

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, June 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were town council members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck; Tina McDonald; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; four (4) members of the public and one (1) members of the media. Council member Brad Hite was absent. One (1) member of the media participated via Microsoft Teams.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025, regular meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated June 16, 2025, in the amount of \$1,154,703.10. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2025-008, a Resolution accepting new streets into the Town of Huntertown for Ownership and Maintenance by Huntertown. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2025-009, a Resolution accepting right-of-way dedication. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve sending a letter to the US Department of Transportation in support of NIRCC's application to the Safe Streets for All Grant. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Angie Hibner and John Dockrey gave a presentation about the Secretary of State's whatsapp247 community platform, including a video about the project. The program creates "mini website" listings for companies and gives them a platform to display them on town and municipality websites. The town's role would be to install the whatsapp247 plug in on its website and allow local businesses who pay to participate to have its mini websites linked to the Community section of the town's website. There would be no cost to the town for the first year and then a \$200 annual commitment. After no further discussion, the town council gave verbal approval to proceed with the installation of the plug-in. No formal vote was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided the council with the following dates for budget-related meetings. He would be participating in a budget workshop on Monday, August 11, 2025. The Public Hearing for the 2026 budget would take place Tuesday, September 2, 2025, as part of the regular town council meeting. The Adoption Hearing for the 2026 budget will take place Monday, September 25, 2025, as part of the regular town council meeting.
- He provided the council with a handout detailing the impact SB1 is going to have on the town's estimated net levy for the calendar years 2026, 2027 and 2028. The town will see a 1.5-percent reduction from 2025 to 2026 and will see increases each of the following two years.

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

- She provided the council with a document detailing the expenses the town currently pays to the Allen County Sheriff's Department for two resource officers. The department is looking for a commitment from the town to continue pursuing a third officer. The council gave verbal approval to continue pursuing a third resource officer.
- The construction inspection agreement with USI Consultants that was approved at the last council meeting was ready to be signed.
- The developer of The Preserve at the Quarry subdivision is requesting the town create a sidewalk fund in lieu of building sidewalks along Coldwater Road. Walker noted that the development requires 665 linear feet of sidewalks to be placed along Coldwater Road. At a previous meeting, the town approved asking the developer to connect its development to the Pufferbelly Trail instead of placing sidewalks along Coldwater Road. That work has been completed; however, 480 feet of the original 665-feet remains unallocated. The cost to place that sidewalk is what is being asked to be placed in a sidewalk fund. Mike Hawk said that the sidewalks are a part of the original development plan, and it would be on the developer to go to the Plan Commission for a variance to request the funds be placed in a fund. Council members gave verbal approval to creating a sidewalk fund if a variance was approved for the developer.
- Patricia Freck requested an executive session be held to discuss the potential sale of Town property. Walker said she would send out an email looking for a date that worked for all council members.


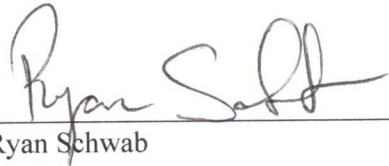
Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources was absent.

Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith had no further report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Tina McDonale seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest  
Brad Hite
President
Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer