

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, October 5, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road. In attendance were Town Council members Michael Aker (P), Patricia Freck, and Brandon Seifert. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Huntertown Resource Officer Anis Softic; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; and David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith. Also present were two (2) members of the public and zero (0) member of the media. Absent were council member Gary Grant and Michael Stamets.

Michael Aker called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the general, water and sewer claims dated October 5, 2020 in the amount of \$4,273,648.57. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab reported that the amount was unusually high as a result of some transfers that needed to be made based on the results of the town's recent State Board of Accounts audit. The actual dollar amount to be paid to vendors tallied \$299,030.80. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2020-014, an ordinance setting salaries of elected officials and employees of the Town of Huntertown for the last 2020 payroll time period of December 13, 2020 through December 26, 2020 and for fiscal year 2021. Brandon Seifert seconded. Beth Shellman explained the changes in the ordinance and its impact on fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2020-015, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates (fiscal year 2021 budget). Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to continue the budget hearing to Monday, October 19, 2020. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab said that since there were not enough council members present to have all three readings of the ordinance in one night, the hearing needed to be moved to a new date agreed to by council. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Coves of Copper Creek Section II. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ric Zehr, developer for the project, spoke to the council about some recent changes made to the plans for the subdivision. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve one-third of a purchase for a new lawn mower in the amount of \$21,360.72. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ryan Schwab said that the council would be responsible for \$7,120.24 of the total cost. He noted that \$10,000 was budgeted in 2021 for this expense and that approval would be locking in current pricing before a four-percent increase would take effect on October 15, 2020. The mower will not be purchased until 2021. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve a proposal from GME Testing in the amount of \$4,950 for subsurface soils exploration on Bethel Road. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a quote from Messmann Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$5,575 for roadwork near 14926 Mercury Lane. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve a quote from M&S Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$28,185 for a storm sewer drainage repair along Oak Street. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a quote from Bright Signs for 25 slow moving vehicle signs to be placed on registered golf carts in town for a total cost of \$387.50. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2020-013, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as Fund 272: Huntertown Tax Abatement Development Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2020-013, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as Fund 272: Huntertown Tax Abatement Development Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

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:

- Michael Aker reported that trick-or-treat hours for the town will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Halloween night, Saturday October 31, 2020. The Huntertown Fire Station is not hosting its annual Halloween Party due to COVID-19 concerns. Brandon Seifert said that Sherri Myers, owner of Well Grounded Coffee House, is planning a family-friendly Halloween event at Huntertown Family Park, with stations set up throughout the Park. Beth Shellman said the town should consider hosting a booth and handing out treats. Dates and times for the event were unknown.
- Brandon Seifert requested that the town use some of its CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Fund Reimbursement Program monies to aid the Huntertown Fire Department with the purchase of a SCB fill station for breathable oxygen tanks. Ryan Schwab said he would inquire with the Indiana Finance Authority for permission to grant funds to another entity. Seifert said he would also like to use these funds to upgrade the security system at Huntertown Town Hall for the resource officers. Michael Aker said that he and Brad Hite had begun working on this and that he would like to have the potential vendors walk through the various facilities prior to submitting a bid.
- Brandon Seifert asked if anyone knew if the Perry Township trustee is required to provide the council with a budget report for the upcoming fiscal year. Ryan Schwab said the last such report from the Township trustee occurred in 2017. Schwab said he would inquire with the Department of Local Government Finance.
- Patricia Freck encouraged the council to urge the Utility Service Board to make a decision on the sanitary sewer force main project very soon.

Resource Officer Anis Softic had no report.

Clerk Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- The exit conference for the recent audit, covering fiscal years 2018-19, was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. He, Michael Aker and Beth Shellman participated. Details of the audit cannot be made public until the official report is issued. The estimated release date for that report is November 14, 2020.

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

- An amended plat application for Copper Creek will be considered at the Public Hearing on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 1 p.m. The amendment is to change the through street connection extending north from the Highlands and crossing the open ditch. With this change, the plats off of Hathaway Road will not connect to the plats off of Lima Road. She requested verbal approval from the council that they were accepting of this change. Council provided verbal approval but did not take a formal vote on the topic.
- The town has received multiple complaints from residents about high wastewater charges on the October 1 bill. Residents have been informed that the sprinkler credit had expired the billing month prior and that the increase in the bill was a result of paying the full wastewater charge associated with that billings month's

water usage. Shellman said the utility board discussed this at its meeting and is discussion potential changes to the length of the credit or the time period covered by the credit.

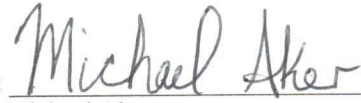
- Tim Gibson plans on attending the October 19, 2020 meeting to discuss a Huntertown Rotary Club. Until there are 20 members, the Rotary would operate as a satellite to the Anthony-Wayne Rotary Club. Rotary Clubs meet weekly.
- All the required signatures in the Twin Eagles subdivision needed to continue the Pufferbelly Trail project have been collected. Fort Wayne Trails will attend the October 19, 2020 meeting for a full update.
- She has received many phone calls on commercial interests in Huntertown. She will have more updates when things are official.

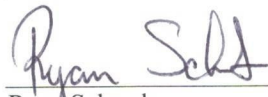
PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Green, a resident at 15108 Water Oak Place, told the council his wife says the town's old water plant building at the corner of State Road 3 and Gump road is an eye sore and needs painted. Beth Shellman expressed interest in using the facility to paint a mural.

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 7:52 p.m.

Attest:


Michael Aker
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer