

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
April 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Mike Aker, Patricia Freck, Brandon Seifert (P), and Mike Stamets. Also present were: Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface; Town Attorney Dave Hawk; and Town Engineer Derek Frederickson. Also in attendance were one (1) guest and one (1) reporter. Absent was council member Gary Grant.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Frack made a motion to approve the general claims dated April 15, 2019 in the amount of \$104,228.28. Mike Aker seconded. After discussion related to decreasing the amount in APV number 33416 to Hawk, Haynie, Kammeyer, & Smith from \$5,173.50 to \$2,314, Mike Aker amended the motion to bring the total amount of the claims to \$101,369.28. Patricia Freck seconded the amendment. The motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 19-002, an ordinance creating regulations for a residential yard waste collection site on property owned by the Town of Huntertown. Patricia Freck seconded. Beth Shellman addressed the council about the details of the ordinance. Conversation topics included enforcement; installing cameras at the site; and current issues seen by town employees. After no further discussion, the motion passed 4-0. The ordinance will be subject to adoption at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no new business was brought forth.

OLD BUSINESS

The following old business was presented.

- Huntertown Resolution 19-006, water/sewer connection for Rolling Oaks Section 1, was re-introduced. Derek Frederickson provided an update on the request for connection. Topics of conversation included adding a voluntary annexation requirement to the resolution, getting the developers to help pay for reconstruction of the Town's roadways what connect to new development as well as assessing that damage throughout the entire construction process; increasing the area connection fee or adding a surcharge for new customers to help pay for costs of new infrastructure; right-of-way dedication; and whether or not the Utility Service Board will need to take any new action since it approved the water/sewer connections at its special meeting on April 11, 2019. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Mike Stamets asked council members to review an updated Code of Conduct document that he e-mailed earlier in the day and provide him or Patricia Freck any suggestions on changes.
- Patricia Freck asked for a legislative update on pending legislation that may impact Huntertown. Beth Shellman noted that multiple bills have been created and since amended, but she did not see anything that adversely effected Huntertown at the present time. Ryan Schwab said that he forwarded the latest legislative update from AIM and that the council members' e-mail addresses have been added to the listserv to receive these same documents. Dave Hawk stated that he knew of no pending legislation at the present time that would adversely affect Huntertown.
- Patricia Freck asked about the Shearwater Annexation timeline. Beth Shellman said that the Town was waiting on the Allen County Commissioners to act. Dave Hawk noted that the Commissioners had until no later than May 1 to act on the matter.

REPORTS

Mike Aker asked for an update on providing trash service to non-utility customers that live in the corporate limits of Huntertown. Beth Shellman noted that the one resident who made the request has set up an account with the town. Other topics of conversation included how to handle a situation when a resident doesn't pay; billing the community association (which currently does not exist for the area in question) vs. the individual residents; and adding language to cover this topic in the next trash services agreement. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Patricia Freck said she is continuing to look at existing ordinances in order to beef up the contents of those ordinances and bring homes in the downtown Huntertown area into compliance with those ordinances. She has met with Resource Officer Kevin Surface in regards to enforcing the ordinance and she wants to make some updates/changes to the town's current ordinances. Beth Shellman added that the State of Indiana has some definitions that can clean up the town's ordinances. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Brandon Seifert said he would like to have the Byron Health Center property, located at the corner of SR 3 and Carroll Road, re-zoned for commercial use. He said the town is doing well with residential development and would benefit from commercial development. Topics of discussion included ownership of the land; working with the County on re-zoning; and who has the ultimate say in the re-zoning decision. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- Team Huntertown has been registered for the Pufferbelly 5K event in July. Currently, 10 employees and elected officials have signed up. She thanks Louis Wyatt from the Northwest News for helping promote the team.

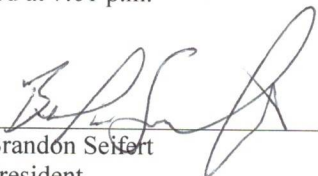
Town Attorney Dave Hawk had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Mike Aker made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer