

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, August 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck, Brad Hite, Tina McDonald, and Brandon Seifert (P); Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; seven (7) members of the public and zero (0) member of the media.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTION

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023, regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2023, special meeting. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated August 7, 2023, in the amount of \$856,983.10. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2023-008, an interlocal agreement with the Northwest Allen County Fire Protection District. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (McDonald – Aye; Aker – Aye, Freck – Aye, Hite – Abstain; Seifert – Aye).

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-008, an interlocal agreement with the Northwest Allen County Fire Protection District. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Aker – Aye, Freck – Aye, Hite – Abstain; McDonald – Aye; Seifert – Aye).

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2023-008, an interlocal agreement with the Northwest Allen County Fire Protection District. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Freck – Aye, Hite – Abstain; McDonald – Aye; Aker – Aye; Seifert – Aye).

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the cooperation agreement between the Northwest Allen County Fire Protection District, Washington Township, Perry Township, Eel River Township, and the Town of Huntertown as presented. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Hite – Abstain, McDonald – Aye, Aker – Aye; Freck – Aye; Seifert – Aye).

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Pay Application No. 1 from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$426,780.37 for the Woods Road Reconstruction project. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Preserves at the Quarry Section III. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Marcella Section II. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-022, a resolution approving the extension of water and sewer service for the Broad Acres plats to be known as “Ranch” (135 lots); “Grasslands Section 1” (52 lots); “Lakes” (76 lots); and “Fields” (73 lots). Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-005, an Ordinance establishing the Town of Huntertown Department of Economic Development and the Town of Huntertown Economic Development Commission. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion was defeated 3-2 (McDonald – Nay; Aker – Aye; Freck – Nay; Hite – Nay; Seifert – Aye).

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-006, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 154 of the Town of Huntertown, State of Indiana Ordinance. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2023-006, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 154 of the Town of Huntertown, State of Indiana Ordinance. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the appointment of GAI Consultants for construction engineering for the Kell Road Bridge project. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following new business was brought forth:

- Beth Shellman provided the council with information on a rezoning petition application from LZ D3 LLC to rezone 13400 Lima Road, near the intersection of Hathaway Road, from AR to NC for the Hathaway Crossing commercial development project. She handed the council a listing zoning district designations for the town and would like the council to create a list of the zoning types it would like to see for this development. The Public Hearing for this project is scheduled in September.
- Beth Shellman provided the council with a copy of the Municipal Materials Management Agreement with Republic Services for trash and recycling services. The town has received some complaints about the Republic Service vehicles staining the roadways with some type of liquid. No action was taken.
- Paul Milford, a realtor and property manager based out of Marion, IN with some experience in the state of Texas, spoke to the council about the negative effects he has experienced while working with economic growth councils. Brandon Seifert questioned why Milford was addressing the council about the topic, coincidentally while the town was considering forming an economic development commission. Tina McDonald said the purpose of asking Milford to speak was to explain to the council why it didn't need to form an economic development commission. Milford said he hasn't worked with any economic development commissions but has encountered issues working with economic growth councils in Texas. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no other Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Brad Hite had the following report:

- The Huntertown Water Committee met on Thursday, August 3, 2023, and discussed a variety of potential upgrades to the water utility. The utility board will be bringing more information to the town council in the future.

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She asked for an update on the Luxury Garage project the council approved earlier in the year. Beth Shellman said the developer closed on the property in late July and the project should get started soon.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He asked residents to be patient with traffic flow on Saturday, August 12, 2023, during the Huntertown Heritage Days Festival. There will be road closures for the 5K race in the morning, parade at 11 a.m. and the car show in the afternoon.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He presented the council with a draft of 2024 budget material. He asked the council to review the information and bring any potential changes to the August 21, 2023, meeting.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- The town closed on the home it purchased at 15607 Lima Road on Friday, July 28, 2023. She asked the council to consider the quotes provided for siding removal and property demolition. The Allen County Sheriff's Department and the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department have asked for permission to train in the building.
- Greater Fort Wayne is planning a tour of Leo. If council members would like to attend, she will RSVP.
- The utility office is looking into a text.gov software that will allow the town to send mass text messages to residents who sign up. Ryan Schwab said that this software is the only two-way software in the state which allows residents to send messages to the town as well. Shellman said the estimated cost is \$4,500 annually.

Derek Frederickson had no further report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Brad Hite seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Attest:

Brandon Seifert
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer

