

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, October 2, 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; Superintendent of Streets Randy Bailey; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; six (6) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023, regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Aker – Aye, Freck – Aye, Hite – Abstain, McDonald – Aye; Seifert – Aye).

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated October 2, 2023, in the amount of \$478,291.03. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve a Letter of Intent to accept a quote from Truland Equipment for the payment of a John Deere 5075E tractor in the total amount of \$75,553.11, noting that the general fund bank will cover one-third of the overall cost (\$25,184.37). Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2023-010, an Ordinance rezoning Hathaway Road. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-010, an Ordinance rezoning Hathaway Road. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2023-010, an Ordinance rezoning Hathaway Road. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve an addendum to the Northeast Regional Force Main agreement, adding \$200,000 to the payback amount to Oakmont Development. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-026, a Resolution regarding extension of water and sewer services for a residential home located at 1224 Shoaff Road. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-027, a Resolution appointing appraisers. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-028, a Resolution approving certain amendments to a declaratory resolution approved and adopted by the Town of Huntertown Redevelopment Commission. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve sending a letter to the town's Hometown Hero Banner participants asking them to participate in a book project undertaken by author Carol Cooper, PhD. Patricia Freck seconded. Copper provided the council with an overview of her idea for the book and how it will be funded. She asked the council to consider sponsoring the project, which includes having the town be the financial manager for the project, provide office and storage space, a mailbox, and help with miscellaneous costs. Having the town sponsor the project would allow Cooper to get free legal assistance. Ryan Schwab said he would get an opinion from the State Board of Accounts on how to handle all of that. A commemorative brick project was also discussed as a way to raise funds for the Huntertown Historical Society. All that was required at the time was permission from the council to send out letter to the individuals who purchased banners asking them to participate. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-009, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (McDonald – Aye, Aker – Aye, Freck – Aye, Hite – Abstain, Seifert – Aye).

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2023-009, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Aker – Aye, Freck – Aye, Hite – Abstain, McDonald – Aye, Seifert – Aye).

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-024, a Resolution updating the personnel policy manual. Michael Aker seconded. Beth Shellman covered the new language added to the resolution which will require an employee who gets a license paid for by the Town must remain in the town's employment for three years or shall reimburse the town the following if they leave the town's employ within three years: year one – 100 percent of cost; year two – 75 percent of the cost; year three – 50 percent of the cost. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the secondary plat or the Pine subdivision. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following Old Business was brought forth:

- Brad Hite informed the council that the Huntertown Fire Department has taken possession of the keys for the town-owned building 15607 Lima Road for training purposes. They will be done training by the end of the year. Beth Shellman said she would get updated quotes to remove the asbestos siding as well as quotes to demolish the home on the property.

REPORTS

Michael Aker had the following report:

- A resident emailed the council asking the town to consider a consistent speed limit on Cedar Canyon Road. He said that one part of the road has a 30-mph limit while another section has a 45-mph limit. Brandon Reichert said that the speeds are set up that way because the town only owned a portion of the road, which was the 30-mph zone, and the county owned the other part of the road. Now with annexation, the road lies entirely within the town's corporate limits and an alteration to the speed limit

would be in order. He suggested a 35-mph limit for the entire road. Beth Shellman said she would look into getting the speed limit changed.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had no further report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- An administrative meeting of the Huntertown Town Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 5 p.m. Utility Board members are invited to attend.
- A roundabout on Gump Road, near Hunters Ridge Lane, is being designed by Parkview Health under the supervision of Engineering Resources Inc. This should be presented to the council at a future meeting.
- Utility Office Manager Rosemary Scheele plans to attend the next meeting of the Huntertown Town Council to discuss updating the phone system in the utility office.

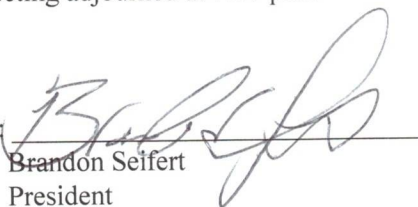
Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. had no further report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

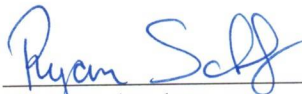
None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Tina McDonald seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Attest:



Brandon Seifert
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer