

Union Dale Council Minutes

February 5, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public comment: Each person will have 5 minutes to present their concerns to the council. Comments can only be taken from people paying taxes to the borough.

Resident /vendor states that Susquehanna County webpage needs to be updated. His name is incorrectly listed as the contact to call for downed trees in Union Dale Boro.

Minutes from the previous meeting: previously reviewed minutes presented to approval. Motion to approve made by Donna 2nd by Ann Marie All in favor, motion passes.

Correspondence since last meeting: will be read aloud for consideration.

- HNB pledged securities.
- Susq Cnty Annual information letter- *need signature from Pres council
- Susq Cnty Tax Claim Cert- From Joe Needs signed??
- DGK Ins 3/14 renew Selective policy Price increase-blanket bond policy
- Tax bills change of processing
- Susq Cnty Conservation Dist- Event 4/26 Elk Mountain- donation for Envirothon
- Susq Cnty Emergency management Training for elected officials 3/8
- HNB Tax document
- Ed Jones annual certification letter
- 2024 tax Muni tax info form- need signatures

Receipts:

- RE TAX Joe Svecz \$ 397.11
- Berkheimer EIT \$679.38

Treasurer's Report

- General DDA \$ 58,912.67

- General MM \$154,425.03 (interest \$131.04)
- LF DDA \$15,106.99
- LF MM \$5,863.65 (interest \$3.64)
- Edward Jones 3 CD's \$119,068.43
- HNB Sewer CD \$ 53,431.15

Bills:

- DEBIT- Dollar Tree Office supplies \$5.30
- DEBIT- Tax 1099- \$18.43 (3 vendors total)
- DEBIT- Amazon ink cartridge \$29.97
- DEBIT- PSAT Diane's class \$175.00
- #1589 Diane Gomola \$445.14
- #1590 VOID
- #1591 Marissa McAndrew- \$150.00
- #1592 Forest City News- \$46.00
- #1593 Joe Svecz \$19.86
- Bill pay PPL boro hall \$13.38 (Jan)
- Bill Pay- PPL boro hall \$ 29.24 (Feb)
- Bill pay PPL Utility poles \$653.29 (Feb)

LIQUID FUELS DDA

- # 126 Zembrzycki Excavating \$1,795.00
- Motion to pay bills made by Donna, 2nd by AnnMarie, all in favor, motion passes.

Borough reports

- Mayor's report Teri reports she had a few calls & emails with residents complaining of poor plowing on Mountain Rd. Council acknowledges that date of that snow storm was heavy wet & difficult task.
- Committee reports- none

Unfinished business

- Non-responded 1/1/24 email to Tom to review / approve Fire Form AG 385-needs signed -Tom will review via email that Diane will resend to him.
- Volunteer insurance policy- pot hole repairs- Open discussion .. Motion by Donna to take out the additional volunteer waiver policy for \$500, and authorize Diane to pay the full premium prior to next council meeting. 2nd by Tom, all in favor, motion passes.
- Vote to remove \$250. daily limit for debit card- Motion to approve by Joe, 2nd by Donna. All in favor motion passes.
- Open discussion to appoint a secondary solicitor- open discussion, Joe has contacted Jeff Levine in Carbondale who is happy to agree. The secretary/Treasurer position was inadvertently left off last meeting
- Motion made by Tom to appoint Jeff Levine of Carbondale as secondary solicitor., and Diane Gomola as secretary/Treasurer -2nd by Ann Marie, all in favor, motion passes.

New Business:

- Letter for Norton Hill Rd LF expenditure- safety reasons for tree cutting. Letter was composed noting the safety hazard the felled and assorted trees were creating on Norton Hill Rd for drivers as well as drainage issues.
- 2/8/24 Diane meets with LF service agent to complete last form & audit of LF DDA account. Diane will ask for assistance on proper inclusions needed on any vendor invoices received in future.
- Mike Fortuner returned his boro hall key.
- Joe states that no permits were currently required with floodplain reports. But open discussion as to reminding the public via our webpage that sewer, and building permits are required in Union Dale Borough.
- Most recent invoice from Zembrzycki for plowing in 2024 was received via email after agenda went to press. Open discussion on cost analysis possibility of purchasing our own plow in future. Purchase discussion is tabled. Donna makes motion to pay invoice #1163 and amend the agenda. 2nd by Ann Marie, Motion passes with 4 yay votes & 1 nay.

- Open discussion on getting police assistance for the borough- further investigation needed.

Current officials for Union Dale Borough

Mayor- Teri Madrid
Ann Marie Saam- President
Donna Tedesco- Vice President
Tom Yale- council /Emergency Management officer
Joe McAndrew council/ Floodplain management officer
Bill Wolfe- council
Auditors- Carol Hale, Vashti Conrad & Annie Wolfe
Secretary/Treasurer -Diane Gomola
Justin Ford- Sewer enforcement officer
Bob Bates -Building permit officer
Don Bennet -code enforcement officer
Joe Svecz- Tax collector
Marissa McAndrew- Solicitor
Jeff Levine- secondary Solicitor

Public comment: public has 3 minutes to express concerns. Only comments from persons who pay taxes to the borough are allowed.

Meeting adjourned. 7:43 PM motion to adjourn by Donna, 2nd by Joe, All in favor.

