

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, November 25, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. In attendance were council members Mike Aker, Patricia Freck, Gary Grant, Mike Stamets and Brandon Seifert (P). Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; and Town Manager Beth Shellman. Also in attendance were one (1) guest and one (1) reporter. Absent was Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the general claims dated November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$81,803.58 and included removing a claim from Barnes & Thornburg for further review. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the general claims dated November 25, 2019 in the amount of \$67,392.55. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the secondary plat for the Majestic Pointe, Section 1 development. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to have Town Manager Beth Shellman create a re-zoning petition for 7.7 acres of ground within the Town's corporate limits from R2 to C3. Patricia Freck seconded. Shellman noted that the owner is Ringenberg Group Limited Partnership out of Spencerville, IN. She also presented the council with a list of allowable C3 uses and asked them to consider removing any items they would not like to see developed at this property. The property connects to another large chunk of C3 zoned land along the east side of State Road 3, south of Fort Recovery Road. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the purchase of a snow thrower for Huntertown Town Hall in the amount of \$732.00. Mike Stamets seconded. Discussion included the need for a snow thrower; taking the current snow thrower to the wastewater plant for use; and whether other quotes were sought. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth Shellman, on behalf of the Engineer/Attorney interview committee, presented the council with an overview of the candidates interviewed from each position; including comments from each committee member about each candidate. Patricia Freck and Brandon Seifert, who were on the interview committee, took turns providing their opinion on each interview. In all, two engineering firms (Engineering Resources and Commonwealth Engineering) and three Law Firms (Hawk Haynie, Carson, and Beers Mallers) were interviewed. Both were complimentary of Engineering Resources, both for current work and the way they interviewed. Both expressed concern about the pricing for Commonwealth. The interview committee did not have a consensus opinion on the Attorney. Pat Freck shared concerns about the Hawk Haynie interview, which was not conducted with lead Attorney Dave Hawk, but instead another firm attorney Mike Hawk, who seemed unprepared for the interview. Freck also expressed concerns about conflicts of interest with the other two firms. Seifert shared in concern about the Hawk Haynie interview and was also concerned about the lack of experience with the Carson attorney. He commented about Beers Mallers being the best fit for the town 5-10 years down the road. Gary Grant said he wasn't going to let the Hawk interview issues cloud the work that firm has done for the town for many years. Mike Stamets shared his conflict of interest concerns and also noted that just because someone interviewed well, that doesn't always equate to a quality candidate. The council plans to vote on its selection for 2020 engineering and attorney contracts at its December 2, 2019 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forth.

REPORTS

No Council Reports were given.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- The town has been given a quote for Cyber Liability Insurance and asked the council for thoughts won spending between approximately \$2,500 and \$3,300 on a policy. Council members thought it was a good idea to have a policy in place. Schwab said he would meet with the town's agent to begin the process.

Outside of items listed under council action, Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- Nolt Bakery has been awarded its permits and construction on its new facility in Huntertown should begin soon.

Patricia Freck asked her to look into filling the vacant doctor's office on Lima Road

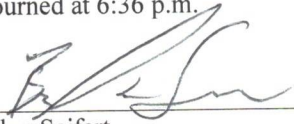
Mike Aker asked when the town would be voting on the trash contract. Shellman said that since the public hearing was cancelled on Nov. 18 because of a lack of a quorum, the town had to re-advertise the public hearing. The new date is Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

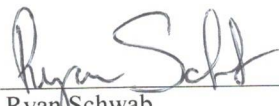
None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Attest:



Brandon Seifert
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer