

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road. In attendance were Town Council members Michael Aker (P), Patricia Freck, Brandon Seifert and Michael Stamets. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab, Town Manager Beth Shellman and Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. Also present were two (2) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Absent were council member Gary Grant and Huntertown Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic.

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

Michael Aker suspended the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the 2021 Form 3 (Public Notice) and detailed the total budget, by fund, and detailed the projected expenses for each fund. Michael Aker opened the floor to public comment and none were brought forth. Michael Aker closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Michael Aker opened a Public Hearing for designating certain real estate in Section 19 of Perry Township as an Economic Revitalization Area for AITF Services, LLC/Adaptive Technologies Inc. Rachel Black, Economic Development Specialist for the Allen County Department of Planning Services, provided the public with an overview of the Confirmatory Resolution the council would take a vote on following the hearing. She noted that the tax abatement would save the company \$58,000 in real property and \$6,300 in personal property, retain 10 jobs and create seven new jobs with a total salary for those 17 positions totaling \$1,000,000. Michael Aker opened the floor for public comment and none were brought forth. Michael Aker closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:17 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve that general, water and sewer claims dated September 21, 2020 in the amount of \$359,629.27. Brandon Seifert seconded. Patricia Freck commented that it was nice to see the town use both automotive repair shops in town for vehicle maintenance needs. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-024, a Confirmatory Resolution for the designation of Economic Revitalization Area No. H-18 application of AITF Services, LLC/Adaptive Technologies Inc. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-025, an Amendment to Resolution 2020-18, re-establishing criteria for the review of applications for economic revitalization area(s) in Huntertown. Michael Stamets seconded. Patricia Freck asked that the changes were from the first resolution. Ryan Schwab noted that the changes were highlighted in gray on the document provided; noting pages 9-10 and 16 had alterations. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2020-013, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as Fund 272: Huntertown Tax Abatement Development Fund. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a Law Enforcement Services Agreement for a Community Resource Officer as presented. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ryan Schwab reported that the contract is a brand-new contract for two (2) resource officers and would preside over the existing agreement, which expires on December 31, 2020. He also noted that the price per officer increased, however his 2021 fiscal year budget has enough funds to cover the increased cost. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-026, a Resolution accepting the following three streets located in Willow Ridge North – Section II subdivision for ownership and maintenance (Hatstick Court, Wedge Run, Fizzo Way). Michael Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman said that she walked the site with town employees Randy Bailey and Gabriel Brindle, the developer and a representative from Allen County Highway and detailed some minor issues that should be addressed at the end of the bond period included in the resolution. She is also putting together a spreadsheet of all the new streets and the bond time periods associated with them, noting the town has added a lot of street miles through annexation and development. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve an application to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program for improvements to Bethel Road. Patricia Freck seconded. Derek Frederickson provided the council with an updated cost estimate for the project. Other discussion items included the need for sidewalks for the project and the impact that sidewalks have on INDOT accepting applications. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no new business was brought forth.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

The following council reports were brought forth:

- Patricia Freck talked with representatives of the Town of Fortville about trees and park benches along certain corridors in that town and thought it would look nice if Huntertown adopted a similar look, citing Gump Road as a possible location. Beth Shellman said she oversaw a similar project while working for the Town of Albion, but was uncertain if the town had enough acquired right-of-way to make this type of project possible.
- Michael Aker said that residents have approached him about getting a sidewalk from the Towne Square subdivision to the Huntertown Family Park along Woods Road. He informed those residents about how a petition helped jumpstart a sidewalk project along Dunton Road, connection the Turnberry addition to Gump Road. He indicated that the Towne Square residents seemed willing to do the same and advised council that petition may be forthcoming.
- Michael Aker said he was impressed with the sidewalk improvements done by Messmann Enterprises.
- Michael Aker expressed interest in using funds from the CARES – COVID-19 Relief Fund Program to upgrade security systems around town.

Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic were absent

Clerk Treasurer Ryan Schwab provided the council with a report and highlighted the following item:

- He asked the council to consider using CARES – COVID-19 Relief Fund Program funds for a variety of projects, including television screens in the Town Hall meeting room and Conference room for hands free viewing of documents; and upgrading the restrooms at Town Hall with hands-free toilets, sinks, soap dispensers and towel dispensers. Council gave verbal approval to seek quotes for these items.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She wanted to push the scheduled progress update of the Pufferbelly Trail to October 19, as the Trail Group and the town continue to work together and close in on accumulating the required consent forms to allow the project to run through the Twin Eagles subdivision.
- She continues to work with the County Auditor on TIF neutralization and has been informed that the town should be receiving some TIF revenue from the Fort Wayne Storage facility on State Road 3.
- She is working on moving a utility pole that is dangerously close to a reconstructed section of Cedar Canyons Road, east of State Road 3.

- Patricia Freck asked for an update on the wastewater treatment plant sign. Shellman said she has three quotes for the work and that the Utility Service Board should make a decision at its October 5, 2020 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Green, a resident at 15108 Water Oak Place, asked the council about the town's plan for trick-or-treat hours this Halloween. Council said it would consider the matter and make a decision at its October 5, 2020 meeting.

After no further public comment being brought forth, Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Attest: Michael Aker
Michael Aker
President

Ryan Schwab
Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer