

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McBride called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

- 2. **"Sunshine Law" Announcement** - Adequate notice of this public meeting provided by the Special Notice; published in the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

|              | Present | Absent |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino | X       |        |
| Mr. Mazza    | X       |        |
| Mr. Hirt     | X       |        |
| Ms. McBride  | X       |        |
| Mr. Bischoff |         | X      |

Also present: J.P. Jost, Attorney, Robert Clerico, P.E. and Ella M. Ruta, Twp. Clerk

**5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes and Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2014.

| b. Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino      | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza         |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt          |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff      |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**OUT OF AGENDA ORDER**

- a. The following resolution introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2014 – 48**  
**Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the**  
**Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program , including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.
7. \_\_\_ Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
8. X Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in public session on March 19, 2014 at 6:57 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

**THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED**

UNION TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING March 19, 2014**

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

Motion to come out of Executive Session at about 7:14 p.m.

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**Motion: To authorize Committeeman Mazza to send an offer of employment to the individual we discussed in Executive Session on a temporary basis on the terms that we discussed.**

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**RETURN TO AGENDA ORDER**

**6. VISITORS**

Quakertown Fire Company – EMS Services, Brad Patkochis, Deputy Chief. Talked about changes in the last six months and a recap of 2013. As of February 1, 2014 we added two fire fighters /EMTs that are on duty from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Paul Gresko Lieutenant of EMS Division of Quakertown Fire Co. - Gave out handouts to the Committee and spoke about the history of the EMS. The Mayor thanked the presenters. I appreciate the pitch that you made for us. Obviously, we need to talk to Quakertown EMS also and I will speak to the Committee and if they agree we will be inviting them to our next meeting to make a presentation similar to yours and then we will talk from there.

**7. REPORTS RECEIVED**

- a. Dept. of Roads & Facilities- Week Ending 3/01/2014; 3/07/2014
- b. Animal Control Officer – February 2014
- c. Municipal Court – February 2014
- d. Tax Collector – February 2014

**OUT OF AGENDA ORDER**

Mr. Mazza asked if the next time we are going to ask questions of Quakertown EMS. Mr. Severino stated that just to be clear we are not putting this EMS service out to bid. We had contact from Quakertown Fire that wanted to come in talk to us and we said sure come on in. It is not as though we have any issue with Quakertown Volunteer EMS. We do not have a problem there, there was no dissatisfaction, it was not our idea and we are not looking to bid out services. We are very happy with what we have now. Mr. Hirt stated that he was curious why Quakertown took over the other rescue squad and try to put them out of business is basically what they are doing.

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- e. Engineer's Report
  - Race St. guiderail was installed on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the installation was inspected through our office and we will be processing payment vouchers.
  - The old Municipal Building - the contractor came Monday to demolish the building and finished up the operation on Tuesday. There are some contractual issues to clear up.
  - Municipal Building foundation drain - we scheduled the work for today for the subsurface investigation. Overview of the condition of the drain pipes. General conclusion is that the water is not adequately reaching the pipes. I will provide the formal report after reviewing the films.
  - Elizabethtown Gas Road Opening Permit - Developer will follow up.
  - Cooks Cross Road capital improvement.
  - Route 173 improvements from exit 11 to exit 13 over lay work by DOT still on target for completion this summer.
  - DOT project Perryville Rd Section IIA, plan specs and estimate approved by DOT and we have authorization from DOT to proceed to bid whenever we are ready.
  - Frontage Road Bridge near Foster Wheeler - Did some work two weeks ago and finished it this last Saturday.
  - Gravel Hill Road - I am getting estimates for speed survey.
- f. Trooper Walsh - reported on burglaries of unlocked vehicles at Union Gap Village in February.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Hirt reported the following correspondence: None

Mr. Severino reported the following correspondence: None

Mr. Mazza reported the following correspondence: None

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Patty Meeker, Quakertown Volunteer EMS - Talked about her reasons for being an EMS Volunteer. I know that Quakertown Fire would like to take over coverage of our area in Union Township and I am here to request that it remains under the service of Quakertown Volunteer EMS. I wrote a letter to Mayor McBride that the Committee has copies. Mr. Hirt asked why did Quakertown try to basically eliminate you and start their own. Ms. Meeker responded that she didn't know
- Ken Weinberg, Chief Quakertown Volunteer EMS - My opinion is it was a financial situation the fire company was becoming a fire district and they need call volume to justify it. There was a lot going on behind the scenes with the OEM Coordinator and one ex-mayor who really pushed the situation between the fire company and the squad.
- Kurt Derwid, Pattenburg Rescue Squad I wish there was a period of time that you opened up to question to Quakertown Fire and Rescue for people in the audience. I will have more questions.

- Kevin Sferra, 36 Cooks Cross Road – Talked about the extreme erosion on Cooks Cross Road and the removal of his property from the 319 Sidney Brook Grant and asking the Township to respond in writing as to reason for the removal of his property. The Mayor responded that according to Dr. Souza the DEP no longer will accept or will approve projects on private property. The Mayor will re-confirm with Dr. Souza.
- Committeeman Severino asked to return to the Quakertown EMS situation. This has the appearance of an unnecessary catcall where we are going to bring Quakertown Volunteer into our next meeting. We had an offer from Quakertown Fire and we have a 25-year history from the squad that is serving us now. I think that in order to ease some minds I would like to put a motion on the table to retain the First Aid Squad that we have now. I do not think we need to bring the First Aid Squad in at our next meeting and discuss and then vote on it. We never had any intention on changing services, we had a request to come in and explain what they were offering to us and we obliged them to come in. I do not see any reason to delay further what appears to be a decision on what we are going to do here. The Mayor responded that her own feeling that they said one thing that I thought was interesting and that was that they had two people on staff from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the building. I know that the other three parts of the town have staffed emergency services during the day and this is the only part of town that does not. Matt responded that nothing is broken, I really know what we have and know what has been offered, I would like to put a motion on the table to stay with the EMS company that we currently have and basically deny the offer that was proposed to us tonight. Mayor asked without any further information. Mr. Severino responded that he has enough and I do not need any more quite honestly.

**Motion: To respectfully decline the Quakertown Fire Company offer and continue with the present Quakertown Volunteer EMS and existing service.**

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          |      | X    |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**10. PUBLIC HEARING**

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2014 - 49**

**DRIVEWAY ESCROW REFUND**

**John Belden**  
**50 Cooks Cross Road**  
**Pittstown, NJ 08867**  
**Block 27 Lot 8.02**

**WHEREAS**, John Belden did post a driveway inspection fee escrow account for a work at Block 27 Lot 8.02, and

**WHEREAS**, the work and inspections are complete and all invoices have been paid,

**WHEREAS**, there is a remaining balance of \$499.75 in the escrow account,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the balance of this escrow account, in the amount of \$499.75 be refunded to John Belden.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Union at a meeting held on March 19, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried.

b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION 2014-50  
Excavation Bond Refund  
John Belden  
50 Cooks Cross Road  
Pittstown, NJ 08867  
Block 27 Lot 8.02**

**WHEREAS**, John Belden, did post an excavation bond, in the amount of \$500.00, for work performed at Block 27 Lot 8.02, and

**WHEREAS**, the work and inspections are complete, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the excavation bond in the amount of

\$500.00, be released to John Belden,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Union at a meeting held on March 19, 2014

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ella Malecki Ruta, Clerk

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried subject to Attorney review

c. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2014-51**

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
APPOINTMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey state law requires the Township of Union to appoint an Emergency Management Council (LEPC) for which the Emergency Management Coordinator serves as chairperson.

**WHEREAS**, all required Municipal and County departments and first responder agencies are represented on the LEPC. (The list of members of the Union Township LEPC is attached.) Cooperatively, this group updates the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the township Committee of the Township of Union to appoint listed LEPC members to the Emergency Management Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michele McBride, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ella M. Ruta, RMC

Municipal Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Ella M. Ruta, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on March 19, 2014.

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Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Glen Roth           | Union Township OEM Coordinator                                |
| Pending Appointment | Union Township Deputy OEM Coordinator                         |
| Michele McBride     | Union Township Mayor  |
| Bruce Hirt          | Union Township 911 Coordinator                                |
| Grace Brennan       | Union Township Chief Financial Officer                        |
| Jeffrey Bender      | Union Township Superintendent of Schools                      |
| Laura Roerig        | Union Township Animal Program Manager                         |
| Catherine Kopec     | Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Director       |
| Shu-Chen Chiang     | Hunterdon County Div. of Public Health Services Division Head |
| Tadhgh Rainey       | Hunterdon County Public Health Director                       |
| Dan Van Fossen      | Pattensburg Volunteer Fire Company Chief                      |
| Mark Mason          | Pattensburg Rescue Squad Captain                              |
| Ella Melicki Ruta   | Union Township Public Assistance Person                       |
| Robert Clerico      | Union Township Engineer                                       |
| Craig Hermann       | Union Township Road Department Foreman                        |

Station Commander

New Jersey State Police Perryville

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

d. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2014-52  
UNION TOWNSHIP; HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**AUTHORIZING 2014 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT; ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES; Stephen J. Souza, Ph. D.; Princeton Hydro, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Union has a need for environmental consultant services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44-A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the contract may exceed the threshold amount established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(b); and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

**WHEREAS**, PRINCETON HYDRO LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that PRINCETON HYDRO LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Union in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit PRINCETON HYDRO LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services agreement with Princeton Hydro, LLC, (Stephen J. Souza, Ph. D.) for environmental consulting services at the rate of 176.00 per hour;
2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. Approval of the attached Contract is subject to availability and appropriation of sufficient funds as may be required in the **2014** temporary/permanent Municipal budgets.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper.

Date: March 19, 2014

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., I, Grace M. Brennan, as Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Union, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriated funds in the **2014** Temporary/Adopted Budget to award a contract to Stephen J. Souza, Ph. D.; Princeton Hydro, LLC, as appropriated under the line item \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grace M. Brennan, CFO

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| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

- e. **Motion to Approve:** - Request by Tim Strand for the Mayor to sign a letter to DOT; no objection for flying hot air balloons

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

- f. **Motion to Approve:** - 2014 Application for Trailer Coach Park License

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

- g. **Discussion/Motion to Approve:** - Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Pilot Travel Centers LLC

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

## **14. REPORTS**

### **a. Attorney's Report**

- Master Plan Amendment Ordinance - Attorney Anderson and I are satisfied with the revisions at this time. I will introduce it at the next meeting. On both the Master Plan and Affordable Housing Ordinances we need a blessing from the Planning Board.
- I circulated preliminary drafts of the Fire Department Ordinance for review.
- Leigh Gas and Louise's Diner, trying to set up a meeting
- Executive Session

### **b. Committee Report**

Mr. Frank Mazza reported the following:

- Gravel Hill Road – Discussed options that we can pursue.
- Getting three quotes to pick up grit and sweep the roads.
- Pilot spring loaded stop sign is gone. The Mayor will call the Pilot Manager about the stop sign.
- The park will re-open after this week and we put up the portable toilets.

Mr. Severino reported the following:

- The grant application for recycling containers rejected. I will look into other containers.
- Security cameras quotes, we need two more. I will wait until the drainage is fixed. I have a new sign for the recycling center.

Mr. Hirt reported the following:

- Second meeting re: Community Day

Mayor McBride reported the following for Mr. Bischoff:

- The quote courtesy of Mr. Severino "The wolf that watches two rabbits starves." Tzun Tzu
- Several items for Executive Session – negotiations.

### **c. Mayor's Report**

- Executive Session
- Recreation Committee Meeting last night and they will be submitting a proposal to increase some rec fees. They would also like to modify the large baseball field because of lack of use. They will come in to talk to us about what they would like to do. I thanked them all for their hard work as volunteers.
- Free trees grant was approved and we will be giving away free trees on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon or until they run out. Anyone who wants to join us we have a few folks from 8 to 10 and from 10 to 12 giving them out. Five trees per resident.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> I met with OEM Coordinator Glenn Roth to review the emergency operations plan component.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bischoff and I contacted Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno to talk to her about the Foster Wheeler sale to AMEC. She was very responsive and asked for more information. She will get back to us

and will contact the appropriate people to get more information. We expressed that we wanted to keep Foster Wheeler here and would appreciate any help she can provide.

- New Public Health Officer is Karen DeMarco.
- Bethlehem Presbyterian Volunteers are willing to come on July 27<sup>th</sup> to work with us as volunteers at Finn Road Park or Municipal Building Yard
- Parade on March 22, 2014. I will talk to Mr. Bischoff about attending for Union Township.
- Former Municipal Building site. I showed a design for a gravel driveway on the site.

**d. Clerk’s Report**

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**16. PAYMENTS OF BILLS**

The approved list of bills and all claims against the Township of Union as appearing in the Claims Register of this date paid and that all checks listed hereinafter issued in payment thereof.

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Contract Negotiations**

The following Resolution introduced for adoption:

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3. \_\_\_\_\_Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program , including but not limited to information relative to the individual’s personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

4. \_\_\_\_\_Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

5. \_\_\_\_\_Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

6. \_\_\_\_\_Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

7. X Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

8 X Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

9. \_\_\_\_\_Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in public session on March 19, 2014 at 8:52 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion to go into Elexcutive Session at 8:52 p.m.

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |

**THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED**

UNION TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING March 19, 2014

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| Mr. Hirt     |  |  | X |  |  |   |
| Ms. McBride  |  |  | X |  |  |   |
| Mr. Bischoff |  |  |   |  |  | X |

Motion carried

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:12 p.m.

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**Motion: To appoint Kathy Marcell as alternate Municipal Engineer for the Township for such matters determined when there is a conflict for the regular Engineer. Subject to contract review.**

| Roll Call Vote | Moved | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|-------|----------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Severino   |       | X        | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Mazza      | X     |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Hirt       |       |          |      | X    |         |        |
| Ms. McBride    |       |          | X    |      |         |        |
| Mr. Bischoff   |       |          |      |      |         | X      |

Motion carried

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Mr. Mazza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

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Prepared by: Patricia Essig, Deputy Clerk

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Michele McBride, Mayor