting has been given, as required by the 'Open Public Meeting's Law'. A Resolution was adopted on January 1, 2008, designating this date, this hall and 7:30 P.M. as the time for this regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union.

A notice of each and every regular meeting of the Township Committee was posted, in accordance with the aforesaid 'Open Public Meeting's Law', in one public place reserved for the posting of Ordinances and official notices of the Township of Union, namely, the bulletin board next to the Clerk's Office. In addition thereto, a copy of said Resolution was forwarded to the Union Leader, Star Ledger. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Township."

The opening prayer was led by Committeewoman Brenda Restivo, and the pledge to the flag was led by Committeeman Joseph Florio.

The Clerk called the roll. Those present and those absent, were as follows:

Present: Clifton People, Jr., Chairman
Anthony Terrezza, Vice Chairman
Peter Capodice
Brenda Restivo
Joseph Florio

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Memory Lane – Valery & Paul Stevens

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on February 11, 2008 Conference and Regular Meetings, as printed and distributed by the Clerk.

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5036 for a temporary construction easement, slope easement and drainage easement to NJDOT for Route 22 at Madison Avenue, Fairway Drive South and East.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

The Clerk read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING ORDINANCE 5036 FOR TEMPORARY
CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT, SLOPE EASEMENT
AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza aye,
Mr. People aye.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried on roll
call, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby
passed on first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to
second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on March 11, 2008.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza aye, Mr.
People aye.

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance amending Chapter 170 of the
Municipal Code of the Township of Union entitled "Signs".

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the
Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and
that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

The Clerk read:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170 ENTITLED
SIGNS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza aye, Mr.
People aye.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried on roll
call, the Township Committee moved this draft be referred to the Planning Board
for review and report back.

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby
passed on first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to
second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on March 25, 2008.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza aye, Mr.
People aye.

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance establishing the 2008 salary ranges of certain Municipal Officials & Employees of the Township of Union.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

The Clerk read:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2008 SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza aye, Mr. People aye.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried on roll call, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on March 11, 2008.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza aye, Mr. People aye.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing the Tax Collector to issue duplicate Tax Sale Certificate No. 04-034 to Fidelity Tax, LLC for a charge of \$100.00.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing the investment in certificates of deposit in the amount of \$9,000,000.00 at NJ Cash Management from February 13, 2008 through April 4, 2008 at a rate of 3.60%.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing an agreement with T&M Associates to provide contract administration & inspection services for the 2007 Road Improvement Program at a fee not to exceed \$274,325.00 in accordance with Resolution 2008-17.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Amending Resolution No. 2008-70 to correct award amount to DeFino Contracting Company 2007 Road Improvement Program Louisa Street Area Roads, by an increase of nine cents (.09)

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with PMK Group, Inc., for professional consulting engineering services for a detailed evaluation, preliminary design, cost estimate and schedule for the replacement of the HVAC systems at the Municipal Building at a fixed fee not to exceed \$11,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing an award of contract with Survivor Fire & Security, Inc., for fire protection services at their sole bid not to exceed \$8,850.00.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing an award of contract to Grace Lane Business Services for Various Printing 2008-2009 at their sole bid not to exceed \$45,457.00.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Authorizing an award of contract to Garden State Drywall Contractors, Inc., for sheetrock repairs at the Biertuempfel Park Concession Stand at their low quote not to exceed \$1,700.00.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

Appointing Robert Varady, Esq. to represent the Township in the A.B.C. matter against Ghaffari Lounge at a fee not to exceed \$2,500.00.

A sealed bid was received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for fire protection services.

An award of contract to Survivor Fire & Security, Inc., at their sole bid of \$8,850.00

The sole Bid received and opened was as follows:

Survivor Fire & Security, Inc.
39A Myrtle Street
Cranford, New Jersey 07016

\$8,850.00

Bernie Stummer, Purchasing Agent, reported that the sole bid of Survivor Fire & Security, Inc. was low and Mr. Stummer recommended that the award be made accordingly.

Clerk advised that approved Contract Award Certification forms from the C.F.O. are on file.

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the contract for fire protection, be awarded to Survivor Fire & Security, Inc., at the bid price set forth in their sealed proposal, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

A sealed bid was received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for Various Printing 2008.

An award of contract to Grace Lane
Business Services, at their sole bid
of \$45,457.00

The Bid received and opened was as follows:

Grace Lane Business Services	
1994 Morris Avenue	
Union, New Jersey 07083	\$45,457.00

Bernie Stummer, Purchasing Agent, reported that the sole bid of Grace Lane Business Services, for \$45,457.00 is low and Mr. Stummer recommended that the award be made accordingly.

Clerk advised that approved Contract Award Certification forms from the C.F.O. are on file.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the contract for Various Printing 2008, be awarded to Grace Lane Business Services, at the bid price set forth in their sealed proposal, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Quotes were received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for the sheetrock repairs at the Biertuempfel Park Concession Stand

An award of contract to Garden State
Drywall Contractors, Inc., at their
low quote not to exceed \$1,700.00.

The Quotes received and opened were as follows:

The Scuorzo Group, LLC	
P.O. Box 74	
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033	\$2,150.00

Garden State Drywall Contractors, Inc.
P.O. Box 7208
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816 \$1,700.00

Bernie Stummer, Purchasing Agent, reported that the quote of Garden State Drywall Contractors, Inc., for \$1,700.00 is low and Mr. Stummer recommended that the award be made accordingly.

Clerk advised that approved Contract Award Certification forms from the C.F.O. are on file.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the contract for the sheetrock repairs at the Biertuempfel Park Concession Stand, be awarded to Garden State Drywall Contractors, Inc., at the quote price set forth in their sealed proposal, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee authorized the payment of bills which are listed in the Permanent Claim's Register against the Township of Union, for the period February 26, 2008 approved by respective Departments as being correct.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that refund of the following tax over-payments be approved and payment authorized:

BLOCK/ LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
701/17	First American r.e.t.s	2008	\$ 1804.00
512/2.01	Extra Space Storage	2008	36268.10
1201/14	Munley, Robert	2008	2152.76

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said communication be received, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw checks to cover overpayments.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee authorized payment of Community Development Agency Bills in the amount of \$2,151.28

COMMUNICATION:

From: Terri Malanda, Tax Collector, Re: Requesting the Township Committee authorize checks to the following representing the redemption of tax sales certificates:

NAME	AMOUNT	CERT#	LOCATION
Chun T. Li	\$ 378.46	07-00051	45 Maple Avenue
	\$ 500.00		
US Bank Cust/ Sass Muni v dtr	\$15,006.55	07-00022	1652 Earl Street
Maria Amurrio	\$ 900.49	010008	713 Gates Terr
Fidelity Tax LLC	\$25,147.31	06-002	340 Nottingham Way
Carol Segal	\$ 3,124.95	07-00064	Vauxhall Road – Rear
American Tax Funding	\$25,239.48	05-011	706 Orchard Meadows Dr
Crusader Servicing Corp.	\$14,539.01 \$ 7,100.00	06-013	1304 Dartmouth Terrace

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

From: Debra Cyburt, Chief Financial Officer, Re: Advising of the sale of \$8,196,500.00 in Bond Anticipation Notes.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee moved to accept and file.

From: Township Clerk's Office, Re: Requesting a refund in the amount of \$275.00 be issued to Union Elk's #1583, 281 Chestnut Street for an overpayment of their 2008 amusement license.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

From: Bernie Stummer, Purchasing Agent, Re: Recommending the return of the bid bond in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Century Office Products, Inc., as their five year lease agreement with the Township is completed.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

From: Marc Ginsberg, Owner/V.P. Operations, Foodtown, Galloping Hill Shopping Center, Re: Requesting permission to hang streamer flags in the Galloping Hill Center parking lot to advertise their "Grand Opening" on February 27, 2008.

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

From: Delores Glaser, Moderator, Presbyterian Women of Connecticut Farms Church, Stuyvesant & Chestnut Street, Re: Requesting permission to hang two (2) banners at the church from March 29 until April 12, 2008 to publicize their annual "Flea Market".

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried, the Township Committee directed the following reports be received for filing:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MONTHLY REPORTS

Department of Public Works
Health Department
Division of Accounts
Office of Community Development
Municipal Court

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. CAPODICE:

Mr. Capodice moved a Special Meeting be scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 6:00 P.M., to conduct an ABC Hearing for the Ghaffari Lounge, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried.

Mr. Capodice congratulated Memory Lane for being chosen "Business of the Month".

MR. FLORIO:

Mr. Florio congratulated Memory Lane for being chosen "Business of the Month and wished them continued success.

Mr. Florio announced that the Senior Center will be having many health screening programs going on for seniors. Seniors who are interest are to call the Senior Center for more information and appointments, at 851-5290.

MRS. RESTIVO:

Mrs. Restivo congratulated Memory Lane for being chosen "Business of the Month".

Mrs. Restivo thanked and commended the Department of Public Works for the fine job they did with the snow removal, during the recent storm. Mrs. Restivo wished to remind residents that during snow storm cars are to be off the streets.

Mrs. Restivo invited resident to attend the many Bicentennial Events that are scheduled throughout the year.

MR. TERREZZA:

Mr. Terrezza congratulated Memory Lane for being chosen "Business of the Month" and wished them continued success.

Applications for licenses were presented by Mr. Terrezza, and none of the Township Committeemen voicing any conflict, he moved that the Township Committee approve the applications, as follows:

License applications to be approved:

Gasoline Station

J&S Exxon-2201 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall

The motion was seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried.

Mr. Terrezza announced that the re-broadcasting of the North Gate Redevelopment Hearing will be Saturday, at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, at 1:30 P.M.

MR. PEOPLE:

Mr. People congratulated Memory Lane for being chosen "Business of the Month".

Mr. People announced the Grand Opening of Foodtown at Five Points on Saturday.

Mr. People announced that February 28, 2008, is Dr. Seuss Reads Across American Day and Dr. Seuss will be visiting the Library and reading to the children.

Mr. People commended the Department of Public Works for the fine job they did with snow removal, during the recent storm.

Mr. People stated that in the lobby of the Municipal Building there is a Suggestion Box, the purpose of the box is for residents and employees to give their ideas on what they would like to see happen in the Township. This can help to have a better the relationship between the Township Committee and the residents.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Robert Stefko, 1016 Harding Avenue, questioned the leasing price and the terms of the lease for new Dunkin Donuts being built where the Courtesy House was. Mr. Stefko felt that the lease price was too low. Mr. Capodice responded that the Committee feels it is a convenience to the community, the rent is low to bring people back to the Center. Mr. Stefko stated that Mr. Bradley gave them reserved parking spaces.

Mr. Stefko questioned if the building on Morris Avenue near the Train Station is the new Hotel. Mr. Capodice responded yes. Mr. Stefko questioned if it provided jobs for the Community.

Roxianne Ciampi, Beechwood Avenue, questioned the newly introduced ordinance amending Chapter 170. Mr. Antonelli explained it was created for the business owners who drape signs and banners on their vans.

Mrs. Ciampi questioned ordinance no. 3, salaries for Township Officials.

Mrs. Ciampi commended Sal Terrezza on the great job he does with Channel 34.

Mrs. Ciampi questioned the armed robbery at the Triangle Liquors on Burnet Avenue. The Police Chief explained that he could not discuss any details due to the pending investigation.

Charles Donnelly, Reinhold Terrace, spoke about the redevelopment meeting on the previous night and state that there were many good ideas.

Mr. Donnelly commended the Department of Public Works for the fine job they did during the recent snow storm.

There being no further business presented, the Township Committee on motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried, adjourned the meeting, the time being 8:39 P.M.

Dated: February 26, 2008

CLIFTON PEOPLE, JR., Chairman
of the Township Committee
of the Township of Union
in the County of Union.

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk