

October 28, 2008

The Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, convened in regular session at Connecticut Farms Church, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, New Jersey, on the 28th day of October, 2008 at 7:30 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 October 14, 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."

**CUB SCOUT TROOP 68 AND BOY SCOUT TROOP 68 WILL
CONDUCT THE PRAYER AND FLAG CEREMONY**

BOY SCOUT TROOP 68 – Scout Master Pat Lewis

Mark Gallegos	Anthony Paredes
Jack Lemos	Ricardo DaSilva
Miguel DaSilva	Frank Senkiw
Brendan Silva	

CUB SCOUT TROOP 68 – Den Leader Irene Tantuico

Frank Daniels	Jordan Tantuico
Cassius Collier	Christopher Ortiz
Nicholas Garry	

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
Brenda Restivo

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

“Union County Kids Recreation Trust Grant” to Dominick Fagnoli,
Superintendent of Recreation

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Barbara Garrabrants and Michael Yesenko discuss the relationship

between Connecticut Farms Church and the Township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS:

Craig Bierbaum – Battalion Chief
James Adams – Battalion Chief
Thomas Holder – Captain
Steven Spurr – Captain
Michael Scanio – Captain
Gregory Stagaard – Captain

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the Minutes of Meetings held on October 13, 2008 Special, Executive and Conference and the Meetings held on October 14, 2008 Conference, Executive 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. 5000, providing for Sanitary Sewer Improvements to the Fairway Drive Area in the Township of Union.

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 Mrs. Restivo, 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 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5000 OF THE TOWNSHIP FINALLY ADOPTED ON APRIL 10, 2007, PROVIDING FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FAIRWAY DRIVE AREA IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$670,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$670,000 BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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. Florio, 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.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5052, providing for various Capital Improvements in the Township of Union.

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 Mrs. Restivo, 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 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5052 OF THE TOWNSHIP FINALLY ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2008, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION AND APPROPRIATING \$3,955,000, THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,268,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE THE SAME.

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

Urging the New Jersey Legislature to amend N.J.S.A. Title 39:5-41 to provide for the re- distribution of fines, penalties and forfeitures.

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

Amending Resolution No. 2008-141 increasing the amount to Union Fire Equipment Corp., by \$40,000.00 for a revised total contract amount of \$127,250.00 for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Clothing & Equipment

under State Contract No. A71051.

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

Authorizing Change Order No. 1 & Final increasing the amount to NAVKA Construction Co., by \$900.00 for a revised total contract amount of \$9,900.00 for the Robert Street Drainage Improvements Project.

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

Authorizing an award of contract to Winner Ford for the purchase of six (6) new Police cars under State Contract No. A72467, for a total amount not to exceed \$130,674.00.

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

Authorizing an award of contract to American Bus Coach for the purchase of a passenger bus for the Senior Center at their sole bid not to exceed \$180,000.00

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

Authorizing an award of contract to Halecon, Inc., for upgrades to the basketball courts at Petti & Andrew Street Parks at their low quote not to exceed \$20,700.00.

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

Authorizing an award of contract for plumbing services to Ed Donnelly Plumbing Services at their low bid of \$69.75 per hour for a plumber & \$49.00 per hour for a plumber's helper for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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 American Wear Inc., for uniform rental services for the Department of Public Works at their low bid not to exceed \$26,000.00.

Sealed bids were received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for the purchase of a passenger bus for the Senior Center

An award of contract to American Bus Coach, at their sole bid not to exceed \$180,000.00

The Bids received and opened were as follows:

American Bus & Coach, LLC
2595 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08619 \$180,000.00

Phyllis Monguso, Supervisor of Senior Citizen Activities, reported that the bid of American Bus & Coach, LLC, was the sole bid and Ms. Monguso 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 the purchase of a passenger bus for the Senior Center, be awarded to American Bus & Coach, LLC, at the bid price set forth in their sealed proposal, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

The quotes were received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for upgrades to the basketball courts at Petti & Andrew Street Parks.

An award of contract to Halecon, Inc.,
for upgrades to the basketball courts at Petti &
Andrew Street Parks at their low quote not to exceed
\$20,700.00.

The quotes received and opened were as follows:

Halecon, Inc. 136 Billian Street Bridgewater, New Jersey	\$20,700.00
ATT Sports, Inc. P.O. Box 370 Morrestown, N.J.	\$24,975.00
Louis N. Rothberg & Son, Inc. 550 Cedar Avenue Middlesex, New Jersey	\$23,450.00

Dominick Fargnoli, Supt. of Recreation, reported that the bid of Halecon, Inc. was the low bid and Mr. Fargnoli 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 upgrades to the basketball courts at Petti & Andrew Street Parks be awarded to Halecon, Inc., at the bid price set forth in their sealed proposal, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to

execute said contract.

Sealed bids were received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for plumbing services.

An award of contract to Ed Donnelly Plumbing Services, at their low bid of \$69.75 per hour for a plumber & \$49.00 per hour for a plumber's helper for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

The Bids received and opened were as follows:

Jac Mechanical Services, Inc. P.O. Box 403/3505 Rt. 94 Hamburg, New Jersey 07419	Plumber : Helper:	\$90.00/hr. \$70.00/hr.
Magic Touch Construction 59 NW Front Street Keyport, New Jersey	Plumber: Helper:	\$79.90/hr. \$39.45/hr.
Donnelly Plumbing Services 1004 N. Shore Drive Brigantine, New Jersey	Plumber: Helper:	\$69.75/hr. \$49.00/hr.

Sergio Panunzio, Superintendent of Public Works reported that the bid of Donnelly Plumbing Services was the low 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 Mr. Capodice, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the contract for plumbing services, be awarded to Donnelly Plumbing Services, the bid price set forth in their sealed proposal, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Sealed bids were received in the Meeting Room at Municipal Headquarters, for uniform rental services for the Department of Public Works.

An award of contract to American Wear Inc., at their low bid not to exceed \$26,000.00.

The Bids received and opened were as follows:

Cinitas 546 Green Lane Union, New Jersey	Laundering once a week Supervisors: \$ 9.85 Subordinates: \$11.65 No Laundering Supervisors: \$ 6.30 Subordinates: \$ 7.42
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American Wear
261 No. 18th Street
East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Laundering once a week
Supervisors: \$ 9.95
Subordinates: \$ 6.50
No Laundering
Supervisors: \$ 6.95
Subordinates: \$ 4.50

Sergio Panunzio, Superintendent of Public Works reported that the bid of American Wear was the low 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 uniform rental services for the Department of Public Works, be awarded to American Wear 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. Terrezza, 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 October 26, 2006, approved by respective Departments as being correct.

On motion of Mr. Terrezza, seconded by Mrs. Restivo, and carried, the Township Committee authorized payment of Community Development Agency Bills in the amount of \$25,617.00.

COMMUNICATION:

From: Terri Malanda, Tax Collector, Re: Requesting the Township Committee authorize a check to the following representing the redemption of a tax sale certificate:

NAME	CERT#	AMOUNT	LOCATION
Crusader Lien Services	08-00048	\$ 6,922.93 \$15,000.00	1218 Commerce Ave

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

From: Donna Steinmetz, Third Vice President, Investors Savings Bank, 977-979 Stuyvesant Avenue, Re: Requesting permission to hang a 101" x 48" banner for an additional thirty (30) days to promote their "Optimum Business Banking Program".

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

From: Mike Thomas, Butler Sign, 130 Ryerson Avenue, Wayne, NJ, Re: Requesting permission to hang a 24' x 4' banner at Whole Foods, located at 2245 Springfield Avenue, for thirty (30) days to advertise the store's opening on October 29, 2008.

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

From: Richard Malanda, Construction Code Official, Re: Requesting the release of two (2) \$10,000.00 surety bonds posted by Yannuzzi & Son for the demolition of 2936 Vauxhall Road and 15 West Line Avenue.

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

From: Philip Haderer, Township Engineer, Re: Requesting payments to the following;

- A. Quality Electrical Construction Co., payment no. 1 in the amount of \$18,000.00 for work completed through October 15, 2008 on the Biertuempfel Park Sports Lighting Tennis Courts Project
- B. Denbar Construction, Inc., payment no. 1 in the amount of \$47,647.60 for work completed through October 23, 2008 on the 2008 CDBG Road Improvement Program Project

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

From: Marie Rocco, Union Resident, Re: Requesting a refund in the amount of \$50.00 for an overpayment of a Property Rental Registration.

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

From: Lori Paldino, Manager, Liberty Travel, 2180 Route 22 Island, Re: Requesting permission to hang a 6' x 10' banner on both sides of Route 22 from November 14 through December 14, 2008 advising of their price guarantees.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. CAPODICE:

Mr. Capodice congratulated the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Troop #68 for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Capodice wished to thank Barbara Garrabrants for the invitation allowing the Committee to conduct their Township Meeting in such a Historical Church.

Mr. Capodice congratulated all those who received Fire Department

promotions and wished them continued success.

Mr. Capodice invited everyone to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony to be held at Memorial Park on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Capodice announced that the next Conference and Regular Township Meetings will be held on Monday, November 10, 2008, for Tuesday November 11, 2008 the Municipal Building will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

MR. FLORIO:

Mr. Florio congratulated the Scouts from Troop #68 for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Florio wished to thank Connecticut Farms Church for allowing the Committee to conduct their Township Meeting in such a Historical Church and this being the Bicentennial year of the Township.

Mr. Florio congratulated all those who received Fire Department promotions and wished them continued success.

Mr. Florio announced that the Health Department will be conducting two additional Senior Citizens Flu Clinics, on November 17, 2008 at the Municipal Building and on November 24, 2008 at the First Baptist Church, on Hilton Avenue. Mr. Florio urged seniors to call the Health Department at 851-5461 for additional information.

Concerning a report of the Recreation Department for the month of October 2008, indicating activities and total fees received in the month, Mr. Florio moved the report be accepted for filing.

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

MRS. RESTIVO:

Mrs. Restivo congratulated the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Troop #68 for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mrs. Restivo wished to thank Barbara Garrabrants for the invitation allowing the Committee to conduct their Township Meeting in such a Historical Church.

Mrs. Restivo congratulated all those who received Fire Department promotions and wished them continued success.

Mrs. Restivo announced that leaf pick up will begin on October 27, 2008 and if residents need additional bags they can pick them up at the Department of Public Works.

Mrs. Restivo announced that the Library offers many interesting programs and residents should take advantage of these wonderful programs.

MR. TERREZZA:

Mr. Terrezza congratulated the Scouts from Troop #68 for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

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MR. PEOPLE:

Mr. People wished to thank Barbara Garrabrants for the invitation allowing the Committee to conduct their Township Meeting in such a Historical Church.

Mr. People congratulated the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Troop #68 for the fine job they did in reciting the Prayer and Salute to the Flag.

Mr. People congratulated all those who received promotions in the Fire Department and wished them well.

Mr. People read a letter sent to him by a resident commending Diana Rutledge for her help and concern during a difficult time. The letter also stated that Mrs. Rutledge went out of her way to help her.

Mr. People read a brief statement explaining the Charter Study and what it involves.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Fran Metta, Kathleen Terrace, wished to thank Judge Barisonek on his fair decision concerning the redevelopment. Ms. Metta would like to see the Township and the property owner's work together to help improve the Center.

Bill Nicholas, Adams Avenue, stated that during the redevelopment talks the Township assured the property owners that eminent domain would not be used and then went back on their word.

Diane Castrillion, Lillian Terrace, stated that she was happy with Judge Barisonek's decision concerning the redevelopment. Ms. Castrillion stated that Mr. Terrezza was quoted in the newspapers as saying that the Township Committee had meeting with the property owners concerning the redevelopment plans and she explained that was not true. Mr. Terrezza informed her that there were numerous meetings and she attended at least 3 or 4 of those meetings. Mr. People explained that all the Township Committee tried to do was to help revitalize Union Center.

Ms Castrillion questioned how much it has cost the residents of the Township for this redevelopment plan? Mr. Antonelli explained he doesn't have it at this time but she can complete an OPRA request and it will be provided.

Fran Metta, Kathleen Terrace stated that it is very difficult for small business to survive in Union Center people go to Rt. 22 and the malls.

Roxanne Ciampi, Beechwood Avenue, stated that property owners and residents should put things behind them and try to work together.

Ms. Ciampi explained that the Charter Study Committee would examine the existing government and see what changes would work best to improve it, the

voters would have the final decision.

Diana Rutledge, T&M Associate wished to be heard concerning all the publicity that has been going on in the newspapers and in political flyers, concerning nepotism. She explained that everyone has taken tests, passed test and do a fine job. Mrs. Rutledge stated that employees have families and feelings and should not be attacked in public.

Bill Nicholas, Adams Avenue, apologized for his previous comments and realized he misunderstood.

Bob Decker, Lillian Terrace, could not believe how Mr. Terrezza spoke to Ms. Castrillion. Mr. Terrezza apologized and requested that she address the Committee with respect and not attack them.

Chris Brandt, Bailey Avenue, asked the audience to remember that they are in a church and should show respect and go in peace.

Dated: October 28, 2008

Clifton People, Jr., Chairman
of the Township Committee
of the Township of Union
in the County of Union.

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk