

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, April 5, 2021 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present at Huntertown Town Hall was board member Brandon Seifert. Present using the Zoom app were council members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck, Gary Grant (P) and Michael Stamets; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc; six (6) members of the public and one (1) reporter. Absent was resource officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic.

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

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2021 special meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated April 5, 2021 in the amount of \$384,852.44. Patricia Freck seconded. Brandon Seifert asked to amend the motion to exclude a claim from Hawk Hayne Kammeyer & Smith in the amount of \$1,320.00. He wanted more clarification on who authorized Town Attorney Dave Hawk to do the research that was listed on the bill. Patricia Freck said that she called Dave Hawk for information on liability issues for the Town related to the Carroll Road project. It was determined that Freck had permission from enough council members to contact Hawk and that the work Hawk did was necessary. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-1 (Seifert – Nay, Stamets – Aye, Aker – Aye, Freck – Aye, Grant – Aye).

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-010, a resolution regarding the extension of water and sanitary sewer utilities outside of the Huntertown corporate limits for a property addressed at 1004 Hathaway Road. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-011, a resolution regarding the extension of water and sanitary sewer utilities outside of the Huntertown corporate limits for a property addressed at 13731 Dunton Road. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to appoint Brandon Seifert and Michael Stamets to a one-year term on the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the Annual Report from the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission as presented. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to accept payment in lieu of a sidewalk in the amount of \$5,000 from Feders Meats. Brandon Seifert seconded. Beth Shellman said that the town has already accepted payment of \$3,000 in lieu of a sidewalk on Almon Street and this payment would be in lieu of a sidewalk on Old Lima Road. She said that there are no plans in the near future for a sidewalk on the west side of Old Lima Road. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-004, an Ordinance creating a Special Fund to be known as: Fund #274 Lima Road Sidewalk Improvement Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-004, an Ordinance creating a Special Fund to be known as: Fund #274 Lima Road Sidewalk Improvement Fund. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-005, Feders Real Estate LLC Petition REZ-2021-0007. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-005, Feders Real Estate LLC Petition REZ-2021-0007. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-006, Feders Real Estate LLC Petition REZ-2021-0008. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-006, Feders Real Estate LLC Petition REZ-2021-0008. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion padded, 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Council tabled a request from North Eastern Group for a sidewalk escrow request for Coves of Copper Creek Section II in the amount of \$18,500.
- Beth Shellman presented the council with a quote for landscaping at Lima Road Access Drive in the amount of \$4,455.00 from Hoot Landscaping and Design. The council asked to see more quotes.
- Beth Shellman said that a request has been made by a future business owner along Lima Road Access Drive to complete the roadway and connect it to existing infrastructure. Shellman said the business owner would deed the property to the town. No action was taken.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Derek Frederickson re-introduced a discussion on the Carroll Road project, notably as it relates to suggested improvements at the Mossy Oak Run intersection, east of State Road 3. He added that new information continues to come in, but that overall issue remains that INDOT would like a full concrete barrier placed in the middle of this road that does not allow for left hand turns in either direction on Mossy Oak Run. The town prefers a plan that leaves the center of the road open with signage for "No Left Turns" to be posted at the intersection. Patricia Freck asked that the entire council be present before a vote is taken. Michael Aker noted that the council is still reviewing its options and that the public will be allowed to comment during the Public Comment session of this meeting. Brandon Seifert wanted all public input to be heard before a vote was taken and asked that a special meeting be scheduled to allow any and all residents a chance to share concerns about the project and its impact on the intersection. Other topics of conversation included sending letters to all the businesses and homeowners in the impacted area to let them know of the situation; whether a formal Public Hearing for the project was held or needed to be held; and a date/time/location for a special meeting. Council determined that Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6 p.m. would work. The meeting location details needed to be worked out. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

## **REPORTS**

Brandon Seifert reported on the following items:

- He is communicating with Dan Avery with the Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council to talk about the Fishing Line Trail.

- He has reached out to four homeowners along Carroll Road, east of State Road 3, whose properties would be impacted by the roadway reconstruction project being planned for the area. He stated that each of the four homeowners opposes a concrete barrier at the intersection of Carroll Road and Mossy Oak Run.

Gary Grant reported on the following item:

- The council received an email from the Carroll Creek Homeowners Association asking for someone to attend its upcoming Association meeting. Grant said he has accepted the invitation.

Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab provided the council with a detailed report and highlighted the following items:

- He is attending a State Board of Accounts webinar on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 on the American Rescue Plan. He hopes to learn enough through that webinar to bring the required Ordinance to create a new fund to the council at either the April 19, 2021 meeting or the May 3, 2021 meeting.
- Michael Aker asked for an update on the new website. Schwab said he has a virtual meeting with the project manager on Thursday, April 8, 2021. The goal is to have the site launched by the end of the month.

Town Manager Beth Shellman issued a handout of her report and highlighted the following items:

- Hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin in the first week of April and continue for six weeks.
- The community bulk trash pick-up date is scheduled for Monday-Wednesday, May 24-26. The Huntertown Community Garage Sales are scheduled for May 6-8.
- Crack-filling is set to begin in April. Areas include Cedar Canyons Road, Twin Eagles and Creekside neighborhoods, and if funds allow Lakes of Willow Creek. The town has budgeted \$10,000 for crack-filling.
- The Lima Road Bridge is set to be complete and the road re-open by the end of April.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

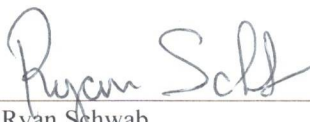
Gary Grant opened the floor to public comment, and none were brought forth.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Grant  
President



Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer