

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker; Brad Hite, Tina McDonald, and Brandon Seifert (P); Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officers Brandon Reichert and Pedro Yaruchyk; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; three (3) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Board member Patricia Freck participated via Zoom.

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

NOTE: Tina McDonald arrived at the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and did not take part in the first two votes.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023, regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated September 5, 2023, in the amount of \$251,768.33. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-023, a resolution approving the fiscal plan for the Carroll Road (Black/Page) annexation. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab noted that the resolution was still being prepared by the town attorney. Beth Shellman said that the resolution is a standard annexation resolution and if the council delayed its approval to wait on the resolution, it could not approve the annexation ordinance and the annexation timeline would be negatively impacted. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-007, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown, Indiana to be commonly known as Black/Page Voluntary Annexation. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2023-007, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown, Indiana to be commonly known as Black/Page Voluntary Annexation. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Pay-Application No. 2 to Pulver Asphalt in the amount of \$713,759.75 for the Woods Road Reconstruction project. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to have the town pick up any expenses for a Parkview Wellness event for town employees and dependents at Huntertown Town Hall on October 12, 2023. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve expenses associated with two town employees earning their Notary certification. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to support a variance application for the Tever Cay subdivision to remove a stub street from its plan. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$4,995 per employee to have two town employees attend CDL Training classes at Ivy Tech Community College. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Derek Frederickson provided the council with an update on the application the town sent to Allen County for use of the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The town submitted a request for \$3,899,372 and has been tentatively approved to receive \$1,732,298. Additionally, the Allen County Surveyor's office submitted for and was approved \$1,767,702 for drainage improvements in the area of Apollo Drove, Gemini Drive and Mercury Lane. Final approval on the county's spending is still pending.
- The Huntertown Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of Huntertown Town Hall for a meet Santa Claus event on Saturday, November 25, 2023. No formal vote was taken but there no objection from the council to use the facility.
- Beth Shellman said that she is attending a meeting with NIRCC and Allen County Highway on Monday, September 18, 2023, and wants support from the council to get a resolution on the 1,000 feet corridor issue at town intersections. She would like the council to agree that any entrance within 0-500 feet of an intersection would require a traffic impact study to determine the requirement for that entrance. Any entrances beyond 500 feet would be on the town council to approve. No vote was taken but council members were in support of her request.
- Beth Shellman plans to attend a Public Hearing for the proposed re-zoning of the Hathaway Crossing commercial development at the southeast corner of State Road 3 and Hathaway Road. The entrance for this subdivision would fall between 500 feet and 1,000 feet and she again asked the council to give its support for the closer entrance. No vote was taken but council members were in support of her request.
- Beth Shellman would like to get started on the 2024 Salary Ordinance. She is requesting a 7-percent increase across the board for all employees and elected/appointed officials. She would also like to remove the different wage tiers currently in place in the salary ordinance and replace them with a longevity bonus of \$100 per year, up \$2,000, issued to the employee during the month of their anniversary. She will bring the salary ordinance back for approval at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She asked how much longer the police department and fire department would be training in the property the town recently purchased at 15607 Lima Road. Brandon Reichert said the police would continue to use it for training as long as the town would allow. Brad Hite said the fire department has yet to use the facility for training and would be much rougher on it than the police. Hite said the department would get its training done before the end of the year.

Tina McDonald had the following report:

- She asked if an issue between resident Jamie Arnold and Republic Services (liquid from trash trucks staining the street) had been resolved yet. She said she had gotten another call and voicemail from him just before the meeting began. Brandon Reichert said he has attempted to contact Mr. Arnold, but he

doesn't answer the door. Patricia Freck expressed her concern about Republic Service's lack of response to her inquiries. Beth Shellman said that Republic Services did some maintenance improvements to the trucks in question and advised that it can do nothing to remove the stains from the road and that "Mother Nature will take over."

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- The Lima Road bridge, just north of Cedar Canyons Road was vandalized. He has an idea who the culprit is and is working with homeowners/businesses in the area to see if security camera footage in the area can help identify the individual(s) involved.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

In addition to items listed under Council Action, Town Manager Beth Shellman had no further report.

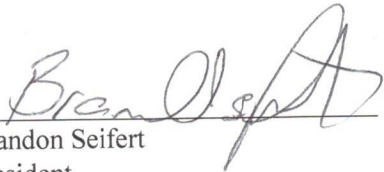
Derek Frederickson had no further report.

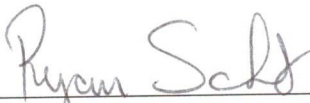
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Michael Aker made a motion to adjourn. Brad Hite seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer