

Meeting of the Town Council of Hometown, Indiana
April 1, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Hometown Town Council was held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Patricia Freck, Gary Grant, Brandon Seifert (P), and Mike Stamets. Also present were: Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Hometown Resource Officer Kevin Surface; and Town Engineer Derek Frederickson. Also in attendance were four (4) guests and one (1) reporter. Absent was council member Mike Aker.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 regular meeting and March 19, 2019 joint administrative meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the general claims dated April 1, 2019, excluding APV number 33378 to Hawk Hayne Kammeyer and Smith. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 4-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve paperless billing through Invoice Cloud. Patricia Freck seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the Invoice Cloud program and its changes to the way the town can send bills to its utility customers. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Hometown Resolution 19-009, a Resolution regarding extension of water & sewer service for Sara Cutigni personal representative of the Mark S. Allen estate – 1714 Hathaway Road. Gary Grant seconded. Topics of conversation included the location of the property; a reimbursement agreement between the developer and the homeowner; and earlier approval from the Utility Service Board. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$22,128.00 to API for a construction project on Hathaway Road, east of SR 3 within the town's corporate limits. Mike Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman provided details on a meeting between town representative and Allen County Representatives, noting that the town would pay more to do the project later if chose not to partner with Allen County's project to pave the remaining stretch of Hathaway Road east of SR3 to Corbin Road. Patricia Freck expressed concern about being able to afford future road projects on the town's street inventory list while at the same time, paying for a project like this one that is not on the list. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following new business was presented.

- Gary Grant said he would serve on the town's Internal Controls Oversight Committee. Ryan Schwab explained the need for the committee and the role the Oversight Committee has on internal controls.

OLD BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following old business was presented.

- Patricia Freck said that she and Mike Stamets continue to review a Code of Conduct document provided by a resident and are going to present a version suitable for the town at a future meeting.

REPORTS

Patricia Freck reported on the following items:

- She is continuing to look at existing ordinances in order beef up the contents of those ordinances and bring homes in the downtown Hometown area into compliance with those ordinances. She has received some

covenants from area Homeowner's Associations to compare with and also plans to meet with Resource Officer Kevin Surface in regards to enforcing the ordinance.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface issued the following report:

- He is training a new K9

Brandon Seifert asked about the overloaded parking at Empowered Sports Club over the weekend and if an ordinance could be created to control parking in the area. The main question was where would the overflow parking be sent to with reasonable access to the facility? After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab reported the following:

- A computer in the utility office was being serviced by Fort Wayne IT Solutions. The town was advised that the computer, because of its age, may not last much longer. The town is looking into using existing resources to replace it. Fort Wayne IT is also providing a quote for a new machine. Schwab will report back with that information when it's available.

Town Manager Beth Shellman provided the council with a handout and reported on the following items:

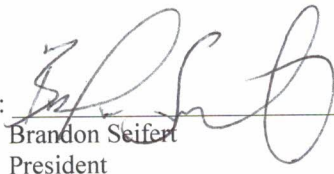
- She will begin entering/signing up Team Huntertown for the Pufferbelly 5K fundraiser on July 20. Currently, nine members of the town have committed to participating. She will encourage community members to join the team.
- Allen County Commissioners are holding a public hearing on April 12 to cover the re-establishment of the Major Bridge Fund Rate. The town would save an estimated \$40,000 a year if the fund is successfully re-established.
- Adult members of Lifehouse Church will be painting curbs and mailboxes along Apollo Drive and in the Preserves of Carroll Creek on April 13 as part of a community service day.
- A map of pending developments was provided to council.
- Tom Pitman of Barnes & Thornburg, is working on a timeline for the creation of the TIF district. It is possible for Town Council members to serve on the 5-member TIF board.
- Thanked Kevin Surface and a fellow officer for being available on Thursday, April 21 as preschoolers from Lifehouse Church visited Town Hall. Officer Surface allowed the kids to see/pet a K9.

PUBLIC COMMENT

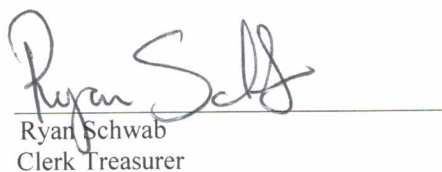
None were brought forth.

Gary Grant made a motion to adjourn. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attest:



Brandon Seifert
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer