

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were town council members Michael Aker, Brad Hite (P); Tina McDonald and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Steven Cardenas, Jessica Hile and Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; Patrick Rew of the Allen County Department of Planning Services; four (4) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Absent was council member Patricia Freck. Due to technical issues, the meeting was unable to be streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

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

Brad Hite suspended the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to open a Public Hearing for Huntertown Ordinance 2025-013, Appropriations and Tax Rates. Ryan Schwab provided an overview of the proposed 2026 general fund budget. Copies were made available for those in attendance and are on the town's website. The floor was opened to public comment. None were brought forth. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2025, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minute of August 21, 2025, Executive Session. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated September 2, 2025, in the amount of \$296,905.77. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2025-013, Appropriations and tax rates. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the Huntertown Utility Service Boards' recommendation of Change Order No. 1 for the Huntertown CCMG 2024-2 project. Tina McDonald seconded. Steven Cardenas of Engineering Resources provided an overview of the change order, which required additional utility work related to the roadway project. Ryan Schwab said he wanted both boards to approve the changes. After no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve sidewalk quotes from Messmann Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$3,925.00 for work on Silver Shadow Drive and Towne Gardens Drive. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2025-009, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 154 of the Town of Huntertown Ordinance, as amended. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a quote form ES De-Icing in the amount of 8,500 for a 6,900-gallon liquid storage tank. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **REPORTS**

Michael Aker had the following report:

- He visited the compost site at the Huntertown Street Department building and with residents adjacent to the site who have asked the town council to clean the site up and get it permitted. While he did not notice a terrible smell on his visit, he was disappointed in the condition of the fence that separates the two properties and is requesting the town pay to install a new fence. He would also like to see an inventory of the equipment on the property and have the town get rid of what it is not using. Both Tina McDonald and Brandon Seifert said they visited the site as well. Both got a whiff of a terrible scent while on the site and both agreed the fence needed updated. Brad Hite suggested waiting to see what IDEM requires the town to do at the site before making any major changes.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had no report.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She is working on the application to IDEM to get the compost site properly permitted.
- She asked the council for input on whether to request proposals for attorneys, engineering firms and trash and recycling companies to contract with since the current contracts expire at the end of the year; or to work on extensions with the current providers. Council members were interested in requesting proposals.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources had the following report:

- He provided the council with an updated capital plan for the water and wastewater utilities. He said that the Utility Service Board at its meeting earlier in the night approved a not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000 for additional water well tests and also approved engaging with the town's attorney to begin preparing documents for potential purchases of land for these test wells. He said the timeline for a new water plant would require permitting in 2026 and a wellfield would need to be identified in 2025. He also said that the town's request for information about potentially connecting the water utility to the City of Fort Wayne on a temporary basis has not been provided by the City. Brandon Seifert asked about the possibility of removing projects from the capital list if the town connected with the city. Brad Hite said until the town gets information on what it would cost to connect, it will not know how many projects to potentially cut. Tony Ramey, president of the Utility Board, said the board was unanimous in its decision and he expressed concern in getting behind on the capital plan. He also said he was not in favor of the talked about 20-year contract with the City. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

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


### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None were brought forth.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Seifert seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attest:

  
Brad Hite  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer