

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, July 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck (P); Brad Hite, and Tina McDonald; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; Beth Johnson of USI Consultants, one (1) member of the public and one (1) member of the media. Absent was council member Brandon Seifert.

Patricia Freck 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 July 1, 2024, regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated July 15, 2024, in the amount of \$415,241.49. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2024-003, a Resolution regarding extension of water and sewer service for new single-family residence located at 17384 Kell Road. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve sending a letter of support for the Anson-Dunten drain project to the Allen County Drainage Board. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve a quote from Messmann Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$1,225 for concrete bases for the school zone signs to be installed near 15000 block of Lima Road. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Michael Aker had the following report:

- He said that the Huntertown Family Park may be coming under the town's control in the future and was wondering what steps the town needed to take to establish a park fund. Ryan Schwab said he would get some information about the topic and report back.
- He continues to have interest in a sidewalk repair program and was wondering if the town could communicate with the homeowners about paying for projects on their properties. Ryan Schwab noted that the town's budget includes funds for sidewalk projects.
- He wanted an update on the purchase of tablets for utility employees. Town Manager Hannah Walker said she would share the quotes with council members again, but the Microsoft Surface tablets were recommended as opposed to Apple iPads.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He informed the council that the State Board of Accounts has assigned the town's audit for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to Crowe LLP and the entrance conference for said audit was held on Monday, July 15, 2024.
- He will be getting them an early draft of the 2025 budget by the end of the week.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- The town has submitted is application for the Community Crossings Matching Grant program for street repairs at Gemini Drive, Mercury Lane and Rabbit Run, totaling \$1.49 million. Awards are expected to be granted in September.
- She said a variety of secondary plats will be on the August 5, 2024, agenda for approval. She also noted that she has met with the Department of Planning Services to learn its new internal approval program.

Town Engineer, Derek Frederickson was absent.

Town Attorney David Hawk had no further report.


Beth Johnson of USI Consultants provided an update on the Carroll Road project, noting that it is currently 10-15 percent complete. The road will re-open on August 7, 2024, when the Northwest Allen County Schools calendar opens. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic at that time. The east project will then close for its reconstruction project on August 7, 2024. Striping and seeding will likely take place in the spring of 2025. The town will also be seeing some change orders for some of the utility relocation work that has slowed down the project.

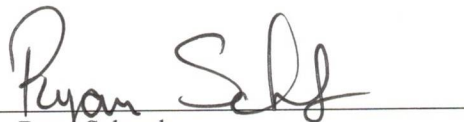
PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Barrett, a resident at 3117 Killarney Place, co-owner of Love, Katiedid Forever Floral at 15605 Lima Road, would like to see more businesses in downtown Hometown and inquired about the old filling station building which is currently storing wheels, tires and other items. Council members said the owners of the property have been asked about selling and they have no interest in doing so at this time.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Brad Hite seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Attest:


Patricia Freck
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer