

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, December 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 18, 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 Pedro Yaruchy; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; nine (9) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Board members Michael Aker was absent.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of the mother of former Huntertown Town Councilman Gary Grant.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023, regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2023, special meeting. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated December 18, 2023, in the amount of \$630,466.09. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve a façade grant application from DV Real Estate in the amount of \$1,000. Tina McDonald seconded. Beth Shellman provided an overview of the requested application and noted that the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission approved the same at its meeting earlier in the evening. After no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2023-015, an Ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2023-015, an Ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2023-015, an Ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-040, a Resolution approving acquisition of utility and drainage easement. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2023-041, a Resolution approving purchase of land. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the 2024 Huntertown Town Council meeting schedule as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan Act agreement with Allen County for funding of town water capital projects as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Beth Shellman provided an overview of the agreement. After no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve three extra PTO carry over days from 2023 to 2024 for Town Manager Beth Shellman. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve increasing the not-to-exceed amount for Engineering Resources Inc. from \$25,000 to \$36,000. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **REPORTS**

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- He appointed Zack Kerley to serve the remaining one-year on Kerri Garvin's term on the Utility Service Board.
- He and Patricia Freck had a meeting with Envoy to discuss the company's ability to aid the town in economic development plans. Board members agreed to have Envoy attend a future meeting and make a presentation.

Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchy was called to an incident during the meeting and was not present at the time of his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had no further report.

In addition to items listed under Council Action, Derek Frederickson had the following report:

- The town has been requested to consider self-permitting for sanitary sewer projects in the future. Self-permitting could save applicants 1-3 months of time for project approval but would also bring considerable risk to the town. He plans to make a more informative presentation to both the council and Utility Service Board in January.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christine Gilsinger, a resident at 14111 Whisper Rock Blvd, said she is interested in annexation for the sections of the Whisper Rock subdivision that are not presently annexed. She will be communicating with Town Attorney Dave Hawk on getting the process started. She said the sections currently not annexed have Fort Wayne utilities but no other city or county services. The subdivision is interested in the town's trash collection rate as well as its snow removal services.

Lannette Dion, a resident at 2121 W. Shoaff Road, said that a large farm field adjacent to her property has for sale and sale pending signs and was looking for information on the future of the property. Beth Shellman said the sale of the property is pending but no re-zoning of the property has occurred. The adjacent property owners will be notified of any re-zoning requests and the town will have final say on the re-zoning. Dion also expressed concern about the water table in the area and how this project will impact it. Other developments in the area of her property have increased the flooding on her property. She was not sure if the issue was a town

issue or a county issue. Beth Shellman said she and Derek Frederickson will work together to find out who would be responsible for addressing any flooding on her property.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Tina McDonald seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest: Patricia Freck Ryan Schwab  
Brandon Seifert Patricia Freck Ryan Schwab  
President Clerk Treasurer