

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

A virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present at Huntertown Town Hall was council member Brandon Seifert. Present using the Zoom app were council members Michael Aker (P), Patricia Freck, Gary Grant, and Michael Stamets; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; two (2) members of the public and one (1) reporter. Absent were 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**

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated December 7, 2020 in the amount of 250,050.38. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2020-017, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-016 by renaming Special Fund #273 to include both sidewalk and roadway improvements. Fund No. 273 will be known as: Fund #273 – Hathaway Road Sidewalk and Roadway Improvement Fund. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2020-017, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-016 by renaming Special Fund #273 to include both sidewalk and roadway improvements. Fund No. 273 will be known as: Fund #273 – Hathaway Road Sidewalk and Roadway Improvement Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2020-017, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-016 by renaming Special Fund #273 to include both sidewalk and roadway improvements. Fund No. 273 will be known as: Fund #273 – Hathaway Road Sidewalk and Roadway Improvement Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Resolution 2020-032, a Resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance “Portney Place”; “Seger Run”; and “Watts Drive” which are located in Preserves of Carroll Creek West – Section III subdivision. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve a quote from Best Buy for televisions and equipment at Town Hall totaling \$2,962.84. Gary Grant seconded. Michael Stamets amended his motion to include a not-to-exceed amount of \$150.00 for a maintenance package. Patricia Freck seconded the amendment. Brandon Seifert presented the quotes and said the only other expense to the town would be for an electrician to install an extra outlet in the Town Hall Conference room. Ryan Schwab said the town would encumber money from 2020 into 2021 to take care of the purchase in January. He also asked Seifert to contact Best Buy to make sure it understands that the Town cannot pay for this service ahead of time and that the town will issue payment on the day the items are delivered and installed at Town Hall. After no further discussion, the amended motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with North Eastern Realty Group for future roadway improvements to Hathaway Road, associated with the Grande Point and Highlands of Copper Creek

projects in the amount of \$28,479.45. Patricia Freck seconded. Beth Shellman said that a future Hathaway Road project would change the current needs of those developments and the developer has agreed to pay the town for those improvements in the amount presented. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve an engagement letter with Ice Miller for legal services associated with the town's Northeast Regional Force Main project as presented. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program contract with INDOT as presented. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve payment for the increase in employee health insurance premiums for the first four months of 2021. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab reported that the 2021 health insurance premiums were increasing by an estimated 21-percent. The town is planning to enter into a different health insurance plan at considerable savings but cannot do so until May 2021. The town could save money on its current premium by entering a Lutheran preferred network, which would eliminate Parkview Hospital from the town's network, however some employees have expressed concern about losing Parkview from the network. He asked the town to consider paying for the 21-percent increase for four months until the town can switch plans. Added together, the town would still see an overall savings in 2021 compared to current year by taking on the 21-percent increase and then switching plans in May. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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## **REPORTS**

Michael Aker presented the council with three quotes for security system upgrades at four of the town's facilities: Town Hall, Utility Maintenance Shop, Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant. Simplex was the low bidder at \$16,090. Discussion items included what hardware/software would be installed at each facility; whether a monthly fee would be charged; why there was such a difference in security features at the Water Treatment Plant versus the Wastewater Treatment Plant and whether the Wastewater Plant needed more security features; and whether to use 2020 money to make the purchase or wait until 2021, when more of the above questions get answered. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Huntertown Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic were absent.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- The town held an employee Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 18, 2020. Employee Rosemary Scheele (20-years), Andrew Arnett (5-years) and Darren Dafforn (5-years) were honored for service milestones. A picture has been posted to the town's Facebook page.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Attest: Michael Aker  
Michael Aker  
President

Ryan Schwab  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer