

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, June 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck, Tina McDonald, and Brandon Seifert (P); Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants; six (6) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Absent was council member Brad Hite.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2023, regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated June 26, 2023, in the amount of \$734,889.88. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a proposal from Desmond Builders in the amount of \$7,744.00 for payment in lieu of sidewalks for site development at the locations of the Summit Dental Group and Parrish Orthodontics facilities located at 12068 and 12026 Lima Crossing Drive and to play that payment in the Lima Road Sidewalk & Improvement Fund. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Emerich Hills Section I. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve payment of \$50 for the Town of Huntertown to join the Huntertown Chamber of Commerce. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a quote from Equipment Marketing Company for the purchase of a Total Patcher Model T-7500 in the amount of \$88,900.00, with the town's Local Road & Street Fund covering one-third of the cost at \$29,633.34. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the financial details of the purchase, noting that the Utility Service Board had already approved the other two-third costs from the water and sewer operating utility funds. After no further discussion, the motion was carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Beth Shellman reported that the town's scoring committee has submitted its scores for three engineering firms for Construction Engineering on the Kell Road Bridge project and that INDOT is still reviewing those scores. The town will be able to approve an engineering firm and reveal the best scoring firm once INDOT finishes its review.
- An Easement agreement between Ringenberg Group Limited Partnership and the Town of Huntertown was re-introduced. The agreement would grant a storm sewer easement for the Lutheran Medical Office at Lima Crossing Drive. Derek Frederickson said the agreement has now been reviewed by Town Attorney David Hawk and he has no issue with the document. The agreement

would be brought to the town for approval/signature, once the Ringenberg Group Limited Partnership approves the agreement and signs the document.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Derek Frederickson presented the council with an Interlocal Agreement between Allen County and the Town of Huntertown for remediation of the former Irene Byron Hospital property. The town has already agreed to a proposal from Sturges Development in the amount of \$140,248.01 for the demolition of tunnels at the site. Per the agreement, the County would be the lead on the project and would pay the contractor in full before seeking reimbursement from the town. The project has been bid on and the county is ready to award the project but is waiting to see if the Town agrees to proceed. Council members agreed to continue without taking a formal vote. Frederickson said the council can vote to approve the agreement at its next meeting after the County officially awards the project and the total cost is approved.

REPORTS

No council member reports were brought forth.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He is requesting that Woods Road be completely closed for the duration of the Woods Road reconstruction project. Residents continue to move the road closed signs/barriers, which is causing issues during construction. He is going to ask the contractor, Pulver Asphalt, to put some of its machinery behind the barriers to prevent thru traffic. The road has to remain open for the homeowners in the area. Pat Freck expressed concern about vandalism to vehicles that were blocking the roadway. Reichert said it would be his responsibility to prevent that. He has already given tickets to people who have moved the road closed signs/barriers.
- He has not noticed speeding in the Rolling Oaks subdivision despite the amounts of complaints from the residents. He said the data from the town's radar sign in the area confirms that speeding is not an issue in the area.
- He is continuing to enforce curfew in the subdivisions in the evening/late at night.
- He has found three Noise Ordinances from communities of similar size. He will continue to work with Michael Aker on creating an updated ordinance that provides more "teeth for enforcement."
- He covered the details of the extended fireworks allowances over the Fourth of July holiday week and asked residents to be understanding of those laws while still being respectful of your neighbors and their pets.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She recently met with Bill and Linda Klage, who own property at the former Rise Performance Center and K&D Furniture store, located at the southeast corner of State Road 3 and Gump Road, behind Farmers & Merchants Bank. They would like to sell the town 30 feet of road access to allow travel to potential businesses between the bank and the SR3. The estimated cost is \$200,000. Shellman said the town would have to have the property appraised before it could make a purchase. She wanted the council to be aware of the offer and see if council members would be interested in purchasing the property. She also said that the traffic study and other road improvements related to the Parkview Health property on the northeast side of the same intersection could impact how improvements in the area are handled.

- Krafft Water Solutions wants to start laying tile at the Dave Smith property on Hunter Road by the end of this week.
- Some residents in the Winwood Court, Ashville Drive area have installed fences on their properties to keep construction vehicles from the neighboring subdivision from accessing their property. The fences, however, are in utility right-of-way and can be torn down at full cost to the homeowner at any point that utility companies, including the town, would need to access the utilities in the area.

Derek Frederickson had no further report.

Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants had the following report:


- A preliminary Carroll Road Roundabout project meeting was held on June 14, 2023, with Beth Shellman and Michael Aker in attendance. The project is moving on to Phase II.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer