

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Patricia Freck, Tina McDonald and Brandon Seifert (P); Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Water Plant Operator Gabriel Brindle; Derek Frederickson, Jim Breckler and Jessica Hile of Engineering Resources Inc.; Steve Carter of Krohn & Associates; Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants; four (4) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Board members Michael Aker and Brad Hite were absent.

COUNCIL ACTION

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023, regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Patricia Freck noted that she was absent from that meeting but the second bullet point under council action indicated that she seconded a motion. She asked for that mistake to be cleaned up. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated March 20, 2023, in the amount of \$256,163.64. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2023-003, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as the Shadow Creek Voluntary Annexation. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-009, a Resolution appointing appraisers. Patricia Freck seconded. Beth Shellman provided information about the property being appraised (15607 Lima Road) and detailed the appraisers listed in the resolution who will be performing the service. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-010, a Resolution regarding extension of water and sanitary sewer services for a new residential home at 17429 Lima Road. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-011, a Resolution accepting the PER for the SRF Loan Program. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-012, a Resolution approving signatory authorization for the SRF Loan Program. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a quote from Bobcat in the amount of \$67,864.13 for a ToolCat as presented, noting that the general fund would be responsible for one-third of the total cost (\$22,621.38). Patricia Freck seconded. Water Plant Operator Gabriel Brindle provided an overview of the quote and talked about how the town planned to use the vehicle. Patricia Freck questioned the town's need for the vehicle and was also concerned about the price being similar to that of a pickup truck that town has also agreed to purchase. Brindle reiterated his point that this machine can be used in multiple ways and for things that a pickup truck cannot be used for. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a quote from H&H Sales Company in the amount of \$24,465.00 for pickup truck service body as presented, noting that the general fund would be responsible for one-third of the total cost (\$8,155). Tina McDonald seconded. Patricia Freck amended the motion to approve a quote from Kenn Feld Group in the amount of \$9,382.50 for a snow plow for the vehicle. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following new business was brought forth:

- Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants provided the council with details on drainage issue related to the Carroll Road Roundabout project his firm is working on. A change of scope for the project would be required and while he was unaware of exactly how much the estimated project cost would increase, he affirmed the council that INDOT and NIRCC are willing to include the increase as part of the 80/20 federal aid project. Stankiewicz said his firm is still reviewing and verifying the stormwater connections in the area and how they are impacted by the Carroll Road project that Engineering Resources Inc. is heading up. Council members expressed concern about how this issue was overlooked and how much additional funding it would cost the town. Beth Shellman said that regardless of how this was overlooked, the town needs to be fair to the engineers involved and pay for what it should. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Derek Frederickson provided the council with a handout detailing the extension of a county drain at Marcella Section II. He does not have a cost estimate at this time but noted it is not of the developer to pay for. He also said that the drain is the jurisdiction of the County Drainage Board. Council members expressed concern about there this extension crosses the Pufferbelly Trail. Frederickson said he would look into that issue and report back. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Discussion on an amended secondary plat for Rolling Oaks Section III was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Derek Frederickson said his firm has received a contract from Sturges Development Group for demolition services of tunnels at the old Byron Health Center Property. He asked the council for permission to forward the contract to town attorney David Hawk for review before bringing the contract and proposal for services to the board. Verbal approval was given, and no formal vote was taken.

REPORTS

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- He is going to be sending out the rain barrel catalog to see what options the town would like to offer this spring. Of the 100 barrels purchased in 2022, 17 green barrels remain. He suggested not getting any green barrels. He asked the council to consider the number of barrels and the colors they would like for purchase.

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- The building committee would be meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 2 p.m. to discuss potential building purchases and potential uses for those building.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He and officer Yaruchyuk planned to meet with council member Michael Aker and Park Board President Dan Holmes on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, to discuss parking solutions for Huntertown Family Park during the Woods Road reconstruction project.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She plans to meet with the Allen County Surveyor and Krafft Water Solutions at Dave Smith's property on Hunter Road to discuss the addition work needed to keep water from draining into his back yard. At present, 53 triaxle loads of dirt have been used in his yard to attempt to alleviate the issue.
- She provided the council with an email from Dan Avery with NIRCC asking the town to consider the projects it would like to include in the 2045 Transportation Plan. The Town submitted six choices for the previous transportation plan, only one of which is scheduled. Another on the list is being managed through the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. She would like the council to review the list and offer any additions or subtractions needed.
- She is hosting a meeting at Huntertown Town Hall on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with area business leaders to discuss the reformation of a Chamber of Commerce.


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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Harris, a resident at 12331 Shearwater Run, asked for more information about the roundabout project.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer