

January 8, 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 8th day of January, 2008 at 7:33 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 and Star Ledger. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Township."

CUB SCOUT PACK 163, DEN 5 WILL CONDUCT THE PRAYER AND FLAG CEREMONY

Jared Griffith	Christopher LePore
David Lewchuck	Rick Mioduszewski
Thomas Novak	Gus Pagano
Jeffrey Peralta	Joseph Stulec

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

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

Absent: Anthony Terrezza, Vice Chairman

The Clerk administered the requisite oath of Office to the newly appointed Police Officers in the presence of their family and friends:

Leslie Gaschler	Michael A. Campos
Nicholas J. Katsock	Joseph E. Rubel

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the Minutes of the Meetings held December 18, 2007 Conference Executive Session and Regular Meetings, as printed and distributed by the Clerk.

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5006, providing for various improvements to Police Headquarters, specifically the E-911 system.

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, 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
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4874 OF THE
TOWNSHIP FINALLY ADOPTED ON MAY 10, 2005,
SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO.
5006 OF THE TOWNSHIP FINALLY ADOPTED ON
MAY 22, 2007, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
IMPROVEMENTS TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS
AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF UNION AND APPROPRIATING
\$100,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE THE
SAME.

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

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, 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 January 22, 2007.

Mr. Capodice aye, Mr. Florio aye, Mrs. Restivo aye, Mr. Terrezza absent, 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 a Professional Service Agreement with Charles Femminella, Jr., as Tax Appraiser for the Township of Union. (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20a, et seq.)

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

Authorizing the adoption of the memorandum of agreement between the Township of Union and the members of the SOA Local 69 bargaining unit.

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

Authorizing the renewal of Limited Retail Distribution License No. 2019-43-017-006, trading as Basic Food, located at 498 Chestnut Street for the annual period of July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

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

Authorizing the acceptance of a Performance Guarantee from 5 Points LLC in the amount of \$190,748.40 for Block 1023, Lot 10, Five Points Shopping Center.

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

Authorizing the investment in certificates of deposit in the amount of \$20,600,000.00 at NJ Cash Management from January 3, 2008 until February 14, 2008 at a rate of 4.61%.

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

Authorizing the payment of all approved vouchers for solid waste collection, haulage and disposal at the interim rate of \$62.95 per ton for household waste and \$104.12 per ton for bulky waste. (December)

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

Authorizing the adoption of the memorandum of agreement between the Township of Union and the members of Council 8, NJ Civil Service Association bargaining unit.

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

Authorizing Change Order No. 1 increasing the amount to Tamke Tree Experts by \$292.50 for a total revised contract amount of \$87,232.50 for the tree trimming project.

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 Beyer Brothers Corp., for the purchase of three (3) new unused Four Wheel Drive Pick-Up Trucks with Snow Plows at their sole bid not to exceed \$108,230.43.

Sealed bids were received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for the purchase of three (3) new unused Four Wheel Drive Pick-Up Trucks with Snow Plows.

An award of contract to Beyer Brothers Corp., for at their sole bid not to exceed \$108,230.43.

The Bid received and opened was as follows:

Beyer Brothers Corp.
102 Broad Avenue
Fairview, New Jersey \$108,230.43

Sergio Panunzio, Superintendent of Public Works reported that the bid of Beyer Brothers Corp., was the sole bid and Mr. Panunzio 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 purchase of three (3) new unused Four Wheel Drive Pick-Up Trucks with Snow Plows, be awarded to Beyer Brothers Corp., at the bid 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 Mr. Florio, 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 January 8, 2008, approved by respective Departments as being correct.

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

BLOCK/ LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
1408 15	Emma Amayo	2007	\$ 1590.67
1504 22	Colleen & Dale Grant	2007	732.60
510 4	Joaquim & Donzilla Antunes	2007	1687.98
503 1	Allan Teixeira	2007	201.72
211 2	Jon & Francesca Flanagan	2007	1650.11
2612 21.25	First American R.E.T.S.	2007	1459.67
1106 13	Vernon & Valerie Bradbury	2007	2406.58

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, 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 Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee authorized payment of Community Development Agency Bills in the amount of \$1,041.66.

COMMUNICATION:

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

NAME	AMOUNT	CERT#	LOCATION
Sequoia Investments	\$11,474.69	07-00007	333 Stockton Road
	\$ 4,500.00		
Wachovia/Cust	\$13,548.09	05-048	281 Oswald Place
Plymouth SPV 2	\$ 1,100.00		
Sequoia Investments	\$10,510.86	07-00057	1266 Wilshire Drive
Amaco	\$ 9,401.80	07-00056	2978 Aberdeen Road
	\$ 800.00		
US Bank/Cust for Plymouth Park	\$13,671.45	07-00002	679 Gates Terrace

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

From: Reverend Deborah L. Brooks, Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, 241 Hilton Avenue, Re: Requesting permission to hold a Faith March on Saturday January 26, 2008 beginning at 10:00 AM from Central Five School to the Bethel A.M.E. Church.

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

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Recommending the installation of two way stop controls for Isabella Avenue at the intersection of Morrison and Isabella Avenues.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried the Township Committee moved to concur with the recommendation.

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Advising against the placement of an on-street handicap parking space in front of 1286 Stuyvesant Avenue due to minimal usage by resident.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried the Township Committee moved to concur with the Chief of Police.

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Recommending on-street handicap parking spaces in front of the following locations;

- A.) 9 May Terrace
- B.) 348 Carnegie Place
- C.) 236 Carnegie Place
- D.) 1163 Jeanette Avenue
- E.) 400 Crawford Terrace

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried the Township Committee moved to refer to the Township Attorney for the preparation of an appropriate ordinance.

From: Geraldine Foligno, Director, Connecticut Farms Nursery School, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Re: Requesting permission to hang two (2) 3'x6' banners, from January 22 until February 22, 2008, to advertise the 2008-2009 "School Year".

On motion of Mrs. Restivo, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried the Township Committee moved to concur with the request and grant permission.

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Recommending denying the request for "Residential Permit Parking" on Stowe Street.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried the Township Committee moved to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation to deny the request.

From: Sonia Hamberg, Union Resident, Re: Advising of her resignation as Alternate #2 from the Planning Board effective immediately.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried the Township Committee moved to accept the resignation and send Ms. Hamberg a letter of thanks for serving her community.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Clerk's Office
Municipal Court
Senior Citizen's Department
Engineering Department
Recreation Department
Tax Assessor's Office
Building Department
Fire Department
Department of Public Works
Department of Economic Development
Police Department

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. CAPODICE:

Applications for licenses were presented by Mr. Capodice, 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:

Video Distribution:

CEC Entertainment Inc. – 4441 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062
(for Chuck-E-Cheese)

Millenium Amusements Inc., 44 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07522
(for Hy-Way Bowl)

Video Games:

Chuck-E-Cheese – 1660 Route 22 East
Hy-Way Bowl – 1731 Route 22 East

Amusements:

Union Elks #1583 – 281 Chestnut Street (Dart Game, Juke Box, Golf Game)
Costa Del Sol – 2443 Vauxhall Road (Picnic Grove, Dance Hall)
Union Movie Cinema – 990 Stuyvesant Avenue (Movie Theatre over 400 seats)
Shop Rite – 2661 Morris Avenue (2 Kiddie Rides)
Chuck-E-Cheese – 1660 Route 22 East (43 various game machines)
Hy-Way Bowl – 1731 Route 22 West (Bowling Alley)

Scrap Metal/Junk Yard:

NJ Nonferrous Trading Inc., Max Weinstein & Son – 2426 Morris Avenue
Union Auto Wrecker's, Roger Slack – 2345 Route 22

Private Gas Pumps:

Union Fire Department – 1 Bond Drive
Union Police Department – 981 Caldwell Avenue
Union Township Board of Education – 2369 Morris Avenue
Della Pello Contracting – 40 Milltown Road
Department of Public Works – 1 Swanstrom Place
Elizabethtown Gas Company – 520 Green Lane
Peerless Beverage Co. – 1000 Floral Avenue
Suburban Golf Club – 600 Colonial Avenue
TSS Facility Services, Inc., 1200 Springfield Road

Gasoline Stations:

Alco Petroleum – 1761 Edward Terrace
Arthur's Auto Service – 717 Liberty Avenue
Coastal Gas – 2401 Route 22 West
Delta – 437 Lehigh Avenue
Double D Service – 2674 Morris Avenue
ENR-G-SVC – 508 North Avenue
Hess – 2210 Route 22 East
K.S. Petroleum, Inc. – 1568 Stuyvesant Avenue
Luso Fuel – 1080 Galloping Hill Road
Morris Avenue Station – 1545 Morris Avenue
NU Star Gas – 1384 Morris Avenue
Power Gas – 2445 Morris Avenue
Raceway Union – 2031 Route 22 West
SAB Petroleum, Inc., -707 Chestnut Street
S & G Gulf – 1444 Stuyvesant Avenue
Speedway – 1201 Springfield Road
Sunoco A-Plus – 2350 Route 22 Center Isle
Sunset Exxon – 2573 Route 22 West
Union BP – 1701 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union Fuel – 2437 Morris Avenue
Union Gulf – 1351 Magie Avenue
US Gas – 1404 Stuyvesant Avenue
Unionville Service Center Inc., - 2546 Vauxhall Road
Vauxhall BP – 2195 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall
Vauxhall Lukoil – 2200 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall

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

Mr. Capodice commended the Scouts for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Capodice wished to congratulate the newly appointed Police Officers and wished them well.

Concerning a report of the Police Department for the month of December 2007, indicating total fees received and activities in the month, Mr. Capodice moved the report be accepted for filing.

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

MR. FLORIO:

Mr. Florio thanked the Scouts for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Florio congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers and wished them well.

Mr. Florio thanked Kean University for hosting the Kick Off of the Bicentennial Celebration for the Township of Union.

Mr. Florio announced that now is the time to sign up for the Union Little League and for the Union Soccer League. Mr. Florio stated for more information call the Recreation Department at 686-4200.

Mr. Florio moved the appointments of Pedro Sousa and Richard M. Galante to the Recreation Advisory Committee, the motion was seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried.

MRS. RESTIVO:

Mrs. Restivo moved the following appointments:

Carlos Coutos to the Special Improvement District Committee, for a three year term.

Lou Manfra to the Rent Leveling Board

Sandra Bowser to the Community Development Vauxhall Task Force

Mrs. Restivo thanked, congratulated and welcomed the newly appointed Police Officers.

Mrs. Restivo urged residents to attend the Spaghetti Dinner to be held on January 10, 2008 at Kawameeh School, to benefit the Taylor Family, who suffered a terrible fire in their home recently.

Mrs. Restivo announced that the Department of Public Works will continue leaf pick up as long as weather permits.

Mrs. Restivo wished to thank Kean University for hosting the Kick Off for the Bicentennial Celebration for the Township of Union.

MR. TERREZZA:

Mr. Terrezza was absent.

MR. PEOPLE:

Mr. People thanked the Scouts for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mr. People congratulated the newly appointed Police Officer and wished them well.

Mr. People was happy to announce that negotiations with the Fire and Police Departments are now settled and now we must move on.

Mr. People urged residents to participate in the many Bicentennial Events that will be taking place throughout the year.

Mr. People stated that the Library has many interesting programs going on and all are invited to enjoy them.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mike Schultz, Jean Terrace, explained that his neighbor signed a petition circulated by the CUU Group and it was denied by the Clerk's Office and his neighbor did sign it. Mr. Schultz questioned why was it denied.

Mr. Schultz questioned how much money has the Township spent in the Hott 22 litigation. Mr. Antonelli responded that there two lawsuits. One lawsuit was paid for by the Insurance Company and the other he needs time to get the figures. Mr. Florio commented that whatever the money figure is, it is worth it to have this kind of business not operate in the Township of Union.

Mr. Schultz stated that he read that some towns did away with Comstat. He feels that the Township's Police Department is doing a good job. Mr. People said that the Township has to keep up with technology, the Township of Union is a leader and not a follower.

Mr. Schultz wanted to know why the Police Officers do not get backup when they pull a motorist over for a traffic stop. Mr. Capodice stated that the Township does have a backup policy.

Dave Makkar, 568 Ashwood Road, Springfield, questioned the issue of traffic summons's quotas in the Township of Union. He wanted to know when these quotas were initiated and who authorized them and how the monies are being used. Mr. People stated that there are no quotas on traffic stops. Mr. Makkar stated that he was given this information by an off duty Sergeant that is employed by the Township of Union. Mr. Capodice stated that there are no quotas. Mr. Antonelli echoed Mr. People's and Mr. Capodice's responses by saying there is no quota system for traffic stops. Mr. Makkar stated that he received four tickets and now there is a warrant out for this arrest. Mr. Makkar feels that the Township of Union Police Department is racially profiling motorists.

Roxanne Ciampi, Beechwood Street, stated that recently a transformer was hit on Morris Avenue and she had no way of finding out what happened at the time. She would like the Township to look into ways to notify residents when something happens and the power is out.

Ms. Ciampi questioned if the Township of Union is paying for Mrs. Birch's Attorney. Mr. Antonelli responded that by statute the Township pays for Mrs. Birch's Attorney.

Mr. Florio stated that the Township of Union reaches out to many different nationalities and we will not be accused of racially profiling. Mr. Makkar is trying to paint a very bad picture of our Township.

There being no further business presented, the Township Committee on motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, adjourned the meeting, the time being 8:32 P.M.

Dated: January 8, 2008

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

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk