

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McBride called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 19, 2014.

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

6. VISITORS

- a. Gabe Sipos – inquiring about farming opportunities within the Township (no show)

OUT OF AGENDA ORDER – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Quakertown Rescue Squad Stu Hutchinson Chief of Quakertown Volunteer EMS – gave an overview of the squad and is in favor of keeping their in service in Union Township.

The Mayor suggested opening Public Comments now that concern only the rescue squad situation.
 John Scott, 310 Gano Rd spoke in support of Pattenburg and Quakertown Volunteer EMS.
 Debbie Hirt, 40 Springhouse Lane, Pattenburg spoke in support of the Quakertown Volunteer EMS.
 Kevin Haggerty, 19 Wyckoff Drive sent a letter in support of further unbiased investigation.
 Don Van Fossen, Sr. not in favor of change
 Kurt Derwid 745 Rt. 625 spoke as a volunteer not in favor of Quakertown fire, supports QVEMS
 Thomas Cannan 11 Grove Farm Road spoke in support of Quakertown Fire EMS
 Dan Van Fossen. Pattenburg fire chief in favor of working together.
 Mark Mason Union Township in favor of keeping Quakertown Volunteer EMS

Ken Weinberg Chief of Quakertown Fire Co. in support of QVEMS

The Mayor closed the Public Comment.

RETURN TO AGENDA ORDER

7. REPORTS RECEIVED

- a. Dept. of Roads & Facilities- Week Ending 3/14/14, 3/21/14, 3/28/14
 - b. Zoning Officer – March 2014
 - c. Engineer – submitted
- Old Municipal Building demolition project. Building is down, some contractual issues for removal of fence and paper work not received from the contractor. There is another issue of the invoicing of the project.
 - The Municipal building foundation drain assignment. I gave a summary at the last meeting. I was asked for a details and I gave copies to the committee members. Gave a summary of the report and answered questions from the Committee. Next three steps are to do the location survey, develop the base map and come up with a concept plan to present to you and some next cost estimates associated with it. We will begin to work on the Ordinance.
 - Elizabethtown Gas extension on Race St. All technical issues have been resolved and have been authorized to proceed. I do not have a schedule from them as to when they intend to begin the project.
 - Rt. 173 plans for Exit 11 to 13 overlay an overall change in status.
 - Perryville Road Sec. 2A in front of the building we have advertised for those bids to be received on April 30th. Once we have the ordinance on the bids we will introduce the funding ordinance at your May 7th meeting, adopt at June 4th meeting, award contract at June 18th meeting and construction to start on June 30th.
 - Gravel Hill Road - I issued a memo. I exchanged emails with DOT with their confirmation that their review and approval of any kind of a traffic ordinance relating to speed is not required but we are not required to do anything other than the statutory speed limit classifications. We need to do our own engineering and traffic investigation. The Committee discussed options of how to proceed.
 - Cooks Cross Road I spoke with the CFO earlier about the repairs on Cooks Cross Road via the Morristown Co-op.

OUT OF AGENDA ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chief Mason talked about Gravel Hill Road. Coming off of Rt. 579 onto Gravel Hill Road there are signs posted there that are yellow “15 mph children playing” you almost have to come to a dead stop on Rt. 579 in order to make the speed transition. There are a few people that use that road as if it were their own private path and all of those houses are set way back.
- Debbie Hirt offered information that Gravel Hill Rd can qualify for a road grant because it is between two county roads.

RETURN TO AGENDA ORDER

8. CORRESPONDENCE / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hirt reported the following correspondence: None

Mr. Severino reported the following correspondence:

NJDOT Re: Generator Adopted Controller Cabinet. Advised that the traffic signal at Rt. 173 and Charlestown Road will be adaptable to a generator and it will be the Township’s responsibility. The Engineer will talk to the Attorney about it because Rt. 173 is a State road and not the Township’s jurisdiction. A call to DOT for clarification as to why they are sending it to us would be appropriate.

Mr. Bischoff reported the following correspondence:

- Mayor’s Advisories:
 - NJ Supreme Court Vacates Appellate Order on COAH. COAH will adopt new regulations by May 1, 2014 and published in the June 2 *New Jersey Register*
 - National Agriculture Day Just One Week Away.
 - March National Ethics Awareness Month.
- Union Forge Heritage Association Re: Solitude Heritage Museum Dedication Ceremony. Invitation to the grand opening of the Solitude Heritage Museum on July 5, 2014.

Mr. Mazza reported the following correspondence:

- What is the status for the recommendations for compliance for the road crew. Clerk replied they are working on it.

Ms. McBride reported the following correspondence: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none at this time

10. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2014-2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30-27 OF THE
LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGARDING THE COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE AND
EXPENDITURE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES**

Motion to Open Public Hearing

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino		X				
Mr. Mazza						
Mr. Hirt						
Ms. McBride						
Mr. Bischoff	X					

Motion carried by favorable unanimous voice vote

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent

Mr. Severino						
Mr. Mazza		X				
Mr. Hirt						
Ms. McBride						
Mr. Bischoff	X					

Motion carried by favorable unanimous voice vote

Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2014-2 on second and final reading

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

Motion carried

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading

NOTICE

Please Take Notice that the following Ordinance was adopted on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the 2nd day of April, 2014. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law. Notice is hereby given that the said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held on the 7th day of May, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Ella M. Ruta, RMC
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 2014-3

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE
LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP’S MASTER PLAN RE-
EXAMINATION REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Union Township Planning Board (“Planning Board”), in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28, adopted a Master Plan and subsequently prepared and adopted various documents to guide development within the Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 provides that each municipality within the State of New Jersey periodically re-examine its Master Plan and prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings of such reexamination; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2013 the Planning Board considered, at a public hearing, the findings in a reexamination report entitled “Draft Re-Examination Report, Township of Union, Hunterdon County” (“Report”),

dated, November 2013, prepared by Carl E. Hintz, PP, AICP, LLA, ASLA, consisting of 12 pages; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the Report on the findings of the reexamination at said public hearing in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89; and

WHEREAS, the Report contained recommendations regarding modification of certain development regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Land Use Code of the Township of Union, Section 30-3.3, 1the Zoning District Map, Section 30-2.b., and Section 30-15., is hereby amended in accordance with the findings of the aforementioned Report as follows:

- 1) **30-3.3 Zoning Districts Map.** Remove the current map which is found at the end of Chapter 30 and replace with the map referenced in the following new Section 30-3.3 and attached hereto. Remove Section 30-3.3 and replace with the following:

Districts are bounded and defined as shown in the map entitled "Land Use Plan—Union Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey," dated November 14, 2013, which accompanies and which, with all explanatory matters thereon, is hereby made a part of this chapter.

- 2) **30-2.b. Definitions.** Remove “Application for development” and “Development application” and replace with the following:

Application for development shall mean the fully and properly completed application form and all accompanying documents and information required by this Chapter, within the relevant development application checklist, unless waivers for such information have been granted by the Board having jurisdiction, and all requisite fees submitted in a manner that would allow the application to be deemed complete in accordance with the Act and this Chapter, for approval of a subdivision plat, site plan, planned development, conditional use, zoning variance or direction of the issuance of a permit pursuant to Section 25 (C. 40:55D-34); or Section 27 (C. 40:55D-36) of the Act.

Development application, see “application for development.”

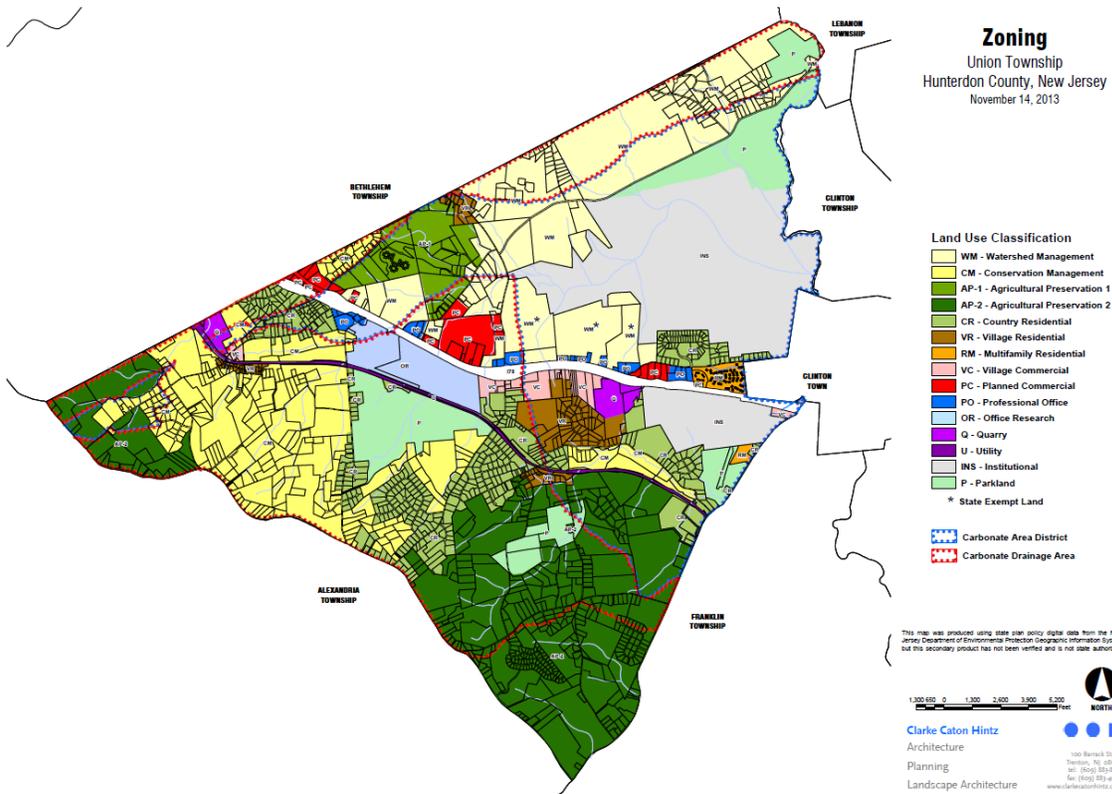
- 3) **30-15.1 Procedure for Minor Site Plan Approval.** Remove the first paragraph and replace with the following:

The Planning Board may waive notice and public hearing for an application for site plan if the Planning Board or subcommittee of the Board appointed by the Chairman finds that the application for site plan conforms to the definition of minor site plan. Minor site plan approval shall be deemed to be a final approval of the site plan by the Board, provided that the Board or the subcommittee may condition such approval on terms ensuring the provisions of improvement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-38, 40:55D-39, 40:55D-41 and 40:55D-53.

- 4) **Severability.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- 5) **Repealer.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING April 2, 2014

6) **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law, and upon the filing of a true copy of said ordinance with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.



Attest:

Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

Michele A. McBride, Mayor

First Reading: April 2, 2014
 Publication: April 10, 2014
 Public Hearing: May 7, 2014
 Adoption: May 7, 2014
 Published by: May 15, 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

ORDINANCE 2014-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-14 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,

**HUNTERDON COUNTY NEW JERSEY
REGARDING THE UNION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Tabled the ordinance until future Committee meeting.

NOTICE

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Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

ORDINANCE #2014-4

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR
THE USE OF RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Union Township Recreation Committee has recommended that the attached amended fee schedule for the use of Township recreation facilities by non-residents of the Township of Union be adopted, and good cause appearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the attached amended fee schedule for usage fees is hereby established and approved (deletions ~~thusly~~ and additions thusly); and

Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. Individual seasonal recreational fees shall remain in effect and unchanged.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Attest:

Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

Michele A. McBride, Mayor

First Reading: April 2, 2014
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TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY

Recreation Fee Schedule

Non-Resident Field Usage Fees*

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|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey,
field per game/practice | \$70.00 | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| 2. Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey,
field per week | \$300.00 | <u>\$350.00</u> |
| 3. Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey,
field per season | \$500.00 | <u>\$550.00</u> |
| 4. Baseball/Softball,
field per game/practice | \$70.00 | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| 5. Baseball/Softball,
field per week | \$300.00 | <u>\$350.00</u> |
| 6. Baseball/Softball, field per season | \$500.00 | <u>\$550.00</u> |
| 7. Finn Road Park Pavilion | \$50.00 | |

*Fees do not include field preparation such as lining and field dragging.

*Local civic and recreational groups, having 51% or more members/participants who are residents of Union Township, will be entitled to use facilities free of charge. Please provide list of members/participants with names and addresses.

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

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Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

ORDINANCE # 2014-5

**CALENDAR YEAR 2014
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 2.0% or the cost of living adjustment of 3.5% over the previous years final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations subject to the .05% cap and the 3.5% cost of living adjustment when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$54,923.86 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Attest:

Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

Michele A. McBride, Mayor

First Reading: April 2, 2014
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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

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2014-54

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
Resolution Introducing by Title/Approving the 2014 Municipal Budget**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union is holding a meeting on April 2, 2014 for the purpose of introducing the 2014 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Township of Union hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2014 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on the April 2, 2014.

2014 UNION TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Surplus Anticipated General Revenues	\$ 465,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	842,133.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	180,000.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	<u>1,553,870.41</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$3,041,003.41</u>
Operation Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$ 539,732.50
Other Expenses	1,295,154.57
Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	86,853.00
Capital Improvements	147,000.00
Debt Service	492,263.34
Judgments	0.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>480,000.00</u>
Total Municipal Budget	<u>\$3,041,003.41</u>

Date: April 2, 2014

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

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget is scheduled for May 7, 2014.

b. The following resolution introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2014-
TOWNSHIP OF UNION
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
SNOW EMERGENCY REPAIR TO COOKS CROSS ROAD**

Tabled until next meeting

c. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2014-55

**Authorizing the Employment of Samuel Becker As
A Temporary Full-Time Hourly Employee
For The Department of Roads and Facilities**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union is in need of a temporary full-time hourly employee for the Department of Roads and Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Becker is qualified and has been offered said temporary position, and good cause appearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union that Samuel Becker shall be hired as a temporary full-time hourly employee for the Department of Roads and Facilities, effective April 1, 2014, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days and to serve at the pleasure of the Township, at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour, with no additional benefits.

Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

Michele A. McBride, Mayor

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

Motion carried

d. **Motion to Approve:** Application for temporary storage permit (after the fact) – Khagesh Inc.

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

Motion carried

e. **Motion to Approve:** Application for Social Affair Permit – Rogers Rescue

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

Mr. Mazza			X			
Mr. Hirt			X			
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff	X		X			

Motion carried

14. REPORTS

a. Attorney’s Report

- Executive Session
- Reminded Committee there are two Township owned properties without 2014 leases. Mayor responded that Finn Park lease will be discussed in Executive Session and that Milligan lease awaits inspection by Committeeman Hirt/Commissioner Neary.

b. Committee Report

Mr. Hirt reported the following:

- I have been working on the 911 issues.

Mr. Severino reported the following:

- Containers for Finn Road and Mill Road, not sure how many we have.
- I checked our heat pump. When we had a problem with this system it blew out an equalizer line and that is what lost all the Freon. I will look into Freon vendors and I will take care of it at no charge.

Mr. Bischoff reported the following:

- Quote “I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.” Thomas Jefferson
- I have two for Executive Session.
- At the Mayor’s request I read the UNCP update. It is horrible and unenforceable and we need to address our concern and comment.
- I had a meeting with Mark Desire and John Gregory and members of Clinton Water and Tewksbury. There is action to be taken and they have a tentative plan that they communicated to the Town of Clinton. I will follow up on meeting with reservoir and what they did.

Mr. Mazza reported the following:

- We are having problems with the grit on the lawns. We are raking and blowing the grit off the lawns and picking it up with the sweeper and bringing it back to the garage to be used next winter. We are just about done sweeping and cleaning up from the winter.
- The stop sign missing at Pilot replaced and fixed.
- A discussion of the trucks circling back at truck stop and causing traffic congestion at exit 13.

c. Mayor’s Report

- Everybody on Committee knows our email service was down for five days in February and it was created by a problem with Century Link. We recently received a letter from NetAccess telling us that our current dial-up and DSL systems will be eliminated at the end of April. We need to do something immediately. We are so

antiquated in the building, there is nobody who still has this system around and it does not pay for anyone to provide it to us. We have about 30 days to switch over to a cable system. Glenn Roth who is our OEM Coordinator, agreed to act as technical advisor. Mr. Roth gave an overview of the benefits of the proposed changes to the system. The Mayor, based on three quotes proposed, would recommend that we bring Andrew West of West Tech as an IT consultant at a rate per his proposal to make the necessary upgrades and that we utilize him in the future as needed as an IT consultant..

Motion: To approve Andrew West of West Tech as an IT Consultant at a proposed rate of \$60 per hour for eight hours to work on the Comcast problem.

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 subject to Attorney review

- Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Jost and I met with Lehigh Gas representatives on March 28th. They are working up a few different options for what to do with the Louise’s Diner property. They will soon make a presentation to the Land Use Board.
- We had our second fire cost recovery meeting on April 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Clinton. We had representatives from Clinton Township, Clinton, Franklin and Union Township including all the chiefs. We will determine the fire response cost per call and with that information we would like to develop presentation materials for Committee review. Our next meeting scheduled for early May. Once complete, we will meet with legislators.
- We talked about the memo from the Town of Clinton written by Highlands Council about the proposed water conservation ordinance. I will draft a letter, review it with Mr. Bischoff and bring it to the next meeting for review. That letter required restrictions on all of the people in our Municipality for water conservation not just the people who use Clinton public water. The Highlands Council wants everybody with a well to be restricted to the same restrictions as the Clinton Water people. They had irrigation requirements that were illogical, cumbersome and unfunded.
- I met with Bob Gyuro today who is currently farming Finn Road Park. He is now working with NRCS to develop an appropriate management plan for his fields there. We had planned to walk the fields today to look at some of the drainage issues, postponed for better weather. We will discuss a proposed lease in Executive Session.
- Executive Session personnel and negotiations

d. **Clerk’s Report**

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mike Homulak member Quakertown Fire Co. in favor of Quakertown Fire Company
- Lynda Thomas, member Pattenburg Rescue Squad. In favor of QVEMS.
- Glenn Roth a quick update of Emergency Plan in final stages of review and signed by the Mayor. I am very close to having a date for school training for multi-hazards with multiple agencies. A meeting of Union Gap to enhance fire safety by adding smoke alarms to the fireplace safety inspection.
- Bill Happel corner of Rt 513 and Rt 570. I am one of the 10%. Suggest you canvas the 10% before you make any decision. For QVEMS

- Terry Wright - Hunterdon County Democrat. Asked amount given to Quakertown Fire Co. by Union Township last year. It is in the paperwork they gave us.
- Tom Cannan Old Farm Road. I have a question concerning our ordinance concerning the Union Township Fire Dept. I didn't see them represented here tonight do we have a new emergency services unit in Union Township I'm not familiar with? The Attorney responded according to our ordinance that always has always been in effect since 1975 Union Township's Fire Department is the Pattenburg Fire Company. They are designated by ordinance as the official fire department of the Township. Mr. Cannan made further comments about the relationship between the Township and the Pattenburg Fire Company.
- Chief Dan Van Fossen, Pattenburg Fire Company rebutted some of Mr. Cannan's remarks.

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

Motion carried

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

The following Resolution introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2014 – 56
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 of 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 April 2, 2014 at 9:24 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.

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 come out of Executive Session at 9:43 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

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
 COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #2014-57
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR
 CONFLICT ENGINEER FOR 2014**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has a need to acquire of the services of a Conflict Engineer for the year 2014 as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee at its meeting of March 19, 2014 appointed Cathleen Marcelli, P.E. of the firm of Hatch Mott MacDonald to that position, subject to submission and approval of a Professional Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, Cathleen Marcelli has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Cathleen Marcelli 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 Cathleen Marcelli from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and good cause appearing,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Professional Services Contract of Cathleen Marcelli, P.E. as Conflict Engineer for the Township of Union is hereby approved, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney as to form, and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign same upon approval of the Township Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cathleen Marcelli is hereby assigned to represent the Township in the Fallone/Renaissance matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of this action shall be printed once in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Mr. Bischoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Severino seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Prepared by: Patricia Essig, Deputy Clerk

Michele McBride, Mayor