

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, May 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck (P); Brad Hite, Tina McDonald, and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Water Plant Operator Gabriel Brindle; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants; Thomas Pitman of Barnes & Thornburg; thirteen (13) members of the public and one (1) member of the media.

Patricia Freck called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTION

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024, regular meeting. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated May 6, 2024, in the amount of \$623,943.47. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2024-006, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 05-004 regulating traffic within the Town of Huntertown. Brandon Seifert seconded. Dave Hawk covered the details of the ordinance which is adding a 4-way stop at the intersection of Old Lima Road and Shoaff Road. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2024-006, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 05-004 regulating traffic within the Town of Huntertown. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2024-006, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 05-004 regulating traffic within the Town of Huntertown. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck announced the appointments of Brandon Seifert, Michael Aker and Dan Roy to the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission.

Michael Aker made a motion to appoint Rob Green to the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to appoint Randy Bailey to the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the bid/quote from Pulver Asphalt in the amount of \$61,838.25 for street repairs in the Stoner's Mill subdivision. Tina McDonald seconded. Ryan Schwab presented the council with the three bids/quotes that were solicited by Street Superintendent. Randy Bailey. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the promotion of Huntertown employee Tyler Arrowsmith from Utility #4 to a utility #2. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adopt Huntertown Resolution 2024-002, a Resolution regarding extension of sewer or water services outside of the corporate limits. The motion did not receive a second.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the 3-year Interlocal Agreement extension with Allen County Highway as presented. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Mark Hisey, Vice-President of Construction with Parkview Health, and Pete Mallers, attorney with Beers Mallers, presented the council with an update on the progress of the Parkview Health medical building under construction at the corner of Gump Road and State Road 3. The handout provided a property overview, objectives for the overall development, the economic impact of the project, access plans for the project – notably the construction of a roundabout at Hunters Ridge Lane, and details on a potential economic development agreement between the two parties. Thomas Pitman, an attorney representing the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission, said the two sides would need to fine tune the percentage and length of an agreement to use TIF funds from the project area to repay Parkview for the construction of the roundabout. The town's Redevelopment Commission was planning a meeting for May 8, 2024, at 4 p.m., to discuss this matter further. Parkview reps planned to attend that meeting.
- Discussion on Huntertown Ordinance 2024-007 was opened. The Ordinance would amend Huntertown Ordinance 88-008 and eliminate the summer sprinkler credit. Council members had not yet seen the ordinance and wanted time to review it. Ryan Schwab said that the utility service board voted to recommend eliminating the credit at its meeting earlier that evening.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Michael Aker had the following report:

- He would like to work with the Town Manager to develop a plan for sidewalk repairs.

Resource Officers Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He thanked the council for passing the ordinance to place the 4-way stop at Shoaff Road and SR3.
- He said the town received a recommendation from the Allen County Highway Department to make the speed limit 40MPH for the entire length of Cedar Canyons Road. He thinks a 35MPH limit would be more reasonable.
- He would like to see a permanent "turn on green arrow only" change to the stop lights at the intersection of SR3 and Copper Mine Passage/Old Lima Road. There have been two many serious accidents at the site. The signal has been changed to a "turn on green arrow only" from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- In Derek Frederickson's absence, she covered the details of a worksheet created to provide the details of remaining capacity and long-term capacity plans for both the water and wastewater utilities.
- She requested permission to post externally for a new utility employee, to replace one who recently gave notice.
- She informed the council of remaining annexation parcels along Hathaway Road and The Fens subdivision that are still in the works.

- She provided an update on the Carroll Road Construction project, which is being delayed due to Frontier utility lines not being moved. Frontier has until June to move the lines. She is concerned that federal aid may not cover the costs associated with the delay.
- She provided the council with details on the Boil Water Advisory the town issued from April 28-30, 2024. She also provided the council with a list of potential vendors in case the town wanted to purchase a mass communication text alert system. The town received numerous complaints from residents who did not find out about the Boil Water Advisory until 12-24 hours after it was issued.

Town Engineer, Derek Frederickson was absent.

Town Attorney David Hawk had the following report:

- The town has received a request for a meeting from the Homebuilders Association of Fort Wayne to go over Hometown Ordinance 2024-005, which installed a \$2,500 system development charge per lot for new development. Following that meeting, the HBA would have 7 days to file a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). He would like permission to seek an engagement letter from an attorney familiar with the Town and its past dealings with the IURC. He did not have an engagement letter to present at the time. He was given verbal approval to proceed.

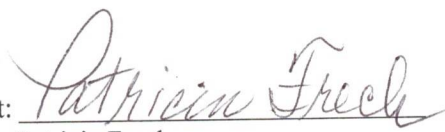
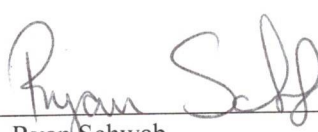
Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants had the following report:

- He continues to work on the right-of-way funding for the Carroll Road Roundabout project. He re-submitted a NEPA report to INDOT on May 4, 2024, following a delay related to environmental factors. If it's not approved, the funding for the right-of-way may not be available until fiscal year, 2025. The Construction Engineering documents had no comments on them and were submitted to the state. He also plans to meet with Hannah and Gabe to clear up some access issues with the quarterly reports.

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 7:38 p.m.

Attest: 	
Patricia Freck President	Ryan Schwab Clerk Treasurer