

Special Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A special 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 members Patricia Freck, Gary Grant (P) and Brandon Seifert; Town Attorney David Hawk; and fourteen (14) members of the public. Attending via the Zoom App were council members Michael Aker and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. and fourteen (14) members of the public. Absent was Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab.

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

NOTE: In the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer, the Town Manager agreed to take the minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-015, a Resolution establishing the policy by which members of the Town Council may participate by electronic means of communication. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-1 (Aker – Aye; Freck – Aye; Seifert – Nay; Stamets – Aye; Grant – Aye).


Brandon Seifert made a motion to accept the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Option B proposal for the Carroll Road reconstruction project which includes an 8-inch median. Patricia Freck seconded. Gary Grant opened discussion by stating that after discussion with INDOT and the Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) the town is being told it has one option for this project and that is the INDOT Option B which includes the 8-inch median down the middle of Carroll Road, east of State Road 3 to just under 300-feet east of Mossy Oak Run. INDOT has stated that it would pull the 80-percent funding on the estimated \$3.3 million project if the town does not approve the Option B design. He said the town does not have enough money to fund the project on its own and would also be at risk of losing funds for future projects if it proved unwilling to cooperate on this project. Also shared was information on right-turn only improvements at the intersection of Lima Crossing Drive and Mossy Oak Run and a design for a roundabout at Carroll Road and Shearwater Run, both of which could potentially be added to this project. Grant opened the floor to public comment and the following individuals spoke: John Sylvestri, a resident at 12303 hummingbird Cove, spoke in person; Sandy Frick, a resident at 1580 Flint Lock Lane, spoke in person; Bruce Freed, a resident at 1508 Flint Lock Lane, spoke in person; Rob Kruger, an attorney representing Indiana Physical Therapy located at 1675 Carroll Road, spoke in person; Theresa Steele, a resident at 12226 Mossy Oak Run, spoke in person; Dan Frick, a resident at 1580 Flint Lock Lane, spoke in person; Jose Flores, representing Indiana Physical Therapy located at 1675 Carroll Road, spoke in person; Janie Rupright, a resident at 1615 Brittany Cove, spoke in person; Lela Holben, a resident at 1628 Flint Lock lane, spoke in person; and Steve Harris, a resident at 12331 Shearwater Run, spoke via Zoom. Concerns from the residents covered the following topics: why NIRCC and INDOT were not considering other options; the desire for a roundabout at Shearwater Run; not pursuing the right-turn only design at Lima Crossing Drive and Mossy Oak Run but instead place signage to discourage commercial or through traffic from entering the subdivision; a request for a traffic study at Bear Claw Lane and Shearwater run; increased law enforcement patrol at the same intersection; getting the current Carroll Oaks sign replaced as part of the project; and traffic control during construction. Brandon Seifert stated he was not in favor of the median as it negatively impacted the Carroll Oaks residents, and it could potentially push other road projects further down on the town's timeline. Patricia Freck stated she was in favor of the project because of the need to meet INDOT and NIRCC guidelines for this and future

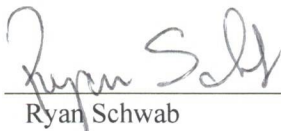
projects. She also said the town would have to reimburse the town of Engineering expenses that have already been reimbursed to the town if the project would be pulled. Michael Stamets echoed Freck's concern about refunding money to INDOT. Dan Avery of NIRCC was given the floor to take any questions from the residents, but none were brought forth. Council members added that more situations like this will pop up on other roads in Huntertown and the town will need to be in good standing with INDOT to fund those projects. Grant said he does not want the median as part of this projet, but feels the town has no other choice. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-2 (Freck – Aye, Seifert – Nay; Stamets – Aye; Aker – Nay; Grant – Aye).

No other business was brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:


Gary Grant
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer