

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present using the Zoom app were council members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck, Gary Grant (P) Brandon Seifert, and Michael Stamets; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc; eight (8) members of the public and one (1) reporter.

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

NOTE: Michael Aker left the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and returned at 6:34 p.m. He took part in all votes.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 regular meeting. Brandon Siefert seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated February 16, 2021 in the amount of \$341,357.052. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Pay-Application No. 1 to Primco Inc. for work complete on the Lima Road Bridge and Street project through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$239,880.81. Brandon Seifert seconded. Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources provided an overview of the current status of the project, noting that it is ahead of the June 1, 2021 estimated completion date. Beth Shellman added that the project currently stood at nearly 50-percent complete. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to allow Feders Meats to move forward with adding footer to its property for a future expansion under the condition that the town is not liable for any expense if the expansion project is not approved at a later date. Michel Aker seconded. Mett Kelty and John Federspiel, representing Feders Meats, each addressed the council about the project and the required zoning changes being sought. The company asked the town to remove a requirement for sidewalks on Almon Street and Old Lima Road. The council said it had no issue with removing the requirement for sidewalks on Almon Street but that future town improvement plans do call for a sidewalk on Old Lima Road in front of the property. John Federspiel said he had no problem with that, but he needed to move the businesses sign further off the road to accommodate a sidewalk. He also agreed to pay the town \$3,000 to be put in the town's CEDIT fund for the future sidewalk improvement. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-001, an amendment to Huntertown Ordinance 14-004, as amended for metered rates and charges for services of the Huntertown Sewage Utility (the sprinkler credit). Michael Aker seconded. Gary Grant said that with new information provided to the council by Utility Office Manager Rosemary Scheele, that he no longer wanted to extend the sprinkler credit to a fourth month based on estimated revenue losses. Instead, he wanted to entertain a motion to amend the ordinance to remove the billing month of July from the ordinance. Ryan Schwab suggested that the council approve the ordinance as it was introduced and considered and then amend it after. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-001, an amendment to Huntertown Ordinance 14-004, as amended for metered rates and charges for services of the Huntertown Sewage Utility (the sprinkler credit). Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to amend Huntertown Ordinance 2021-001, an amendment to Huntertown Ordinance 14-004, as amended for metered rates and charges for services of the Huntertown Sewage Utility (the sprinkler credit) by removing the billing month of July. Brandon Seifert seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-002, an ordinance to amend Huntertown Ordinance No. 15-006, deleting all Fort Wayne Utility treatment, pass through, and related charges for services of the Huntertown sewage utility, and to establish a system development charge for new sewer connections to the Huntertown Sewer Utility. Michael Aker seconded. Brandon Seifert said he would like to see the ordinance amended to reduce the charge from \$1,700 to \$1,000 and include a 10-year sunset clause, allowing the council to review the need for the charge in the future. Discussion items included what amount to set the charge at and how that amount was being determined; the purpose of adding a sunset clause; and where the town would get funding for this charge if it eliminated the charge in the future. Gary Grant asked that the same process used for Huntertown Ordinance 2021-001 be followed here, asking for approval of the ordinance as presented and then amend after. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-002, an ordinance to amend Huntertown Ordinance No. 15-006, deleting all Fort Wayne Utility treatment, pass through, and related charges for services of the Huntertown sewage utility, and to establish a system development charge for new sewer connections to the Huntertown Sewer Utility. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to amend Huntertown Ordinance 2021-002, an ordinance to amend Huntertown Ordinance No. 15-006, deleting all Fort Wayne Utility treatment, pass through, and related charges for services of the Huntertown sewage utility, and to establish a system development charge for new sewer connections to the Huntertown Sewer Utility, by reducing the amount of the system development charge to \$1,200 and adding a 10-year sunset clause. Brandon Seifert seconded. Seifert asked why \$1,200 and not \$1,000 and stated he thought \$1,200 was too high. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-1 (Seifert – Nay; Stamets – Aye; Aker – Aye; Freck – Aye; Grant – Aye).

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve a quote from Simplx for upgrades to the town's security system at four locations in the total amount of \$25,850 for installation and \$185 per month for monitoring at all locations. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following New Business was brought forth:

- Dereck Frederickson opened discussion on the Carroll Road Federal Aid project scheduled for 2023. He provided the council with details on sidewalks and trails being added to the west side of the Carroll Road and State Road 3 intersection. He also provided information on options to address traffic concerns on the east side of the intersection, near the entrance to the Carroll Oaks Subdivision and Walgreens building on the north side of Carroll road, which represents the town's southern border. The intersection was built against current guidelines that prohibit an intersection to be constructed within 1,000 feet of a major intersection. The town is being advised to add barriers to prevent left turns from both the north and south side of the intersection at Mossy Oak Run in an effort to reduce an increase in traffic accidents in the area. Council members expressed concern about the increased traffic flow in the subdivision that would be created by cutting off the main entrance to those driving eastbound. Council members asked for more time to review the multiple options for the repair work and speak with homeowners and businesses impacted by the suggested roadway improvements. Beth Shellman said that the east and west projects are two different projects, and the town could approve the work on the west side while continuing to consider options on the east side. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- The council did not voice any opposition to a storage addition for Hoot Landscaping and Design, located at 15410 Dunton Road. Beth Shellman provided an overview of what was being added at the existing building at the property.

## OLD BUSINESS

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Brandon re-introduced Huntertown Resolution 2021-005, a Resolution in opposition to a Food and Beverage Tax Increase or transfer in the administrative unit of government for the use and collection of the existing Allen County, Indiana tax. Siefert said that the Fort Wayne City Council and Allen County Council will soon be considering a similar resolution opposing a tax increase and that Fort Wayne Mayor Henry is pursuing this tax increase. Patricia noted that the House Bill has been removed from consideration and asked what good it does for the Town to pass this if it is no longer being considered?

## REPORTS

Council Member Michael Stamets had the following report:

- A property at the southwest corner of State Road 3 and Old Lima Road is accumulating a large woodpile. This same property drew many complaints a few years back because of a similar issue and the town removed that pile. In this case, Stamets said he does not want the town's employees to be involved in removing the wood and that the town should be strict with the homeowner about its removal.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had no report.

- Patricia Freck asked Shellman to pass along to the employees that they did a fantastic job of clearing the streets of Huntertown during a recent snow event. Michael Aker added that he received a text message from resident Rob Green stating the same.


## PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:

  
Gary Grant  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer