

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown Indiana**  
**May 4, 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 member Michael Stamets and Town Manager Beth Shellman. Present via the Zoom App were council members Michael Aker (P); Patricia Freck; Gary Grant; and Brandon Seifert. Also present via the Zoom App were Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Kevin Surface; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; and Stephen Carter of Krohn & Associates. Also present via the Zoom App were three (3) members of the public and one (1) reporter.

Michael Aker called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2020, regular meeting. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the general, water and sewer claims dated May 4, 2020 in the amount of \$247,745.32. Gary Grant seconded. Michael Stamets asked for clarification on the items described as duplicate numbers. Ryan Schwab explained that those are ditch assessments owed to Allen County. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets makes a motion to allow Stephen Carter of Krohn & Associates to proceed with refinancing/refeasing of the Waterworks Revenue Bonds 2013 and Waterworks Refunding Revenue Bonds 2013 as detailed in his rate study power point (detailed further under New Business). Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Stephen Carter, representing Krohn & Associates, provided council with a power point presentation with topics including utility rates for the water and sewer utility; operating and not-operating receipts and disbursements for both utilities; defeasing and/or refinancing bonds for both utilities; capital project lists; and capital surcharges for new users to both utilities. The suggested rate for both water and sewer is \$10 a month, for a total charge of \$20. Other topics of conversation included increasing the surcharges to \$15 a month, per utility; the town's bond rating; development in the northeast quadrant of town and who will be paying for the estimated \$2.1 million project; and having a joint meeting with the utility board to discuss how the rate study and future development intertwines and having an agreed upon plan by both entities. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Derek Frederickson reported that the Utility Service Board gave approval to his firm to begin the bidding process for the Lima Road Water Main Project. The project would provide additional watershed capacity to areas north of town and provided fire flow to the Brownstone subdivision. The project is broken out into 3 segments and all three segments would be bid as one project. Depending on the bids, the town could then decide how to proceed. The plan is to advertise for bids beginning May 13, 2020, open bids on June 9, 2020, and award the project on July 6, 2020. Under that timeline, the project could be complete by November 1, 2020 with some seeding work being done in the spring of 2021.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Huntertown Resolution 2020-11, a resolution to extend utility outside of the town's corporate limits for the Preserves at the Quarry subdivision, was re-introduced. The resolution requires action from the Huntertown Utility Service Board, which was not taken at its meeting earlier in the evening.

### **REPORTS**

No Council members had a report.

Resource Officer Kevin Surface had the following report

- He followed up on a request from Patricia Freck at the previous meeting about ATV's in the roadways. He provided council with the Indiana Code for ATV's on the streets, noting they can't be ridden on roadways; only on private property with permission. The town has no local ordinance.
- Brandon Seifert said he is seeing a lot of golf carts being driven by underage drivers. Surface noted that drivers must be a licensed driver and that golf carts are only permitted in the roadways. He will enforce this issue when he sees it. Gary Grant said that when the town adds an additional resource officer, enforcement can be heightened.

Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He has requested three quotes for website hosting and management. He will provide the council with an overview of quotes when they are all received.
- Patricia Freck asked why the agenda states no Public Comment will be taken. Schwab noted that with the meetings going digital, he wasn't sure how the council was going to handle it. He said he would remove that language from future agenda.
- Patricia Freck asked about public attendance at the virtual meetings. Schwab noted the meeting ID is posted on the town agenda with a note that anyone wishing to attend should contact the town manager for the meeting password. He added that members of the public were viewing the current meeting. Michael Stamets inquired about a timeline to resume normal public meetings. Council agreed to revisit this topic at the May 18, 2020 meeting.

Beth Shellman issued the following report:

- The employee who is being paid overtime to clean the Town Hall has been told to stop and that the employees who work each day at Town Hall will take over those responsibilities.

At 7:35 p.m., Michael Aker was called away from the meeting and asked Michael Stamets to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

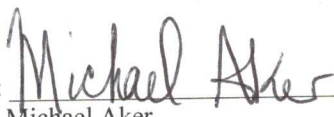
Derek Frederickson had no further report.

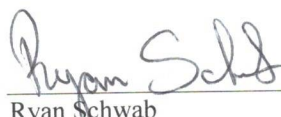
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Gary Stamets seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Attest:

  
Michael Aker  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer