

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Patricia Freck, Brad Hite, Tina McDonald, and Brandon Seifert (P); Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer and Smith; eight (8) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Board member Michael Aker attended the meeting via Zoom.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, Executive Session. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated May 1, 2023, in the amount of \$428,913.15. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve \$1,500 in funding assistance to the Huntertown Chamber of Commerce. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-015, a Resolution to transfer funds from the CEDIT fund to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund in the amount of \$290,475.19. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab covered the details of the resolution noting that the funding is for the Woods Road Community Crossings Matching Grant. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-016, a resolution regarding the extension of water service for a single-family residence addressed as 735 W. Gump Road. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the purchase of computer and firewall equipment from Fort Wayne IT Solutions in the amount of \$12,471 as presented and upgrade from the Essential IT service to the Full IT service as presented at a monthly cost of \$1,617. Michael Aker seconded. Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the quote, which included new computers at the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant as well as firewalls at both locations and a third firewall at the Utility Shop on Cedar Canyons Road. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 from Pulver Asphalt for additional tree removal related to the Woods Road CCMG project. Tina McDonald seconded. Beth Shellman said that seven trees needed to be removed that were not included in the original scope of work by the USI Consultants. The cost is \$2,500 per tree for a total of \$17,500 in additional expense. The cost would be included in the 75-25 split for the project. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a quote from Krafft Water Solutions in a not-to-exceed amount of \$56,000 for work to complete stormwater drainage improvements on Hunter Road. Patricia Freck seconded.

Beth Shellman provided an overview of the quote and said that the town had previously used ARPA funding for a different phase of this project. The town could use ARPA funding for this expense as well. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Beth Shellman presented the council with a quote from ESL Spectrum for 12-ft and 14-ft ornamental lights to be used for the Woods Road CCMG project. The quote for an 11-count of 12-ft lights came in at \$43,764.60 and the quote for the same quantity of 14-ft lights came in at \$46,436.50. Discussion topics included the style of light the town desired as it would likely be the standard for any future lighting designs. Shellman asked the council to send her any design preferences they have, and the council can decide based on those recommendations. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Town Attorney David Hawk presented the council with an ordinance to establish a Huntertown Economic Development Commissions. He also said that Allen County already has an EDC that could assist Huntertown in its creation of Economic Target areas. Brandon Seifert said he would prefer the town to create its own EDC so that the town would have full control. Patricia Freck questioned why the town would want to create its own EDC when County EDC could do all of that same work and bring that to the town council for approval. Hawk said he would share the State statute about the creation of an EDC with the council and let them decide which avenue to pursue. Other council members said they would like the town to be in control when it comes to creating Economic Target areas but would be interested in reading the information from the attorney. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Beth Shellman reported that a property located at 12732 Hand Road would be making a special use request at a meeting of the Allen County Hearing Officer on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, to have a multi-use home workshop for restoration and resale of vintage and antique hand tools, woodworking, and a farm business in an A1 zoning district. Shellman asked if the council had any comments on the special use request to send in prior to the hearing. Council comments suggested that any work at the site stay inside the facility and that any signage at the site should be kept small. Shellman said she would draft a letter and forward to the council for approval before sending it to County officials. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Beth Shellman provided an update on the Carroll Road septic relief issue related to the Carroll Road reconstruction project. She said that after conversations with representatives of the City of Fort Wayne, that the city is agreeable to an interlocal agreement to allow the town to annex and serve the two properties on the south side of the road with utilities. The city would not allow any further connections on the south side of the road. Conversations about utility connections at the Youth Services Center and the Allen County Fairgrounds were not a part of this agreement either.

REPORTS

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She wanted an update on stormwater flooding on Edgerton Street near the home of resident Bob Messman. Mr. Messman said that ruts in the road are running water down to his property. He also said he would like a new drain installed in front of his driveway. Beth Shellman noted that Edgerton Street is on the list of repairs approved by the council in March, which should alleviate the majority of the issue. Mr. Messman also asked about the potential extension of Edgerton Street to serve as a driveway

for a new home he is hoping to build on his property. Shellman said the town was unlikely to address that but would address the issue with the flooding on his property.

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- He has asked the town attorney to prepare a resolution placing a full ban on sexually oriented businesses in Huntertown.
- He asked about voluntary annexation of properties in the Whisper Rock subdivision.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman handed out a copy of her report and highlighted the following items:

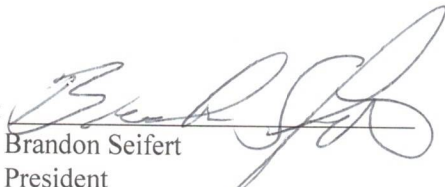
- The town applied to Allen County requesting the use of \$3,899.372 in county ARPA funding for a water storage tower project. Awards will be announced June 2, 2023.
- The Huntertown Community garage sales are scheduled for May 4-6, 2023.
- The Huntertown Spring Community trash collection is scheduled for the week of May 22-26, 2023. A limit of five items will be allowed to be set out with regular trash pickup and will be picked up on the resident's regularly scheduled trash collection day.
- The town is hoping to have part-time help return for the summer months.

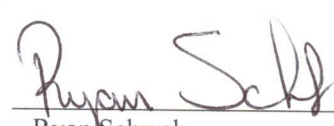
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer