

Meeting of the Town Council of Hometown, Indiana
Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Hometown Town Council was held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Hometown, IN. Present were town council members Patricia Freck; Brad Hite; Tina McDonald; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Street Superintendent Randy Bailey; Derek Frederickson, Jim Breckler and Stephen Cardenas of Engineering Resources Inc.; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; seven (7) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Council members Michael Aker, three (3) members of the public and one (1) member of the media attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Patricia Freck called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024, work session. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2024, joint meeting with the Hometown Redevelopment Commission. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the general, water and sewer claims dated December 16, 2024, in the amount of \$639,265.94. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Hometown Resolution 2024-020, a Resolution approving the fiscal plan for the Hathaway Road No. 1 Voluntary Annexation. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve Change Order No. 6 for the Carroll Road Reconstruction project in the amount of \$59,687.59. Tina McDonald seconded. Beth Johnson, representing USI Consultants, provided an overview of the Change Order noting that it replaced the one approved in November stating that the contractor made some additions that required an adjustment to the total amount. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with USI Consultants for additional engineering work on the Carroll Road Construction project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$86,338.14. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Hometown Resolution 2024-021, a Resolution amending the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Hometown Resolution 2024-022, a Resolution to encumber funds from the 2024 Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund No. 2203 to the 2025 Motor Vehicle

Highway Restricted Fund No. 2203. Brad Hite seconded. Ryan Schwab provided the details of the resolution, which will encumber at total of \$155,000. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the 4-year law enforcement services agreement as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to write a letter of intent to Allen County to inquire about the addition of a third resource officer the town's contract. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolutions 2024-024 through 2024-027, Resolutions accepting ownership and maintenance of various streets. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to submit a letter of intent to Truland Equipment for the purchase of two lawn mowers at a cost of \$49,393.42 in fiscal year 2025. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the quote, noting that the letter of intent would lock in 2024 prices for fiscal year 2025 and that the town approved \$57,000 for this purchase in the 2025 budget. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve an engagement letter with the Allen County Department of Planning Services for assistance in establishing Economic Development Target Areas. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to consider 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.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adopt 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.

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

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

Brandon Seifert made a motion to allow Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab to pay any remaining claims as they are received for the remainder of fiscal year 2024. 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, no other Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She appointed Dan Roy to serve a 3-year term on the Huntertown Utility Service Board, beginning on January 1, 2025, and running through December 31, 2027.
- The Friends of Huntertown Parks Inc. Board is asking the town to assist in payment of engineering and survey work for a Community Center to be built on the site. Brad Hite asked if the council has any input on the building? Freck said that since she and council member Tina McDonald are both on the Park Board, the council would have input. Council members asked for more information on the engineering and survey costs before deciding.

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- He would like to see the installation of a 3-way stop at Woods Road and Old Lima Road as a result of both a resident's request and a recent accident at the intersection. He said that the town's ordinance does not require a traffic study to place stop signs. Hannah Walker said she has inquired about studies at that intersection as well as the intersection of Coldwater Road and Cedar Canyons Road. Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchyuk said he is in favor of the stop signs and also asked the council to consider the same for Old Lima Road at Gump Road. Michael Aker said the town should consider discussing placement of stop signs with the Huntertown Fire Department and Northwest Allen County Schools before making any decisions.

Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchyuk had the following report:

- The town should consider flashing school zone lights on Hathaway Road in front of Aspen Meadow Elementary School. The current "When Children Present" signs create more confusion about enforcing certain speeds at certain times. Having flashing signs would make the speed limit more obvious.
- The Sheriff's Department is considering adding license plate readers in Allen County and is considering multiple locations in Huntertown. He had no information on locations or costs, but a more detailed discussion is planned for 2025.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She asked the council for an update on its plans for the sidewalk/trail issue with the Fens Subdivision as discussed at the previous two council meetings. Council members had no update.

Town Engineer Derek Frederickson had no report.


Town Attorney David Hawk had no report.

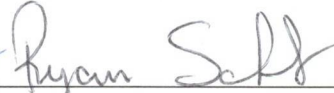
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Seifert seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Attest:


Patricia Freck
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer