

**MINUTES OF THE UNIONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2011**

President Dean Hartman called the meeting to order at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Dave VanHove, Christina Matthews, Tom Young, Dale Hartman, Connie Sy, Deputy Clerk Laura Leskowich, Treasurer Leila Rish, and Police Chief Paul Strasz.

**Absent:** Dale Herman

Several firefighters, representatives from the Community Association and Columbia and Akron Township were also present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read with two corrections noted. Date for Budget Committee meeting should read 2011 as opposed to 2010. All taxes have not been paid. Two real property taxes are still outstanding.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Christina Matthews, to approve the minutes with the two said corrections. 6Yeas. Motion carried.

Ed Spannegel spoke on behalf of Columbia Township. He stated that his board felt the rental charge of \$300.00 for the ACW Ambulance was excessive. He agreed that the ambulance should pay something for housing but the fee set by council was too much.

Ann Allen representative for Akron Township also stated that her board felt the cost was excessive. She further stated that according to her records the overhead doors only open approximately thirteen times a month. Therefore it should not cost that much to heat the building. Ann stated that contrary to what the article in the paper printed the village residents do not get a break for ambulance service. No one gets a break.

Two firemen approached the council to apologize for their irresponsible behavior when they chose to destroy grass in the park. ACW-Unionville Fire Dept. officers will be in charge of disciplining them.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dale Hartman, to pay the bills for January. 6 Yeas Motion carried.

ACW-Unionville Fire Chief, Ray Strieter spoke on behalf of the Unionville Volunteer Fire Dept. stating that the volunteers felt 10% of their net profit from the annual beer tent was also excessive.

Judy Remar, representing the Community Association asked if 10% of their net profit also pertained to them since all of their profit was going back into the village. The council stated that under these circumstances only receipts would be required.

The council stated that there will be no charge for family picnics or reunions.

**COMMITTEES:**

**STREET & SIDEWALK:** The DPW was commended for their prompt action in clearing streets of snow this winter.

**TRAFFIC & POLICE:** MDOT will be notified with another request for NO PARKING signs along the west side of Center St. between Bay and Phelps. The Police Chief recommended that the cost of a few new stop signs be included in the 2011-2012 budget. No decision was made as to placing a 3-Way stop sign at the corner of Granger St. and Church St.

**PARKS:** The committee recommends charging \$1000 for harvesting and reseeding crops in the park. The committee will have further recommendations ready for the next meeting.

**BUDGET & WAGE:** Work on the 2011-2012 budget has begun. Recommendations on wages and insurance will be presented at the next meeting.

**TREASURER:** Reports that two real property taxes are still delinquent. Water vender revenue has increased.

**DPW:** Village ice rink will be flooded in the near future.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Reported that he has applied for a grant for a surveillance system. He also requested a scanner and a digital camera for the next fiscal year. No decision was made at this time.

**BUILDING & EQUIPMENT:** Reported that an approximate cost for a time clock would be \$220.00.

**CLERK:** A special thank you to John Katnik for his time and help in preparing the annual budget and recommends compensating him for the time spent working with the committee and designing a spread sheet to break down charges into individual funds.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dale Hartman to adjourn. 6Yeas. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Village Disbursements: \$8,055.03

Fire Dept. Disbursements: \$2,080.82

Village Payroll: \$9,987.42

Village Clerk

Carole Gangler