

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown Indiana
April 20, 2020 6 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The council used the Zoom App to conduct the meeting. Present at Huntertown Town Hall were Council President Michael Aker. Also present at Town Hall were Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab, Town Manager Beth Shellman and Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface. Present via the Zoom App were council members Patricia Freck, Brandon Seifert, and Michael Stamets. Also present via the Zoom App were Town Attorney Dave Hawk and Town Engineer Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. Absent was council member Gary Grant. There was no media or members of the public present.

Michael Aker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020 regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the general, water and sewer claims dated April 20, 2020 in the amount of \$290,570.09. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the usage and conveyance of wheeltax and surtax revenue between the County of Allen and the Town of Huntertown. Brandon Seifert seconded. Dave Hawk provided the council with an overview of changes and the impact the new agreement would have on the town. Other topics of discussion included estimated inspection fee costs, the addition of an exhibit detailing funding for current bridge projects the town is planning; and entering a memorandum of understanding with the county for use of current Town Funds being held by the County for bridge projects. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the exchange of services related to traffic signal maintenance between Huntertown, Indiana and City of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Michael Stamets seconded. Dave Hawk provided the council with an overview of changes and the impact the new agreement would have on the town, noting an annual increase of 3-percent. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0-1 (Patricia Freck – Aye; Brandon Seifert – Aye; Michael Stamets – Aye; Michael Aker – Abstain).

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Patricia Freck reported on the following items:

- She asked the council for ideas on a community event that would still follow social-distancing protocol that the town could sponsor as a way to let the community know the council is thinking of them and wants to keep their spirits up. Michael Aker noted that the likelihood of Huntertown Heritage Days being canceled is growing with each extension of the stay-at-home order. Brandon Seifert said that New Haven recently held a parade and he would contact the Mayor of New Haven to get more details. Ryan Schwab said that the town would be changing its town garage sale dates to June 4-6 and will also be changing to bulk trash pick-up dates to a time in June. He will work with Republic Services to confirm the new dates. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- She asked Kevin Surface to look into traffic on Old Lima Road in the morning. She noted that with fewer cars on the road and no traffic before and after school, that the speed limit is not being observed by drivers.
- She asked Kevin Surface to look into a group of ATV drivers who are speeding and revving their engines down Woods Road.

- She asked if the town employees were all still working. Beth Shellman said that the employees continue to work on varied schedules and varied shifts.
- She asked if town employees drive around looking for violations of junk and tall grass ordinances; noting that some properties are already in violation. Beth Shellman noted that employee Tim Schobert currently serving as the town's code enforcement officer, but wasn't sure if the town was actively searching for violations. Michael Aker said that it isn't necessary for town employees to seek out violators, but they should report any violations they see. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Brandon Seifert reported on the following item:

- Work continues on a new trail that would connect the intersection of Bethel and Hathaway Road to Woods Road and ultimately the Huntertown Community Park. Derek Frederickson provided similar information and noted that the Next Level Grant Program will be having another call for projects and that the town may want to look into funding.

Michael Aker reported on the following item:

- He asked about an email from resident Rob Green expressing concern about a blockade where the new Copper Creek subdivision meets at Windwood Court. Beth Shellman said that some construction and utility traffic has essentially removed a mound of dirt that was to prevent traffic and that the town would look into a more permanent structure to prevent access to Windwood Court from the Copper Creek subdivision.

Kevin Surface had no report

- He was asked about an uptick in yard waste dumping by commercial vendors at the town's dumping site. The town's ordinance does not allow for commercial vehicles to dump and violators can be fined. He will work with town employees on the issue.

Ryan Schwab had no report

Beth Shellman issued the following report:

- The town has received quotes for mosquito spraying. The costs have increased because new annexations have increased the town's corporate limits. Summit City Pest Control, who has provided the town service the last two years, is the low bidder. No amount was disclosed.
- Fort Wayne Trails is planning to attend a future town council meeting to provide an update on the Pufferbelly Trail. They are also looking at having a virtual 5K run-walk this year.

Derek Frederickson had no report.

Dave Hawk reported on the following item:

- He plans on presenting the town with an updated noise ordinance.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Attest:


Michael Aker
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer