

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, December 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 2, 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; Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchyk; Jim Breckler, Stephen Cardenas, Derek Frederickson and Jessica Hile of Engineering Resources Inc; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; two (2) 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.

Patricia Freck suspended the Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing for Huntertown Ordinance 2024-016, an Ordinance to annex certain territory to the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Hannah Walker provided a brief overview of the properties in question. The floor was opened to public comments, and none were brought forth. The Public Hearing was closed, and the regular meeting reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024, regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated September December 2, 2024, in the amount of \$431,693.25. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2024-015, an Ordinance authorizing the current refunding of the Town of Huntertown, Indiana Waterworks Revenue Bonds of 2013 and the acquisition, construction and installation of certain improvements for the waterworks system of the Town of Huntertown, Indiana, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation, and distribution of the revenues of such system, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of such revenue bonds and other matters connected therewith, including the refunding of bond anticipation notes, the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2024-016, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$16,685.80 and Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$71,738.01 to Mason Engineering for work complete at the WTP firm capacity upgrades. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in a deduct amount of \$6,000 and Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$78,079.00 to Pinpoint Directional Drilling for work complete on the Hathaway Road Septic Relief project. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve an increase of \$5,000 to the current not-to-exceed amount for Engineering Resources Inc. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the 2025 Huntertown Town Council meeting schedule, and 2025 Town of Huntertown Holiday schedule as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2024-014, an Ordinance to fix salaries of elected and appointed officials and employees of the Town of Huntertown for fiscal year 2025. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2024-014, an Ordinance to fix salaries of elected and appointed officials and employees of the Town of Huntertown for fiscal year 2025. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve a quote from Pulver Asphalt in the amount of \$37,385.00 for paving work on Tally Ho Drive. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve a one-time carry-over of 40-additional PTO hours for wastewater plant operator Darren Dafforn. Michael Aker 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:

- Hannah Walker provided the council with an update on the Fens subdivision, notably a discussion about allowing the developer to build a trail through the development in lieu of the required sidewalks. The agreement would see the developer replace its required sidewalks with a trail in the same footage, with the town agreeing to pay for the remainder of the trail. The developer would also like the town to pay \$25,000 for the reduction in two lots as a result of the trail. Walker said the developer will not build the trail unless it is reimbursed for the loss of lot size. Walker said the town has three options: 1) agree to the proposal; 2) deny the proposal and have the developer install the sidewalks; 3) don't build a trail and allow the developer not to build the sidewalks, but instead pay the town the cost of the sidewalks and have the town reserve that money in a sidewalk fund for future improvements. Brandon Seifert shared his concern that all three roadways adjacent to the Fens, Woods Road to the north, Hand Road to the west and Hathaway road to the south will likely see increased traffic as a result of the development and will need to be widened in the future. He does not want to see the sidewalks installed now only to be torn out as part of those projects. Patricia Freck shared her concern that due to the increasing cost of goods, the money the town would receive from the developers today, will not be enough to cover the exact cost when improvements are needed in the future and would like the developer to consider accounting for the increase. Hannah Walker said the developer will only match present day cost. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

## **REPORTS**

Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchy had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He informed the council that Utility Service Board member Zachary Kerley has an expiring term. His seat is a council executive appointment. Patricia Freck asked that the item be placed on the agenda for the December 16, 2024, meeting.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She provided the council with a handout listing remaining special meetings of the Town Council for 2024.
- She provided the council with information on Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Apprenticeship program that will allow new employee Dillon Shellman to achieve his wastewater operator license in two years instead of three. The program comes with intermittent pay raises throughout the program. Council members would like to enter into an agreement with Shellman to ensure that he stays with the Town of Huntertown following the program for a certain period of time.

Town Engineer Derek Frederickson had the following report:

- He provided the council an update on the capacity of the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant.
- He asked the council if it would be agreeable to have further discussions with Fort Wayne City Utilities about assisting the town with peak flow events for the water utility. Council members were agreeable to continuing the discussion.


Town Attorney David Hawk had no further report.

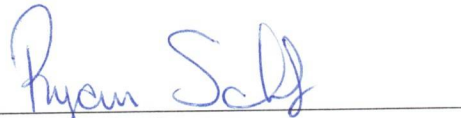
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denny Gloyd, representing the Huntertown Historical Society, invited the council to come and check out its new space. He also detailed an automobile accident he was involved in at the intersection of Coldwater Road and Gump Road. He asked the council to consider a full stop light at the intersection instead of flashing lights. He also expressed interest in a 3-way stop at Old Lima Road and Woods Road.

After no further Public Comment was brought forth, Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Tina McDonald seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

  
Patricia Freck  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer