

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Monday, August 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were town council members Patricia Freck; Tina McDonald; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Derek Frederickson and Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources Inc.; Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; seven (7) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Absent were council members Michael Aker and Brad Hite (P). The meeting was livestreamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2025, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated August 4, 2025, in the amount of \$426,639.10. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Pay-Application No. 1 in the amount of \$640,615.02 to Landmark Structures for work complete on the Northwest Water Tower & Main Extension project. Patricia Freck seconded. Jim Breckler covered the details of the Pay Application, noting that approximately \$900,000 in ARPA funds from Allen County is being used to pay for part of this project. The council will be receiving the pay applications until that amount is fully exhausted and then the Utility Service Board will take over the approval of pay applications from there. After no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a quote in the amount of \$46,250 from M&S Excavating for the destruction of town owned property at 15637 Lima Road. Patricia Freck seconded. Hannah Walker provided council with a copy of the three quotes received for the service, noting that M&S Excavating provided the lowest quote. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Residents Megan Rogers and Ryan Miller of 1535 Fairway Court provided the council with a packet of information and a collection of photographs expressing health and safety concerns related to a compost site at the town's Street Department facility located at 1640 W. Cedar Canyon Road. They highlighted concerns about the town not being registered with IDEM to run a compost site; the site being too close to residential homes; the lack of security cameras at the site; compost leachate causing issues with water quality and disease prevention; dust noise and odor; and the possibility of raw sewage being dumped from town owned vehicles at the site. They are formally requesting the facility be moved away from any residential area. Hannah Walker and Brandon Reichert confirmed that security cameras are on site and are used daily to monitor who is using the facility. Walker said that the facility houses the street department and that compost

recycling is a service the town offers to its residents. She said that town vehicles and equipment are stored on site as well as leftover supplies for the water and wastewater utility. The site is audited annually for the town's MS4 requirements through IDEM, and the site has not been cited once. Walker said she would talk with the head of the street department and follow through with IDEM about if the site needs permitted.

- Hannah Walker provided the council with an outline of fees that were quoted to Northwest Allen County Schools under the previous ordinance compared to what the cost would be to connect to the current ordinance. Under the previous ordinance, the school was charged one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for the sewer area connection fee and sewer system development charge. Additionally, no system development charge for water was quoted as it did not exist in the previous ordinance. This provided the school a total quoted cost to connect at \$15,739. The new ordinance would charge the school district an estimated 37 ERU's for each the water system development charge, sewer area connection fee and sewer system development charge and bring the total connection cost to \$270,479.15. Walker added that the school was quoted this amount in early 2024, just before construction began. She also stated that she spoke with a representative of Northwest Allen County Schools earlier that day, who asked for the town to delay a vote until they can gather more information on this topic. Lastly, she noted that the utility service board, at its meeting earlier in the evening, voted to recommend the council to charge the rate of the current ordinance. Brandon Seifert said the school should be charged by the current ordinance. He does not want the town to get into a pattern of choosing which high-end users get to connect at a discounted rate or not. He said that since the town made local developers follow the ordinance earlier this year when they had prior contracts, the town must do the same with the school. He also said that a developer spoke to the USB and said development group he works with has around 2,200 lots tied into different developments in Huntertown and estimated that the ordinance changes in 2025 cost his development group \$8 million even after they had agreements based on the prior ordinance. Tina McDonald said she agreed that the school should pay based off the current ordinance unless you could give her a reason otherwise. Patricia Freck said she would like to table the conversation and allow the school to provide the council with its findings and suggestions to resolve the matter. Seifert said that it was not offered to the developers who have paid extra and should not be offered to the school. Seifert also said the town attorney advised the USB to follow its current ordinance. Mike Hawk said the council should follow its current ordinance but could amend it if it wanted to make a special change for the school district. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **REPORTS**

Tina McDonald had the following report:

- She complimented the Huntertown Heritage Days committee for putting on a really good, well-attended festival.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He requested access to the town-owned building at 15735 Lima Road for training purposes before destruction.
- He said Heritage Days went smoothly, but the department did have its usual complaints about road closures for the parade.
- Traffic enforcement is on the rise in Huntertown.
- The third resource officer could be hired by the end of the month.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He planned to provide council with 2026 budget materials by Tuesday, August 5, 2025. He also highlighted the key dates in the budgeting process.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She requested permission to seek appraisals of two town owned properties for potential sale.
- She asked if council members would like to participate in a Greater Fort Wayne Economic Development Summit to be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025. Tina McDonald and Brandon Seifert have already committed, and Patricia Freck said she would check her schedule.
- She is working on a new Code Enforcement plan for the town.
- She asked for any information on homes who were grandfathered into the town's ordinance preventing the ownership of chickens.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources had the following report:

- He handed out an updated summary of remaining capacity at the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant.

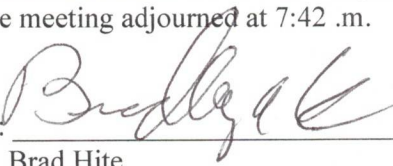
Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith had no further report.

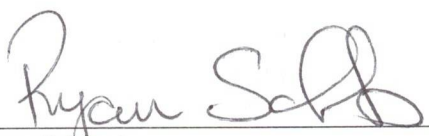
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None were brought forth.

Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 .m.

Attest.

  
Brad Hite  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer