

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were town council members Patricia Freck, Brad Hite (P); Tina McDonald and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Steven Cardenas and Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; Superintendent of Streets Randy Bailey; two (2) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Council member Michael Aker attended the meeting electronically viz Microsoft Teams. The meeting was streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

Brad Hite 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 September 2, 2025, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated September 15, 2025, in the amount of \$1,411,290.20. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2025-013, Appropriations and tax rates. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0; Michael Aker was ineligible to vote on the budget via electronic means.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a financial commitment of \$175,000 to participate in the Indiana Trails Program grant. Brandon Seifert seconded. Kent Cassleman of Fort Wayne Trails Inc. provided the council with an overview of the grant program. Fort Wayne Trails is partnering with the Town, the City of Fort Wayne and Allen County to add a trail along the north side of Carroll Road From State Road 3 to the Allen County Fairgrounds. The town's commitment includes \$100,000 for construction and \$75,000 for right-of-way acquisition and document preparation. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to post a Request for Proposals for trash and recycling service in Huntertown. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the amended secondary plat for Shadow Creek Section I as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the hiring of the top choice for the vacant street department opening and to move to the second choice if the first choice does not accept the position. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the secondary play for Sonora Section III as presented. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Tina McDonald had the following report:

- She attended the Greater Fort Wayne Economic Development Summit on Thursday, September 11, 2025. She encouraged other council members to attend in the future, noting a lot of great things are happening in Allen County.

Patricia Freck had the following report:

- She distributed photos of properties in violation of the town's junk ordinance. Hannah Walker said she will work on getting in contact with the property owners and get the process started to clean up the properties.
- She asked why the access drive to the old water plant property on the southeast corner of State Road 3 and Gump Road has been covered up by the new Physical Therapy development currently under construction. Hannah Walker said the town didn't own the land but had an access easement. Part of the project includes updated the ingress/egress easement in the area and that the town will have legal access through the development's parking lot.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- The radar speed signs were placed on Hand Road in the month of August and registered an average speed of 49.2MPH in a 45MPH zone. The signs are being moved to Gump Road to monitor different sections of that roadway.
- The crosswalks at the trails remain on issue. There is major confusion about who has the right-of-way. He would like to see the town invest in a new crossing system that will allow pedestrians on the trail to push a button and turn the trail lights from yellow to red and force traffic to stop and allow pedestrians to cross safer. Pat Freck said the vehicle traffic has the right-of-way throughout the entire length of the trail; regardless of what town it runs through, and that changing that in Huntertown may create confusion in other towns the trail runs through. No action was taken.

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

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She informed the council about the Flat Rock development under construction on the south side of Carroll Road, in the City of Fort Wayne. She said the town owns the right-of-way so any changes to the roadway would come in front of the town. She will keep them informed as the project progresses.
- She was given verbal approval to host a Wellness Event for town employees, elected officials and spouses. The event, in conjunction with PHP, will be held October 16, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Town Employees with a health insurance plan are free. The town will cover the cost of employees/elected officials/spouses who are not a part of the current insurance plan. She will send out a sign-up sheet in the future.
- NIRCC has changed the classification of two roadways in Huntertown. Carroll Road has been re-classified as a major collector as has Shoaff Road, between State Road 3 and Coldwater Road.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources had the following report:

- He provided the council with an updated status report on the capacity at both the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant.

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

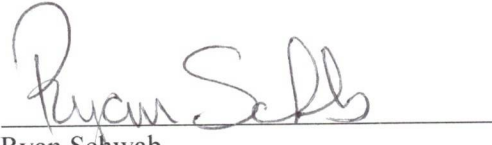
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Attest:


Brad Hite
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer