

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, June 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, June 7, 2021, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present at Huntertown Town Hall were board member Gary Grant (P), Brandon Seifert and Michael Stamets; Street Superintendent Randy Bailey and three (3) members of the public. Present using the Zoom app were council members Michael Aker and Patricia Freck; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; zero (0) members of the public 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 6:58 p.m. and missed two votes, including the vote to adjourn.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021, regular meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2021, special meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims as presented in the amount of \$934,203.35. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2021-008, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as Fund #275 – Kell Road Bridge Improvement Fund. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ryan Schwab covered the details of the ordinance. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-008, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as Fund #275 – Kell Road Bridge Improvement Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-008, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as Fund #275 – Kell Road Bridge Improvement Fund. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-016, acceptance of streets in Cliffs of Rollings Oaks. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-017, Approving 2021 Pay 2022 Real and Personal Property Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) forms. Michael Stamets seconded. Rachel Black, Economic Development Specialist with the Allen County Department of Planning Services, provided an overview of the Resolution and noted that all three businesses impacted are compliant. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to advertise for permission to dispose of personal property. Brandon Seifert seconded. Beth Shellman provided the council with details on the two vehicles that are being considered for

sale and noted the minimum amounts the town would be accepting in a sale. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve a quote from Meyer Building LLC in the amount of \$149,530.00 for the construction of a new utility building. Michael Aker seconded. Beth Shellman provided an overview of the three quotes received. Randy Bailey provided details on the specs of the building and how the town employees would benefit from the building. Patricia Freck asked why the CEDIT fund was paying for the entire amount instead of splitting the cost 3-ways with the water and sewer utility paying for one-third of the cost. Ryan Schwab said that the CEDIT Fund is the town's healthiest fund and could handle the expense without putting extra financial pressure on the two utility accounts. He also said that if they council still wished to split the cost with the two utilities, it could vote to do so. None of the other council members found it necessary to split the cost. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to give conditional approval for the secondary plat for The Quarry, Section III, pending technical review and the successful start-up of the lift station that services the plat. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$650.00 per person for Brandon Seifert and Beth Shellman to attend a Greater Fort Wayne tour of Carmel and Fishers. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Beth Shellman provided the council the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission's Annual Notice regarding the need to keep assessed value in the town's TIF. She noted that the RDC has passed a Resolution to meet this annual requirement. The town is hoping to see some revenue from the TIF in 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **REPORTS**

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- He asked that the council have a special meeting following the special meeting of the Huntertown Utility Service Board on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, so that the council could wrap up its business related to the Northeast Regional Force Main Project. Gary Grant said he did not see the need for a special meeting since the council has a regular meeting schedule for June 21, 2021, less than a week after.

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She introduced Denny Gloyd, representing the Huntertown Historical Society, and asked him to provide the council with an update on Society business. Gloyd said the Society is looking for a building to house its documents as it currently has everything in a storage unit. It does not have the monetary resources to rent a building and was asking the town for any assistance it could provide. Steve Harris, a resident at 12331 Shearwater Run, said the town of Winchester in Randolph County has a similar situation and suggested contacting them.

Michael Aker had the following report:



- He took a number of calls from residents who were displeased with the response from Republic Services during the town's bulk trash pick-up days in May. He noted that items were left out for over two weeks and were rained on, creating an awful look throughout Huntertown. He said the town should consider pulling the bulk trash pick up days from the contract if this were to continue in the future. Beth Shellman said that she is planning a meeting with Republic Services on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, to discuss the issue.

Gary Grant had the following report:

- He said he would be absent for the June 21, 2021, meeting and asked Brandon Seifert to run the meeting in his absence.

Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He will be meeting with the Town Manager and the department heads in the coming week to discuss items for the 2022 budget. He also asked the council to ensure they can attend the Monday, October 4, 2021, meeting. It is that evening he plans on getting the budget ordinance adopted.
- He, Beth Shellman and Brandon Seifert attended a meeting with representatives from Allen County, the City of Fort Wayne, and other municipalities in Allen County on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, to discuss ways these entities could best leverage their funding through the American Rescue Plan. Items of discussion included broadband improvements, utility improvement projects and aid to not-for-profits and tourism businesses that impact all of the county. Schwab said the town still has not received its distribution and the amount of that distribution, estimated at \$1.42 million, could change. Patricia Freck asked if the ARP money could be used for beautification purposes in downtown Huntertown, notably updating and improving the utility poles down Lima Road. Schwab said that currently, those types of projects are not a permissible use of ARP funding. Brandon Seifert added that uses for the ARP funding seemingly change on a monthly basis and noted that something like this may be a permissible expense in the future.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She provided more information on the American Rescue Plan meeting with county officials.
- She said the water and wastewater plant operators are working on a 5-year capital improvement plan as the town begins to hit the 2022 budget season.

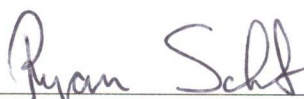
## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Harris, a resident at 12231 Shearwater Run, said the Allen County Surveyor's office will be digging out the Gellar Ditch. He also thanked the council for its communication with residents prior to its vote on May 25, 2021, on the Carroll Road project. While the residents did not get the vote from council it wanted, he recognized how tough a decision this was and was pleased with how they were informed.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Attest:

  
Gary Grant  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer