

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, May 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present at Huntertown Town Hall were board member Brandon Seifert and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman and one (1) members of the public. Present using the Zoom app were council members Michael Aker Patricia Freck and Gary Grant (P); Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; and one (1) reporter. Absent were resource officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic.

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

NOTE: Michael Aker left the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and missed only the vote to adjourn.

COUNCIL ACTION

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims as presented in the amount of \$433,830.15. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Change Order No 1 for the Lima Road-CCMG Streets Project 2019-02 in the amount of \$45,124.12. Patricia Freck seconded. Derek Frederickson said that the final construction of the project is complete. He noted the increase in cost due to his engineering firm underestimating quantities for asphalt and stone. He said his firm would like to cover what would have been the INDOT's 75-percent of that cost, which he figured to be \$26,228.37. He suggested providing the town a credit in that amount on its contract for future engineering services. Ryan Schwab said he would like to refer the matter to the State Board of Accounts to see how it would like any credit or re-payment to be handled. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-1 (Seifert – Nay; Aker – Aye; Freck – Aye; Stamets – Aye; Grant – Aye).

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-013, a Resolution transferring funds from the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ryan Schwab said that since the change order for \$45,124.12 was approved, money from the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund needed to be moved to pay for the increase. He also noted that Huntertown Resolution 2021-008 had incorrectly transferred money and that an additional \$42,997.38 needed moved as well. The Resolution totaled \$88,121.50. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Pay App No. 4 for the Lima Road-CCMG Streets Project 2019-02 in the amount of \$101,949.37. Michael Aker seconded. Derek Frederickson said that this was the final pay-app for the project. It included the change order approved earlier as well as released the final retainage. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-1 (Aker – Aye; Freck – Aye; Stamets – Aye; Seifert – Nay; Grant – Aye).

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the Notice of Substantial Completion for the Lima Road-CCMG Streets Project 2019-02. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-014, a Resolution approving the transfer of funds from the CEDIT fund to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund. Patricia Freck seconded.

Ryan Schwab said this transfer was for the Bethel Road Community Crossings Grant project. The 75-percent match from INDOT has already been received and this would account for the town's 25-percent match. The project is set to begin on June 1. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Ryan Schwab asked the council to verify who planned on attending the next Town Council meeting on June 7, 2021. A vote on a federal aid road project with the Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) was needed by June 9, 2021. Schwab was concerned that if the Governor does not extend the current Health Emergency in Indiana through June, then the ability to have a virtual meeting would no longer be prohibited and council members would need to be present to vote on a critical project. Patricia Freck and Michael Aker both indicated that they would not be able to attend in person. Freck noted that legislation has passed allowing for communities to hold virtual meetings in non-emergency situations. Schwab agreed, but noted that each community must adopt its own policy first and he outlined the minimum provisions to be required in that policy. Schwab noted that a Special Meeting could be held prior to the June 7, 2021 meeting to hold this vote and he would organize that meeting with council members in the coming days. He also said he would prepare the town's resolution for virtual meetings in non-emergency situations as well. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He would be attending four different webinars on multiple topics during the week of May 17-21 and would report back any important issues to council.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She will be attending a quarterly meeting for the Kell Road Bridge Project and the Carroll Road project on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. The Carroll Road project is highly dependent on the decision the council wants to make on how to proceed with that project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attest:

Gary Grant
President

Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer