

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, July 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck (P); Brad Hite, Tina McDonald, and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Street Superintendent Randy Bailey; Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants, fourteen (14) members of the public and one (1) member of the media.

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

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2024, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated July 1, 2024, in the amount of \$328,006.49. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$8,000.00 to the Huntertown Heritage Days festival for fireworks. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2024-009, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 20-011, to control noise within the town limits. Tina McDonald seconded. During discussion related to fireworks use, Michael Aker amended his motion to include the day before Memorial Day, Memorial Day, July 4, the day before Labor Day and Labor Day as permissible days to shoot fireworks between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 a.m. (midnight). Tina McDonald seconded the amendment. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2024-009, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 20-011, to control noise within the town limits, as amended. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2024-009, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 20-011, to control noise within the town limits, as amended. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the four easement agreements for the Broad Acres subdivision as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the secondary plat for the Ranch at Broad Acres. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the Hathaway Road Septic Relief bids as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Ryan Schwab reported that the Utility Service Board approved the same at a previous meeting, but since the town was planning to use its ARPA funds to pay for that project, he would like the council to approve the expenditure as well. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to increase the not-to-exceed amount in the attorney contract by \$30,000.00. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to appoint Town Manager Hannah Walker to represent the town on the Poka-Bache trail task force. Tine McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the special contract with Northwest Allen County School for the Willow Creek Middle School project as presented. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

- Ryan Schwab presented the council with an updated quote for a new street sweeper at a cost of \$344,625.00. Street Superintendent Randy Bailey said the vendor, Brown Equipment, was looking for approval to lock in the price and the town would not make the purchase until 2025. Schwab said he would plan to budget the cost in full, rather than take on a lease-to-but agreement that was presented to the council last month.

## **REPORTS**

Tina McDonald had the following report:

- She asked for an update on the progress of a Veterans Memorial. Patricia Freck said she would contact the committee that put original plans together and provide a status report at a future meeting.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He is tentatively planning to hold the Public Hearing for the 2025 budget at the September 16, 2024, meeting and is looking to change the meeting date for the Adoption Hearing from October 7, 2024, to September 30, 2024, due to a conflict with a council member not being in attendance. Council members gave verbal approval to move the October 7 public meeting to September 30.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- The town is preparing to apply for the Community Crossings Matching Grant program for street repairs at Gemini Drive, Mercury Lane and Rabbit Run. The application program opened July 1, 2024, and awards are granted in September.
- She handed out information on a mass communication system for the town.
- A public meeting for the Anson-Dunton drain project is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Huntertown Town Hall.

Town Engineer, Derek Frederickson had no further report.

Town Attorney David Hawk had no further report.

Jay Stankewicz of GAI Consultants provided an update on the Carroll Road Roundabout project, noting that the appraisal analysis is complete for right-of-way acquisition, and it came in under budget. The report on the analysis should be completed within 60 days and offers to the property owners will be made soon after.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Henry, a resident at 14533 Johnson Road, expressed interest in purchasing a parcel of property from the town at the corner of State Road 3 and Old Lima Road for his business, Demolition Dumpsters. He would like to place his dumpsters on the property to advertise along the highway. Brandon Seifert said the town has talked about putting a potential statue at that location and the town was not interested in selling the property at this time. Tina McDonald suggested renting the property until the town decides what to do with it. No further discussion was had, and Henry said he would check back with the council on the status of the property at a future meeting.

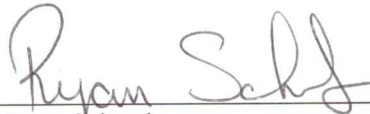
Sandy Frick, a resident at 1518 Flint Lock Lane, expressed concern with large trucks parking on the streets in the Carroll Oaks subdivision, of which she is the HOA president. She believes the vehicles to be larger than 1-ton and are blocking driveways. Resource Officer Brandon Reichert said his research on the vehicles shows they are at 1-ton and the ordinance says that only vehicles over 1-ton are not permitted to park in the streets. Frick said she would like the town to consider changing the ordinance to include 1-ton vehicles as they are crumbling the streets in the neighborhood. Reichert said he understands the concerns, but some non-work trucks can weigh up to 1-ton and changing the ordinance to include those vehicles could create more issues. Reichert said he has suggested putting no parking signs along Flint Lock Lane on the same side of the street that the fire hydrants are on, but the HOA does not want to restrict all parking. Reichert said that he can enforce moving vehicles that are blocking driveways, but not those legally parked in the street. Frick said that since the town maintains the streets, it should be able to enforce the types of trucks that park on them.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Brad Hite seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia Freck  
President



Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer