

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, December 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present at Huntertown Town Hall were: Present at Huntertown Town Hall was council member Brandon Seifert. Present using the Zoom app were council members Michael Aker (P), Patricia Freck and Michael Stamets; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; two (2) members of the public and one (1) reporter. Absent was council member Gary Grant and Huntertown Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic.

Michael Aker authorized Brandon Seifert to run the meeting and Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated December 7, 2020 in the amount of \$614,114.89. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve a quote from Atomic Water Solutions in the amount of \$4,413.00 for a new water softener at Huntertown Town Hall. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-028, a resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance Anconia Cove, Cerro Verde Run, Grasber Cove, Tally Ho Drive, Teniente Court and Verdigris Pass which are located in the Coves of Copper Creek – Section I subdivision. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-029, a resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance Anconia Cove and Teniente Court, which are both located in the Coves of Copper Creek – Section II subdivision. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-030, a resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance Gokey Boulevard, Brewster Court and Switchfoot Drive which are located in Rolling Oaks – Section II subdivision. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2020-031, a resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance all that portion of Lima Crossing Drive, Lima Crossing Access #1 and Lima Crossing Access #2 which are located in Huntertown. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the promotion of two utility office employees from utility clerk #2 to utility clerk #1. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to appoint Brad Hite to the Huntertown Utility Service Board for a 3-year term. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the 2021 Huntertown Town Council meeting schedule as presented. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to allow Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab to pay claims throughout the month of December. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to submit a Reimbursement Application to the Indiana Finance Authority, through the COVID-19 Relief Fund Reimbursement Program, to have the town, with cooperation with Allen County, get a reimbursement for public safety payroll. Patricia Freck seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab said an agreement was in place between the Town, Allen County, and the IFA to use up the Town's remaining allotment on this request. Since the Town has a contract with the Allen County Sheriff's Department for a resource office and paying the salary of that officer is included in the agreement, Schwab was attempting to get those expenses reimbursed. The county agreed to provide the town payroll records to submit the application for reimbursement and once the IFA approved the request, the town would forward the money to the County to be used as a credit for 2021 expenses. The other option to the town would be to sign over its remaining allotment to the County and have the County submit the request on its behalf. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Beth Shellman re-introduced a re-zoning request from Boyd Investment. Boyd Investment Corporation has asked the town to support a re-zoning of properties at 16335 and 16339 Lima Road. Present zoning is both I1 and A1 and the application is for all I1. The total acreage is 16.574 acres. The re-zoning would place a former right-of-way of the Pennsylvania Railroad with the plan of the Huntertown Industrial Park. The Public Hearing for the re-zoning is December 10, 2020 and Shellman was looking for input on whether the town wanted to provide any input to the Department of Planning Services. Council members said they would like to see the 20-feet of right-of-way remain for the Fishing Line Trail and asked Shellman to submit a letter on behalf of the town stating the same. No vote was taken but all agreed.

REPORTS

Brandon Seifert reported that he and Beth Shellman attended the KPC Media Manufacturing Awards in November and were able to present an award to Joe DePrisco for Outstanding Manufacturer of the Year.

Huntertown Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic was absent.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He reminded Council members who had yet to get their email conversion with Fort Wayne IT Solutions completed to do so as soon as possible.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- The Town will be using M&S Excavating for snow removal in 2021. The town plans to bid the snow plowing contract in 2021 for a 3-year period.
- The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program award winners will be announced on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. The town has applied for Bethel Road.
- More information will be sent out soon on forming a new Rotary Club in Huntertown.
- She provided the council a list of accomplishments for 2020.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources had the following report:

- Derek Frederickson re-introduced discussion on the Northeast Regional Force Main project. He noted that conversation with the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese about acquiring an easement have been productive.

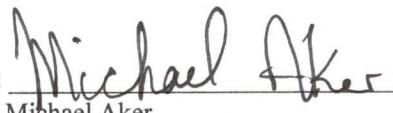
Beth Shellman continues to have discussions with the diocese. Other easements are also coming together. He also noted that town representatives have met with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on extension rules and its pertinence to this project. He noted that according to the IURC, this project does not fall into the category of a main extension project and is not subject to the new law governing water and sewer main extension. The IURC considers this project a utility capacity improvement project, which is not covered under new law. However, that type of project is still subject to Public Procurement rules, meaning if the project is privately bid, public funds can account for no more than 50-percent of the total project cost. Frederickson would like the town to put a work group together to go over more information before deciding how to proceed. Topics of conversation included the 3-year revenue allowance associated with the new law and the financial impact that allowance may have on the town; which developments are impacted by the new law; the advantages and disadvantages to public vs. private bidding of the project; and better ways to share information among the members of Council. After no further discussion, no action was taken.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:


Michael Aker
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer