

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Thursday, October 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Thursday, October 2, 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; Street Superintendent Randy Bailey; Steven Cardenas and Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Mike Fruchey, Jay Freimuth and Emily Grabill with the Allen County Surveyor's office; four (4) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Council member Bradley Hite (P) was absent. The meeting was streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

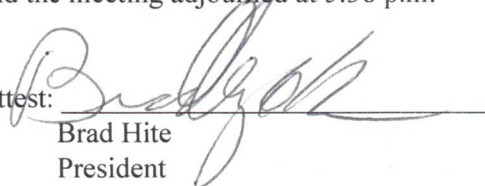
Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

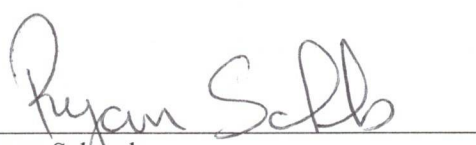
COUNCIL ACTION

Patricia Freck made a motion to open only the southbound lane of Lima Road between Woods Road and State Road 3 during the de-watering phase of the stormwater project current under construction. Tina McDonald seconded. Jay Freimuth and Emily Grabill provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the details of the stormwater project and why it has stalled. The ground soil is too wet to allow the contractor to place the stormwater piping. The plan is to have a subcontractor come in and dewater the area to allow the contractor to complete the project. The dewater will take 2-4 weeks and the substantial completion date is December 19, 2025. Hannah Walker provided the council with pricing for the different options for traffic maintenance during this time, including automatic signal devices, flaggers and signs. Walker added that council President Brad Hite met with her and said he was in favor of public safety options, whether that be to keep the road closed or only open one lane. Allen County Surveyor Mike Fruchey said that keeping the road closed is always the safest option, but until they meet with the subcontractor and get the full layout of the dewater plan, there is still some uncertainty on how to proceed. Street Superintendent Randy Bailey said that the Fire Department would like the southbound lane to be open for easier emergency response services. He also noted that the factories in the area are still getting their delivery trucks in and out safely while the road is closed. The floor was open to the public for comment and Sherry Myers, owner of Well Grounded Coffee House, said that some of the small businesses in the area may not survive until December if the road remains fully closed. Her business is down 50 percent since closure. Rob Green, a member of the town's Redevelopment Commission, asked if the park was still planning its Halloween at the Park event, even if the road is closed. Hannah Walker said the town will work with the Allen County Sheriff's Department to direct traffic for this event. After no further public comment was brought forth, the motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Tina McDonald seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Attest:


Brad Hite
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer