

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, October 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, October 18, 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; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources; three (3) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Attending the meeting via the Zoom app was Steve Carter of Krohn & Associates, zero (0) member of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Absent was board member Michael Aker and Resource Officers Anis Softic and Ingrid Herriott.

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

Gary Grant suspended the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to open a Public Hearing for the Marcella Voluntary Annexation.

Tina McDonald, a resident at 16511 Claystone Court, asked the council for the location of the new subdivision. Beth Shellman identified the property location as the southwest corner of Shoaff Road and Kell Road.

With no further public comment, Gary Grant closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:02 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 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 October 18, 2021, in the amount of \$383,322.89. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-031, a resolution approving the fiscal plan for the Marcella Annexation. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-012, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as Marcella Voluntary Annexation. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-012, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as Marcella Voluntary Annexation. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-029, a resolution to transfer funds from the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund to the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2021-030, a Resolution to transfer funds from the Excess Levy Fund to the General Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve a settlement agreement and mutual release with Engineering Resources Inc. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve a one-year moratorium on sexually oriented businesses in Huntertown, beginning this day, October 18, 2021. Gary Grant seconded. Michael Stamets expressed concern that the motion was only being made for making a statement and that current zoning rules require special uses to come before the town council. Brandon Seifert said he wanted to add the extra layer of prevention. He also noted that the planning commission has voted against the town's wishes on other issues in the past. After no further discussion, the motion drew 2-2 (Stamets – Nay; Freck – Nay, Seifert – Aye, Grant – Aye). In the case of a tie, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab is allowed to cast a vote. Schwab voted in favor and the motion passed, 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Kelly Rentschler, Community Affairs Manager for Indiana Michigan Power, introduced herself to the council and handed out business cards. Patricia Freck asked about acquiring I&M property in Huntertown and who to have that discussion with. Rentschler said she would get Freck's contact information and get her in touch with the proper people.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Patricia Freck asked for an update on a bump in the road on Old Lima Road caused by pipe crossover work in the area of the Yellow Apartment project currently under construction. Street Superintendent Randy Bailey said he contacted the vendor about the issue and will follow up again.

REPORTS

Gary Grant had the following report:

- Huntertown Resource Officer Ingrid Herriott has been promoted within the Allen County Sheriff's Department and will no longer be a resource officer for the Town. The Department has opened the job and have three potential candidates. He and Michael Aker will begin interviewing the three candidates and report back to council. Patricia Freck asked if any of the candidates had a K-9. Grant said that one of the candidates, former Huntertown Resource Officer Brandon Reichert, is one of the applicants and Reichert has a K-9.

Resource Officers Ingrid Herriott and Anis Softic were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

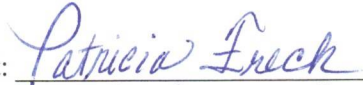
- Snow removal quotes are being sought. She will have a report at the next meeting.
- She asked the council to sign a letter to send to the Allen County Commissioners, asking for them to use their ARPA funding to undertake a drainage repair project in Huntertown in the Apollo Drive, Gemini Drive and Mercury Lane neighborhood. While no formal vote was taken, council members gave verbal approval and signed the letter.

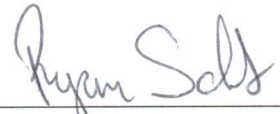
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Attest:


~~Gary Grant~~ *Patricia Freck*
~~President~~ *Acting President*


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer