

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, December 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public/virtual meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 20, 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, Gary Grant (P), Brandon Seifert and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; five (5) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. No one attended the meeting via Zoom. Absent were resource officers Anis Softic and Brandon Reichert.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2021, regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated December 20, 2021, in the amount of \$317,175.39. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve an amendment to Huntertown Ordinance 2021-013, to fix salaries of elected officials and employees of the Town of Huntertown for fiscal year 2022. Said amendment approves a one-time Essential Worker Premium Pay not to exceed the amounts described in Section 5. Michael Aker seconded. Beth Shellman covered the details of the premium pay addition noting that it had to be passed by the end of the year in order to include elected officials. Michael Stamets asked how the amount for council was established. Shellman said that she used a calculation that would have the premium pay increase their overall compensation by 150-percent of their annual salary. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2021-016, approving the Huntertown American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund spending plan. Brandon Seifert seconded. Beth Shellman provided an overview of the plan, which breaks down the total spending over three years. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-016, approving the Huntertown American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund spending plan. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-016, approving the Huntertown American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund spending plan. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to contact GAI Consultants and have them put together a proposal for the Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-way work for the Carroll Road roundabout project. Michael Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman provided an overview of the number of firms who submitted a proposal and how the scoring committee ranked them. Patricia Freck asked if the company had a Fort Wayne office and if they would be using staff members from that office for the project. Marsha Craney-Blevins, Business Development Manager for GAI, was in attendance and said that the firm has a location in Fort Wayne on Dupont Road. She noted that employees from each of the four offices in the State will have a hand in the project. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-014, an Ordinance approving rezoning petition REZ-2021-0059 from Hunter's Development LLC. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-014, an Ordinance approving rezoning petition REZ-2021-0059 from Hunter's Development LLC. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2021-015, an Ordinance approving rezoning petition REZ-2021-0060 from Hunter's Development LLC. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2021-015, an Ordinance approving rezoning petition REZ-2021-0060 from Hunter's Development LLC. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,773.40 from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund to cover an error in payroll from March 2021 through December 2021. Brandon Seifert seconded. Ryan Schwab said that he incorrectly input insurance deduction amounts for four town employees in March and that their dental deduction was not take out of their checks. A total of \$177.34 a month was not deducted for 10-months. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Council members gave permission to the Town Manager to submit comments to NIRCC for a transportation plan. The town would like to construct a bridge/underpass at the intersection of Gump Road and State Road 3 to connect the east and west sides of Huntertown. The town would also like to see improvements to Old Lima Road, from Cedar Canyon Road to State Road 3.
- Gary Grant appointed Kerri Garvin to serve on the Huntertown Utility Service Board for a three-year term from 2022-2024.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

No Council members had reports.

Resource Officers Brandon Reichert and Anis Softic were absent.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:


- She thanked the council for approving the essential worker premium pay for town employees.
- Council members who had Hometown Hero banners could pick their banner up. She would like to get updated photos from each for the next round of banners.
- She, Michael Aker, and Randy Bailey had a walkthrough with USI on Woods Road. During that discussion, USI asked if they could put together a Comprehensive Improvement Plan for the Town, detailing future road improvement needs. The plan would include resident feedback.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. was absent.

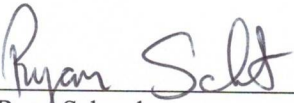
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attest: 

Gary Grant
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer