

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, October 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were town council members Michael Aker; Patricia Freck; Brad Hite (P); Tina McDonald; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Jessica Hile and Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Jay Stankewicz of GAI Consultants; Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; ten (10) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. 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 October 6, 2025, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated October 20, 2025, in the amount of \$1,556,073.77. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the financial commitment letter for the 2025-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant application which includes a total town contribution of \$321,268.60. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to donate \$500 to Friends of Huntertown Parks Inc. for the 2025 Halloween at the Park Event. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the median design for Gump Road, adjacent to the Steppin' Up Physical Therapy building under construction, so long as the design remains compliant with Allen County Highway standards. Brandon Seifert seconded. Hannah Walker provided an update on the project, noting that the developer has dropped its desire for a trial run with no median and has agreed to comply with all Allen County Highway standards related to Gump Road improvements required as part of the project. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to designate the Shops at Copper Creek as an Economic Development Target Area. Michael Aker seconded. Seifert said that since the entire council was present for this meeting, unlike the October 6, 2025, meeting when he made the same motion and did not get a second, he wanted to re-address his desire to see an EDTA created for the Copper Creek Shoppes. Hannah Walker said that the Allen County Economic Development staff said this development does not fit the EDTA requirements and thus it would not participate in generating any of the reports needed; that responsibility would fall to the town. Seifert said the town should create its own Economic Development Commission and decide these matters in house. Patricia Freck expressed concern about the precedent that would be set if the council went against the standards of the County EDC. She does not want to make an exception for this development. After no further discussion, the motion failed 2-3 (Freck – Nay; McDonald – Nay; Seifert – Aye, Aker – Aye; Hite – Nay).

Michael Aker made a motion to engage Tom Pittman of Barnes & Thornburg LLP to work with Parkview on a partnership agreement for developing the site at Gump Road and State Road 3. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to add Friday, December 26, 2025, to the list of approved holidays for the calendar year 2025. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 5 for the Carroll Road Roundabout project as presented. Brandon Seifert seconded. Jay Stankewicz of GAI Consultants provided an overview of the agreement, which adds an additional \$1,400 in expenses to the town. After no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Hannah Walker provided the council with three quotes for a new fence at the town's Street Department facility, 1640 W. Cedar Canyon Road. Additionally, a quote was provided for a new storage building at the site. Together, the two items would be used to help shield the town's street department activity from neighbors to the east. Walker said the town could consider a full 400-foot fence along the east boundary of the property to replace the existing fence. The town could also consider a new building in combination with 200 feet of fence. Neighbors were allowed to address the council and said they would rather see a whole new fence than a combination. Council members expressed concern over safety and longevity of the new fence. Walker was asked to get the three vendors to provide pricing on some metal reinforcements for the fence. Walker said she will update the council at its next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Brad Hite and Michael Aker agreed to serve as Town Council representatives on the Huntertown Family park transition committee.

REPORTS

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- The scarecrow contest ends Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at noon. The town will be judging the top three and awarding prizes. Patricia Freck and Tina McDonald agreed to be judges.
- BS&A will be attending the November 17, 2025, meeting to give a presentation on utility billing/budgeting/payroll software.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources had no further report.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Jay Stankewicz of GAI Consultants had no further report.

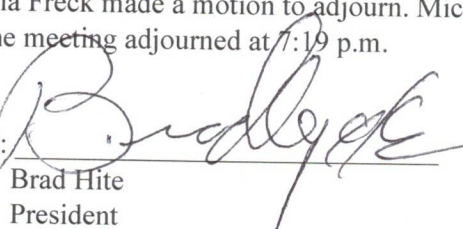
Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith had no report.

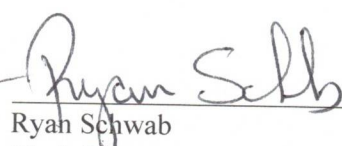
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attest:


Brad Hite
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer