

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, September 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck (P); and Tina McDonald; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Stephen Cardenas of Engineering Resources Inc.; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; four (4) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Council members Brad Hite and Brandon Seifert were absent.

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

Patricia Freck suspended the public meeting at 6 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing for Huntertown Ordinance 2024-011, an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the budget and tax rates. The floor was opened to public comment. None was brought forth. Patricia Freck closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:05 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated September 16, 2024, in the amount of \$258,022.84. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2024-011, an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2024-006, a Resolution amending the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund spending plan. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve donating \$300 to the Halloween at the Park event for the purchase of candy. Tina McDonald seconded. Heather Krempel, representing From This Day Forward Ministry, a sponsor of the event, provided the council with details on the event as well as other events happening at the Huntertown Family Park. Krempel said the biggest needs were for Halloween candy and for some temporary lighting at the park for the event. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Ryan Schwab presented the council with an updated quote from M&S Excavating for demolishing town owned property at 2123 Trinity Street. The new quote, which includes the demolition of the detached garage on the property, increased by \$3,700.00 from the original quote to \$45,550. The quote is good for 30 days. Council members are aware that the Huntertown Fire Department would

like to use the property for training purposes through the end of the year and would like to ask M&S excavating if it would hold the price of the quote longer than 30 days, likely into 2025.

- Hannah Walker asked the council to decide on the location of the All-in-Allen statue that is being designed for the town. The town must include a concrete pad at its desired location for the statue to reside. The council discussed the pros and cons of two locations, the Huntertown Family Park and the town-owned adjacent lot next to Huntertown Town Hall. The council plans to decide at its September 30, 2024, meeting.

REPORTS

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She asked other council members if they would support having a town employee spend an hour each day to examine the town and report violations of code. She would like to see areas in town cleaned up.
- Resident Jim Fortman has again expressed his frustration with a street light on Woods Road shining directly into one of his windows at night. Fortman also said the new sidewalk at the corner of Woods Road and Old Lima Road is starting to crack. Hannah Walker said she would talk with Street Superintendent Randy Bailey about getting these issues fixed.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He has been patrolling the Carroll Oaks subdivision in recent weeks, at the request of the Homeowners Association, as street repairs to Carroll Road have the main entrance to the subdivision closed and traffic has increased. He stated the "No Parking" on the north side of Bear Claw Lane has improved the traffic flow. He also said that the data pulled from the radar speed sign shows a top speed of 28 MPH in the 30 MPH zone. He said the bulk of the traffic stops being made in the addition are for running the stop sign. He was also complimentary of the staff at Pathway Community Church for helping direct traffic after services. He said they are trying to push as much traffic to the east as possible. After hearing the report, Patricia Freck suggested that the council not place a speed bump as requested by the Homeowners Association. Michael Aker said that since the town voted to do so, it should follow through. After Freck questioned whether they did vote on the speed bump or not, Ryan Schwab said there was nothing in the approved minutes that stated the town would pay for the installation of the speed bump.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She would be providing the council with the result of the snow plowing quotes at its next meeting. She said the quotes ranged from \$95 an hour to \$160 an hour.
- Street Department Head Randy Bailey was able to acquire a used salter from Allen County for \$2,000.
- Work on sidewalks in the Hidden Oaks and Carroll Creek subdivisions was underway and should be complete before the end of the month.
- She continues to work on economic development projects in the area; including some READI grant funding.
- She provided the council with a handout from the Allen County Department of Planning Services related to the ongoing Town Centre zoning draft.

Stephen Cardenas, representing Engineering Resources Inc., had no report.


Town Attorney David Hawk had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

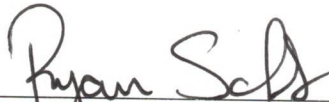
Sherry Myers, representing the Huntertown Chamber of Commerce, provided the council with a report on the 1-year activity of the Chamber of Commerce, highlighting its activities. She talked about some upcoming activities, including a scarecrow contest this fall and a Christmas lighting contest in the winter.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia Freck
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer