TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE WORK SESSION August 12, 2024

The Council held a work session meeting on August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall. Notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at the Town Hall, on the Town's website, and provision to the Carroll County Times. Those present were Mayor Perry L. Jones Jr.; Laura Conaway; Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; and Cheri Thompson. Amy Kalin and Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf were absent.

PLANNING AND ZONING

-Logan Grossnickle's term on Planning and Zoning will be ending. He has agreed to continue serving and the council will need to reappoint him at the August council meeting.

PARKING COMPLAINT

-The Town received a complaint about FloodZone patrons parking at the Donald D. Wilson walking trail. The Council discussed it and agreed that there is no way that we can enforce the parking.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

BRET GROSSNICKLE

-Mr. Grossnickle shared the letter that the Town will mail to property owners regarding MDE's Service Line Inventory requirement.

-The WWTP upgrade is in limbo. MDE questions how the Town will pay for the upgrade, but we cannot take on any more debt. The old plant is in bad shape. The Town should consider taking the grant money and upgrading the existing plant to prevent a catastrophic event.

LAURA CONAWAY

- -Ms. Conaway presented the MDTwoFifty resolution to see if there was interest in participating in America's 250th birthday celebration. As it is a resolution, it should be voted on at the August council meeting.
- -Reviewed parking tickets that should be dismissed, due to out-of-state tags, temporary tags, etc. This will be voted on at the August council meeting. Cheri Thompson has a ticket that she is disputing for fogged glass. She has been instructed to recuse herself from the vote at the council meeting.
- -Received complaint from property owner of 136-138 W. Broadway that a truck has been parked in front of their property for too long and requested action. Leda has chalked and issued three (3) citations. Deputy McGinnis is in training this week and cannot speak to the truck owner until Saturday (8/17). Council agreed that Leda should continue to take pictures every day, but not issue any more tickets until Deputy McGinnis speaks to them.
- -Reminder that the Hampstead MML dinner is on Wednesday, September 11th, not Thursday night.
- -Ms. Conaway was holding monthly meetings at Shriner Court for residents. The meetings were then held every other month, and then quarterly. Because residents are happy with the property manager, Joy Bowman, no one showed up to the last scheduled meeting. The council discussed the meetings and agreed that they should be held on an as-needed basis, driven by residents' concerns.

CHERI THOMPSON

-Ms. Thompson reported some lights to First Energy.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

-Ms. Cutsail stated that the ballfield grass was not mowed. She reached out to Taneytown Lions Baseball and it has been rectified.

AMY KALIN

-Ms. Kalin was absent.

MAYOR JONES

-Mayor Jones stated that Colleen Williar notified him that the Williar Alley sign near the Brethren Church is missing.

The August council meeting will be held on August 26, 2024.

The September work session meeting will be held on September 9, 2024.

Clerk-Treasurer

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