

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, October 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road. In attendance at Town hall were Town Council member Brandon Seifert and Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab. Attending using the ZOOM App were council members Michael Aker (P), Gary Grant and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; and Town Engineer Derek Frederickson. Also present were one (1) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Absent were Council member Patricia Freck and Resource Officers Ingrid Harriott and Anis Softic.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTE: Michael Aker joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and allowed Brandon Seifert to continue running the meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the general, water and sewer claims dated October 19, 2020 in the amount of \$184,352.21. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the LPA Contract with INDOT for the Kell Road Bridge project as presented. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve a Sidewalk Escrow Request from North Eastern Development Corp. in the amount of \$9,000 for future sidewalk improvements to Hathaway Road. Michael Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman provided the council with information from the developer, who is required to put the sidewalks in as part of the Copper Creek Development, but wishes not to since Hathaway Road is scheduled for construction in the near future. The developer wants to pay the town the \$9,000 for the estimated cost of the sidewalks for the town to use to pay for sidewalks during the future construction project on the road. Shellman noted the town did something similar with a development on Woods Road. After no further discussion, the motion passed 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Cascata Estates. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to consider 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. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to adopt 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. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2020-015, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates (fiscal year 2021 budget). Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2020-015, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates (fiscal year 2021 budget). Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to have the town use its CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Fund Reimbursement program monies to purchase a Hushair Connect 7500 air compressor system from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$88,689.61 for the Huntertown Fire Department. Gary Grant seconded. Huntertown Fire Chief Robert Boren provided an overview of two quotes for two different systems. The first system, at a cost of \$59,333.31 would do the job for 10-15 years, Boren said. The second quote, a more advanced system, would fulfill the needs of the department for 30-plus year, Boren said. The system allows the department to fill tanks with breathable oxygen for

firefighters to use at fires, chemical spills, or any call where the breathable air has been compromised. He said currently, the department fills its tanks at a neighboring station. 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

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

REPORTS

The following council reports were brought forth:

- Gary Grant asked for the status of the Resource Officer Contract document. Ryan Schwab said the document was approved, signed and he would email it to him the following day.
- Michael Stamets thanks everyone for switching from a public meeting to a Zoom meeting to allow his attendance as he recovers from a recent surgery.
- Gary Grant noted that Resource Officer Ingrid Harriott was recently injured on the job and will be out of action for 6-8 weeks. Resource Officer Anis Softic will be covering more of the daytime shift and the Sheriff's Department will have nighttime coverage from other officers.
- Brandon Seifert said that the Department of Natural Resources will be opening grants for trail projects soon and asked the council to consider trail projects for the town. Michael Aker said that when the grants are officially open, the town can resume discussion.

Resource Officer Anis Softic was absent

Clerk Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- Fort Wayne IT Solutions will be installing the new server and computers at Huntertown Town Hall on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. They requested the Town Hall be closed for the day to allow them full access. The new install would require the town to have its server/internet/phone system shut down temporarily. Michael Aker had approved the office closure and the public has been and would be notified again.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- Council members wishing to order apparel with the Huntertown logo needed to get their request to her by noon on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.
- Soil borings for Bethel Road revealed some peat below the surface. Derek Frederickson recommended a more thorough reconstruction for the road when it applies for the Community Crossings Grant. He said if the town did the project as currently designed, it would have to address the road again in 10-years. Beth Shellman said the deadline to submit for the grant was Friday, October 23, 2020 and she wanted to do the project right the first time. She asked Michael Aker to stop in and sign the financial commitment letter that needs to accompany the application.

Derek Frederickson had the following report:

- The Utility Service Board, at a special meeting on October 15, 2020, approved a motion for the Town to fully fund the Northeast Regional Lift Station Force Main Extension project under the scenario 1 provided by Engineering Resources. He provided the council, via email, with an overview of two scenarios for the project. Scenario 1 called for the town to control the entire project, including funding. The developers involved would enter into a 10-year reimbursement agreement with the town and pay the required deposit for the project up front. The town would bid the project under the requirements of Indiana Code 36-1-12. The town would also implement a special wastewater connection fee to recover its investment as well as subsequent connector and immediate revenue allowance payable to the developer. Scenario 2 called for the developer to fund and manage the project with the town entering a 10-year agreement with the developer subject to terms and conditions. The town would be responsible for no more than 50 percent of the total project cost. The town would also implement a special wastewater connection fee to recover its investment as well as subsequent connector and immediate revenue allowance payable to the developers. Discussion

topics included why a deposit from the developer was required; and having another meeting with the developer to hammer out project details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Gary Grant made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest: Michael Aker

Michael Aker
President

Ryan Schwab

Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer