

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

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 6, 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), Brandon Seifert and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Huntertown Resource Officer Anis Softic; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources and one (1) member of the public. Present using the Zoom app were board member Michael Aker, zero (0) members of the public and one (1) reporter.

Gary Grant called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021, regular 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 \$954,933.91. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Pay Application No. 1 to Wayne Asphalt and Construction in the amount of \$141,809.99 for the Bethel Road Community Crossings Grant project. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Derek Frederickson provided the council with a packet detailing four potential road projects to submit for the next call for projects as part of the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The projects detailed include:
  - \* Gump Road from State Road 3 to Old Lima Road at an estimated \$850,000.
  - \* Hunter Street from Old Lima Road to Warrior Way at an estimated \$750,000.
  - \* Hulda Street and Main Street at an estimated \$100,000.
  - \* Cedar Canyon Road from Kell Road to Coldwater Road at an estimated \$750,00.

Frederickson said that the Gemini Drive, Apollo Drive, Mercury Lane project was not included because some drainage improvements were needed. He also said that Gump Road project would require some right-of-way acquisitions which would take too much time to allow for submittal for this round of projects. Council members asked about including more sections of Cedar Canyon Road, including from Kell Road to State Road 3 and from State Road 3 to Old Lima Road. Council members gave verbal consent to pursue the Hunter Road project through the grant and have the town pursue the less expensive Hulda-Main project on its own.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Beth Shellman provided an update to the Northeast Regional Force Main project, noting that no final agreement is in place and the town attorney is still reviewing the documents. The Utility Service Board did not have a quorum at its meeting earlier in the evening so no action on their end was taken.

## REPORTS

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- The Americans for Prosperity Foundation was holding a meeting in Hyde Park, 9522 Lima Road, on Thursday, July 8, 2021, to discuss the expansion of the school voucher program.

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She expressed concern about the number of fireworks shot off in Huntertown over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. She asked if the town's ordinance mirrored the county or the State and was told that the town's ordinance mirrors the state laws. She asked the council if members had interest in making its local ordinance on fireworks more stringent. Council members agreed that this year's number of fireworks were at a higher volume than they had seen in the past, but also expressed concern about going toughening the State law and potentially infringing on the rights of citizens.

Resource Officer Anis Softic had the following report:

- He has spent an hour each shift patrolling the area near the Cedar Canyon Road-Old Lima Road intersection for speeding. He hopes it is improving the speeding traffic in the area, noting that he has pulled over two vehicles. Gary Grant added that he pulled over a vehicle in the area as well.

Patricia Freck asked for an update on the status of some abandoned cars in the town's limits. He said that the information on those vehicles she inquired about have been turned over to the Building Department for review. He said the laws regarding public vs. private property prohibit what the Sheriff's Department can do in these cases.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He needs some signatures from the Council President to complete the application to the Indiana Finance Authority for the town to receive its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The town would receive either \$1,540,671.91 or \$894,886.50 depending on how the IFA determines its budget. A clause in the RPA only allows a unit to receive 75-percent of its 2020 budget, however the document the IFA has used to determine its estimated allocation does not include all of the funds the town submits with its annual budget. He will be working with the IFA and hopes the town will receive its entire allotment.
- He will have a budget workshop with the Department of Local Government Finance on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. This puts the town on schedule for its Public Hearing on Monday, September 20, 2021, with adoption on Monday, October 4, 2021. He reminded all council members that they need to be present at Town Hall on October 4, to pass the budget ordinance.
- The Town's website and email has been down since Monday, July 5, 2021, at noon. He is working with Fort Wayne IT Solutions to get it resolved.
- He will be on vacation the week of July 19-23.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

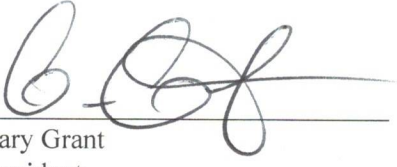
- She provided more information on an Indiana Finance Authority 50-50 matching grant program that requires the use of ARP funds. The grant application deadline is July 15, 2021.
- She took a phone call from the president of the Zanesville Town Council. They are interested in purchasing the dump truck the town currently has for sale. The town received no bids during the first call for bids that expired on Thursday, July 1, 2021. The Zanesville Town Council was set to vote on the purchase at its meeting on July 20, 2021. The council gave verbal consent to sell the vehicle to the Town of Zanesville for \$8,500 and re-bid the vehicle if the Town of Zanesville did not agree to that purchase price.
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## PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Green, a resident at 15108 Water Oak Place, said that the town would receive just as many complaints from residents if it did strengthen its fireworks ordinance as it did from residents who complained about the volume of fireworks. There is no way to make everyone happy on this issue.

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

Attest:

  
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Gary Grant  
President

  
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Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer