

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, August 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Patricia Freck (P); Brad Hite; Tina McDonald; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; eleven (11) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Attending viz electronic means was council member Michael Aker.

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 22, 2024, regular meeting. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated August 5, 2024, in the amount of \$33,668.87. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the secondary plats for Sonora Section II and Majestic Pointe Section III. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the promotion of employee Drew Deisler from "Utility 4" to "Utility 3." Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$8,500 to TextMyGov for a new text alert system for the Town of Huntertown. Tina McDonald seconded. Town Manager Hannah Walker provided the council with two quotes for a new text alert system. Aker said the second quoter, Reach Alert, was cheaper but did not offer as many features as TextMyGov. He also said he contacted some other local communities who use TextMyGov and was given positive feedback. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to use ARPA funding to approve Pay Application No. 1 to Mason Engineering for the Huntertown WTP Firm Capacity improvement project in the amount of \$19,000. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Town Manager Hannah Walker provided information on approved site plans for projects in Huntertown located at 2415 Almon Street and at the intersection of Lima Road and Old State Road 3. No action was necessary.
- Hannah Walker reported that the Utility Service Board at its meeting earlier in the night agreed to have the developers of Classic Heights Extended West pay \$18,550 to aid in lift station improvements for the Willow Ridge lift station.
- Hannah Walker reported that the developer of the Beaumont Broad Acres Extended subdivision is amending its secondary plat for approval after adding 328 lots to the development. The expectation is that it will take 9 years to completely build out the subdivision.

- Hannah Walker reported that the developer of the Shadow Creek Section I is amending its primary plat for approval as a result of flood plain changes at the site. The number and size of the lots remains the same.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Michael Aker had the following report:

- He asked to see an updated capacity report for the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant.

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She expressed interest in hiring a new employee with a wastewater treatment license. Michael Aker suggested training one of the current employees to aid them in getting a license before hiring someone from the outside. Hannah Walker said that if a new position were created, it would have to open internally for 5-days before it opened to the public.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He provided an overview of the road closure for the upcoming Huntertown Heritage Days festival. Hannah Walker asked about parking options for the festival and those were provided as well.
- He thanked assisting Allen County Sheriff Department officers for helping stop a run of vehicle break ins near Cameron Crossing.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided the council with a draft of the 2025 budget. He was seeking input on employee raises; new employee additions, and how the council would like to spend its allotment of ARPA funds. He plans to bring a more detailed report back to council at the August 19, 2024, meeting.

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

- She provided a progress update on the annexations impacting the town; septic relief projects in progress, and the Carroll Road reconstruction project.

Town Engineer, Derek Frederickson had the following report:

- His firm is currently constructing an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) project plan for the town. It is his plan to turn the project over to the town upon implementation.
- He informed the council that after a meeting with IDEM to discuss the town's capacity at the water plant, it has been suggested to limit lawn watering. He would like to have the town pass a resolution allowing for homes with odd house numbers to water on odd number days only and for houses with even numbers to water on even number days only. The hope is that with a small percentage of compliance, the town can show IDEM it is trying to improve capacity issues at the plant until site improvements are complete. Council member Brandon Seifert asked how this was going to be enforced and said he has no issue asking the community to comply but is not in favor of mandating they comply.

Town Attorney David Hawk had no further report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Seifert seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest: Patricia Freck
Patricia Freck
President

Ryan Schwab
Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer