

July 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 July, 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, Star Ledger. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Township."

The opening prayer was led by Chairman Clifton People, Jr., and the pledge to the flag was led by Committeeman Peter Capodice.

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

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

Absent: Brenda Restivo

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the Minutes of Meetings held on June 24, 2008 Conference and Regular, as printed and distributed by the Clerk.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3729 to add a handicapped parking space in front of 1040 Brighton Street.

The said ordinance having been advertised and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with statutory requirements, it was

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

RESOLVED, that the said ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, be taken up on second reading.

The Clerk read:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY PERSONS WITH SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF", adopted on June 12, 1984 and identified as Ordinance No. 3729, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was

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

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading.

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

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

Authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2008 budget in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the "Cancer Coalition Grant". (Chapter 159)

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

Authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2008 budget in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the "PARIS Grant". (Chapter 159)

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

Authorizing the Department of Public Works to sell at auction automobiles and surplus equipment.

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

Amending Resolution 2008-7 to add Millennium BCP Bank as an official Township depository for the year 2008.

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

Authorizing the submission of an application for the Township of Union Municipal Drug Alliance grant for the years 2009-2011.

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

Authorizing the cancellation of a grant receivable and ordinance appropriation in the amount of \$9,800.00 to correct the recording of the Kids Recreational Trust Grant Award.

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

Authorizing the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2019-33-024-004, owned by Garden State Lounge Inc., for the year 2008 – 2009 presently a pocket license.

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

Authorizing the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2019-33-046-008, t/a the Bar Room, located at 1784 Burnet Avenue, for the year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

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

Supporting Assembly Bill No. 2654, Gold Star Family License Plates.

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

Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with T&M Associates for survey & engineering services for the preparation of a Major Subdivision Plan of Block 105, Lot 16, (Union Train Station area) at a fee not to exceed \$9,500.00 in accordance with Resolution No. 2008-17.

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

Amending Resolution No. 2008-75 increasing the amount to DeFino Contracting Company, by an additional \$521,074.50 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,773,135.29 to include the add alternate roads for the 2007 Road Improvement Program Louisa Street Area.

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

Supporting the installation of bus shelters by NJ Transit at existing bus stops along the Route 22 Safety Shuttles.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, 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 \$64.10 per ton for household waste, and \$104.12 per ton for bulky waste. (June)

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, 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 July 8, 2008, approved by respective Departments as being correct.

The Clerk presented listing of "Adjustment of Taxes Receivable" submitted by the Collector of Taxes for remission, in pursuance to Revised Statutes.

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

RESOLVED, that the said listing be received and that in pursuance of the Collector's recommendation, he be and is hereby authorized to cancel of record the taxes enumerated in the listing as follows:

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	DEDUCTION
209/4	Frank W. Gionataiso	2008	\$ 2851.29	Vet. Exemption
3801/39	Enoch & Shirley G. Trencher	2008	250.00	Senior Citizen
2314/20	Olga Holota	2008	250.00	Senior Citizen
807/1	Rosalyn Bernstein-Charnes	2008	250.00	Wid. Of Vet.
5211/16	Robert Henn Jr.	2008	250.00	Senior Citizen

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

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

BLOCK/ LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
209/4	Frank W. Gionataiso	2008	\$2,851.29

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, 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. Terrezza, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee authorized payment of Community Development Agency Bills in the amount of \$168,899.00

**COMMUNICATION:**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CERT#</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
US Bank/Cust for Plymouth Park	\$16,854.16	07-00055	1326 Center Street
Fidelity Tax LLC	\$ 8,485.30	07-00050	2170 Springfield Ave
US Bank/Cust for Plymouth Park	\$13,535.91 \$ 4,000.00	07-00042	1131 Bushnell Ave

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

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Recommending amending Chapter 266-55 of the Municipal Code "Parking Prohibited At All Times" to include driveways located at 816 Hobson Street and 714 Rahway Avenue.

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

From: Gladys R. Griggs, Christian Education Chairperson, Faith United Church of Christ, 1340 Burnet Avenue, Re: Requesting permission to hang a banner along the church railing from July 9 through July 18, 2008 to advertise their "Adventure Camp for Young People".

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

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Recommending the removal of a handicapped parking space in front of 1223 Higa Place.

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

From: R.W. Brownbridge, Commander, American Legion Connecticut Farms, Post 35, Re: Requesting permission to hang a 27'x 21' banner on the Bond Drive side of their building from June 2008 until June 2009 proclaiming their post as the home of the NJ State Commander.

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

From: Philip A. Haderer, Supervising Engineer, Re: Requesting the release of remaining inspection escrow fees be issued to the following companies as all improvements are complete;

- A. Lackland Self Storage, in the amount of \$310.52
- B. Cardo Construction, in the amount of \$275.25

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

From: Hong Li, Union Resident, Re: Requesting permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday July 26, 2008 from 12:00-9:00 PM on Roseland Place.

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

From: Thomas Kraemer, Chief of Police, Re: Recommending a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Tuxedo Place and Arcadia Place.

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

From: Cindy Zieser, Social Activities Director, Ehrhart & Schaefer Gardens, Re: Requesting permission to use the Senior Citizen's bus to transfer residents to their annual picnic at Costa Del Sol on Thursday September 4, 2008 between 11:30 AM- 4:30 PM.

On motion of Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Terrezza, 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:**

Clerk's Office  
Community Development  
Building Department  
Recreation Department  
Municipal Court  
Department of Economic Development

Purchasing Office  
Engineering Department  
Fire Department  
Police Department  
Senior Citizens Office

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **MR. CAPODICE:**

Mr. Capodice announced that the State mandates the dog and cat canvass that is going on within the Township. Residents are urged to license their cats and dogs annually.

The monthly report of the Police Department was submitted by Mr. Capodice, and he recommended it be accepted for filing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terrezza, and carried.

#### **MR. FLORIO:**

Mr. Florio announced that the many events that were held for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, including the fireworks, soap box derby, rides for kids and other activities were very enjoyable and well attended. He wished to commend all who made it possible.

Mr. Florio announced the Thursday Night Concert Series which will be held at Biertuempfel Park. Mr. Florio urged residents to call the Recreation Department for more information.

MRS. RESTIVO:

Mrs. Restivo was absent.

MR. TERREZZA:

The monthly report of the Building Department was submitted by Mr. Terrezza, and he recommended it be accepted for filing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried.

The monthly report of the Fire Department was submitted by Mr. Terrezza, and he recommended it be accepted for filing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Capodice, and carried.

MR. PEOPLE:

Mr. People was happy to announce that 24 players from Union Little League will be going to Cooperstown. Mr. People stated that the Township has many activities for the young people to participate in and excel.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

Roxanne Ciampi, Beechwood Avenue, questioned if the Township Employees received their retro pays. Mr. Manzella responded "yes". He explained that the retro's for the retirees are still being calculated.

Mrs. Ciampi questioned if Daniel Zeiser was an employee of the Township. Mayor People responded "no".

Mrs. Ciampi questioned the OPRA forms and what form is required. Mr. Antonelli explained that since the Township has adopted an OPRA form it must be used .

Mrs. Ciampi feels that there is not a sufficient number of firefighters for amount of residents in the Township. Mr. Bradley disagreed and explained that the Township has mutual aid which means towns help each other, when needed. Mr. Bradley also explained that the Township exceeds the minimum requirement for firefighters.

Michael Smith, Linden, thanked the Township Committee for their resolution supporting the Golden License Plates.

Leonard Horton, 319 Oregon Street, feels the membership fee at the Boys and Girls Club is too expensive and wants to know what the Committee can do. Mr. People explained that the Boys and Girls Club is private and the Township cannot get involved.

Sydelle Hirsch, 2839 Debra Way, concerned about the dangerous situation for pedestrians at the intersection of Liberty Avenue and Morris Avenue. Mr. Bradley explained that the Township has sent a petition to the State DOT to come and address the situation again.

Chris Brandt, Bailey Avenue, questioned who informs the newspapers about crime within the Township. Deputy Chief Giordano responded that the reporters come into the police department and look at the police blotter and chose what they want to write about.

Allan Hodapp, Orange Avenue, stated that whatever happens within the Township never makes the newspapers.

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 8:35 P.M.

Dated: July 8, 2008

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

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EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk