# Uniontown Town Council Minutes June 9, 2021

## 1. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Present were councilmembers Mike Shore, Brian Davies, Jack Espy and Sam Kimble. Clerk Treasurer Ann-Marie Zuniga and Maintenance Supervisor Brent Lane.

## 2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES and APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The Mayor called for a vote to approve the consent calendar. Mike Shore requested that the Treasurer's Report be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Brian brought up a name correction on the prior minutes. The Mayor moved to approved the modified Consent Calendar. Passed unanimously.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Lynn had a question on park fees and charging for large events and if this was going to be monitored. Why was this organization being charged and others were not. Discussion clarified that we were not charging for the event but on a reservation as there is an Ordinance on the books for a refundable deposit if they want to reserve the entire park.
- B. Regarding Lynn's question last month on park safety and brush trimming. The Town Clerk reported that the Town Attorney had commented that there was more of a risk with someone being pulled into a bathroom. There was a slight risk of liability of the bushes were severely overgrown, but there had been a case similar (with a private business).
- C. Lynn wanted to know if we were only going to send letters to all non-compliant property owners or only a few. What was going to be addressed first. Discussion brough forth that a list will be compiled of all violations and letters mailed by the Town Clerk.

# 5. PLANNING & ZONING

- A. Brian had nothing currently to report.
- B. Mike Shore brought up the issues discussed in the past with the overgrowth of grass and weeds on vacant lots and asked if that fell under P&Z. It falls under code and not P&Z. Discussion ensued on properties that are out of compliance for yard code and other code violations. Mike asked the mayor about drafting letters to non-compliant property owners and residents until we determine how we will proceed with code enforcement. Consensus was to get started on creating a list. The Town clerk will obtain property owners information for rental properties.
- C. Brian confirmed that land use violations should be forwarded to him for the commission to determine if it is a violation and to issue a Finding of Fact. Housing per the land use

- ordinance must have a foundation and a valid building permit. A trailer can only be lived in during construction.
- D. Brent brought up the violations where people are living in trailers on properties and there have been complaints. The consensus was that a letter would be a good start.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike's question on the Treasurer's Report was to clarify if Mr. Handley's last pay period 5/4 transaction 467? The Clerk verified that the last check for Joe was transaction 537 on 5/31 which was his last pay period worked. Mike made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report that was removed from the Consent Calendar. Brian seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

#### 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. The mayor will not be in town for the next meeting and requested that the July meeting date be changed from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Council approved of this change which will be published.

## 8. BUILDING INSPECTOR

Not present

#### 9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- A. The archaeological study for the water project has been completed but no results have been reported at this time.
- B. Inland Telephone is jumping drops into homes now and hopefully they will not disturb the newly oiled streets.
- C. Brent asked if a meeting had been arranged with the Co-op board and it has not been scheduled at this time.

#### 10. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

- A. We received notification of the American Rescue Plan grants and we will be getting approximately \$90 K over 2 years.
- B. Included in your packet were the ordinance and resolution on park rentals. This information was reviewed as to intent and possibility of changing in the future. Covered was the \$250 refundable reservation fee. If repairs are needed council votes on how much of the deposit will be retained. Regarding the fee for restroom expense discussion will continue after this event. The consensus was that we should be able to recover some of the town costs on restroom expense. This ordinance has not been used in the recent past and Brian was unsure of why this had come up. Signs will be put up next week for the reservation. Also discussed was posting and putting in the newsletter the information that the park can be reserved. Also discussed was a special event permit that ensures that liability insurance is had by the party reserving the park (per sample from Clarkston

- included in the packet). The clerk will contact the Town attorney to get his take on this issue. For this reservation there will not be a form in place, but the clerk will ask if they have insurance. Council agreed.
- C. The MRSC information on service fees for credit cards in also in the packet. The bank said that pay 3.5% but I cannot see where it is that high. The main issue is that we have a customer paying monthly with a credit card from Canada and the fees are over \$25 a month. Sam wanted to know if this was run as a debit card would there be fees. Restated that these were international fees and they are always charged. For debit cards the Town Clerk needs to call the bank again to verify if fees are the same for debit and credit cards.

## 11. ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Dave Jacobs made a motion to adjourn at 7:13pm. and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor, Dave Jacobs

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer, Ann-Marie Zuniga