

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, August 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, August 16, 2021, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting utilized the Zoom App. Present at Huntertown Town Hall were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck, Brandon Seifert, and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Huntertown Resource Officers Anis Softic; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer and Smith; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources and five (5) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Attending the meeting via Zoom was Huntertown Resource Officer Ingrid Herriott and one (1) member of the media. Absent was council member Gary Grant (P).

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

Brandon Seifert suspended the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing for Huntertown Ordinance 2021-009, an Ordinance to amend Huntertown Ordinance No. 15-006, to establish a special wastewater service area and to establish a new area connection fee for new connection to the Huntertown Sewer Utility within that area. The floor was open to public comment, and none were brought forth. Brandon Seifert closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2021, regular meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated August 16, 2021, in the amount of \$592,816.07. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-009, an Ordinance to amend Huntertown Ordinance No. 15-006, to establish a special wastewater service area and to establish a special area connection fee for new connections to the Huntertown sewer utility within that area. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-009, an Ordinance to amend Huntertown Ordinance No. 15-006, to establish a special wastewater service area and to establish a special area connection fee for new connections to the Huntertown sewer utility within that area. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to give conditional approval of Huntertown Resolution 2021-019, a Resolution regarding the extension of water and sewer service for a residential subdivision known as the Preserves at the Quarry Section I (49 lots) and Section II (26 lots), pending approval of the water/sewer application and passage of the Northeast Regional Force Main Agreement by the Utility Service board. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the Northeast Regional Force Main Agreement as presented. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to give conditional approval to Huntertown Resolution 2021-020, Resolution regarding the extension of water and sewer service for a residential subdivision known as Ridley Park (38

lots), pending approval of the water/sewer application and passage of the Northeast Regional Force Main Agreement by the Utility Service board. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to assist with the recreation of the Cedar Creek Watershed Management Plan and provide meeting space at Huntertown Town Hall for St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative to hold public meetings and workshops. Michael Aker seconded. Alexis Hathaway, representing the Watershed Initiative, gave the council a brief presentation on the Watershed initiative and the importance of updating the management plan. Beth Shellman provided the council with a list of Q&A related to this project. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the purchase of a DS-64i Folder Inserter 2 Station at one-third the total cost of \$8,590, or \$2,863.34. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab said that the machine is used to fold and stuff utility bills for approximately 83 percent of the town's utility customers. The machine is also used to fold delinquent notices on a monthly basis as well. The cost is being shared three ways with the water and sewer utility. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Patricia Freck reported on the following items:

- She has been in contact with Republic Services regarding numerous residential complaints about certain areas of town not having trash/recycling picked up. Another complaint was about the truck leaking fluid on the streets. The company is looking into fixing both issues.
- Recent utility repair work on Old Lima Road has left a bump in the road. She would like the vendor to come out and fix the road.
- She has asked that money be put in the budget for a Veterans Memorial and for buying/renovating distressed properties in Huntertown.

Resource Officers Anis Softic and Ingrid Herriott had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided the council with an overview of the proposed 2022 budget and detailed some of the purchases by fund. He advised council to provide any input before the next council meeting. He will have to submit the Notice to Advertise for Public Hearing by September 10, 2021, in order to have the Public Hearing at the September 20, 2021, meeting. Budget adoption is planned for the October 4, 2021, meeting.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- AIM is starting to distribute copies of plans cities and towns are adopting as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. She will be working with the Clerk-Treasurer to create a plan for the Town.

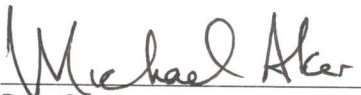
- She has talked with Republic Services about splitting the town into zones, to alleviate some of the recent issues with late or non-pickup. Republic Services has noted they are short on drivers, the weather has caused some issues and they are seeing higher volumes in trash
- The town's utility shop was struck by lightning during a severe weather event on Saturday, August 7, 2021. The SCADATA computer system was fried, and the town will be replacing it. Once a full cost is given to the town, that information will be passed on to the council.
- She and Brandon Seifert attended a Greater Fort Wayne Community tour of Carmel and Fishers on August 11, 2021. It was a great networking event, and she plans to have a more detailed report at the next council meeting.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Attest:


~~Gary Grant~~ Michael Aker
 President


 Ryan Schwab
 Clerk Treasurer