

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, December 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. The meeting also utilized the Zoom app. Present at Town Hall were board members Patricia Freck, Gary Grant, Brandon Seifert (P) and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchy; six (6) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Council member Michael Aker attended the meeting via Zoom.

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

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated December 19, 2022, in the amount of \$297,492.60. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2022-020, an ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as the RAML Voluntary Annexation. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2022-046, a resolution adopting the fiscal plan regarding the annexation of certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as RAML, INC. Voluntary Annexation. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2022-021, an ordinance creating the office of Vice-President of the Town Council for the Town of Huntertown. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2022-021, an ordinance creating the office of Vice-President of the Town Council for the Town of Huntertown. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2022-021, an ordinance creating the office of Vice-President of the Town Council for the Town of Huntertown. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to authorize the Huntertown Town Council President to execute and carry out terms of an interlocal agreement for Poka-Bache Trail; and nominate the Town Manager to serve as the Town's representative to the Poka-Bache Connector Task Force. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to pay buyer-only required closing costs for the purchase of property at 15735 Lima Road. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a façade grant application in the amount of \$5,000 for Parlor Doughnut. Michael Stamets seconded. Stamets, a representative of the Huntertown Redevelopment

Commission, provided the council with an overview of the application and noted that the RDC did approve the application at its meeting earlier that evening. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2022-045, a resolution concerning authorization for execution of INDOT agreements. Gary Grant seconded. Beth Shellman said that INDOT is changing its signing requirements and requests that the town designate one representative to handle signing of INDOT related documents. This Resolution authorizes the president of the Town Council as the signer for the Town. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve pay-application No. 1 from Krafft Water Solutions, in the amount of \$132,582.00 for the Riverside Manufacturing Culvert project. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$65,010.00 for the purchase of right-of-way at five (5) properties along Carroll Road, as presented by the engineering firm. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay any claim for the remainder of the calendar year 2022. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Derek Frederickson asked the council to consider taking payment in lieu of sidewalk construction for the Somerset Homes development along Carroll Road. Frederickson said since the town's Carroll Road project, scheduled for 2023 construction, would likely rip out the required sidewalk for the development, he would ask the developer if they would pay the town the amount for sidewalk construction and the town could put that amount toward the construction project. Ryan Schwab said the town would set up a specific fund to hold the funds until payment needed to be made. There was no formal vote, but council members gave verbal approval to proceed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business was brought forth.

## **REPORTS**

Michael Aker had the following report:

- Huntertown Resource Officer Brandon Reichert has interest in becoming a Field Training Officer (FTO) for the Allen County Sheriff's Department. This commitment would require time away from Huntertown periodically throughout the year and he would like the council's permission before he gives his intent to the Sheriff's Department. While no formal vote was taken, council members gave verbal approval to have Reichert seek the FTO position.

Brandon Siefert had the following report:

- He appointed Tina McDonald to be the town council liaison for code enforcement in Huntertown.
- He appointed Patricia Freck, Brad Hite, and Kerri Garvin to serve on a committee to select the council appointment to the Huntertown Utility Service Board.
- He thanked Gary Grant (12-years) and Michael Stamets (8-years) for their time served on the Huntertown Town Council and presented each with a Yeti water bottle inscribed with their name and

the town seal. Grant thanked members of council and Huntertown Staff for their work and said it was a pleasure to serve the community. Michael Stamets followed with similar remarks.

Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchy had no report.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He presented the council with the approved 2023 Utility Service Board budget.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She presented the council with a previously approved plat the needed signatures.
- She introduced Nolan Mark, who has been doing some survey work for the town. Mark then addressed the council and thanked them for choosing a local vendor for the town's surveying needs.


Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. had no further report.

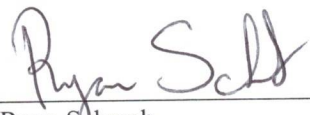
### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Harris, a resident at 12331 Shearwater Run and president of the Shearwater Community Association, asked the council to help find a resolution to water/ice issues along Shearwater Run in the subdivision. He said that the street has multiple areas that are always wet and have ice build up in the winter, noting that two kids were pretending to ice skate on it while waiting for the school bus earlier that morning. Some of the icy areas cover ADA ramps. He's contacted multiple representatives of the Allen County Highway Department and isn't getting any answers. His conversations about this issue go back as far as 2019. Council members asked Town Engineer Derek Frederickson to meet with Street Superintendent Randy Bailey and see what kind of work is needed to fix the issue.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Gary Grant made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

  
Brandon Selfert  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer