

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, January 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, 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; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Steven Cardenas and Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; four (4) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Council member Brad Hite was absent. The meeting was streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Patricia Freck made a motion to nominate Michael Aker for President of the Huntertown Town Council for 2026. Brandon Seifert seconded. Michael Aker accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forth. After no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck began to make a motion to nominate Tina McDonald for Vice-President of the Huntertown Town Council for 2026 but was interrupted by Brandon Seifert, who completed a motion to nominate himself for Vice-President of the Huntertown Town Council for 2026. Michael Aker asked Ryan Schwab for clarification on how this situation should be handled. Schwab said that he heard Patricia Freck begin her motion, but Seifert was able to get his motion finished before her. Schwab said Freck should have been given the opportunity to finish her motion without interruption, but he would yield his decision to the council president. Aker then asked Resource Officer Brandon Reichert what he heard and Reichert said the same; Freck started a motion and Seifert was able to complete a motion first. Aker then stated that Freck should be allowed to finish her motion and that it be treated as the first motion on the floor. Patricia Freck then nominated Tina McDonald for Vice-President of the Town Council for 2026. Tina McDonald seconded the motion and accepted the nomination. Michael Aker then made a motion to nominate Brandon Seifert for Vice-President of the Huntertown Town Council for 2026. Seifert seconded the motion and accepted the nomination. After no further discussion, Aker called for a vote on the McDonald nomination and the motion carried, 3-1 (Freck – Aye, McDonald – Aye, Seifert – Aye, Aker – Nay). Since the motion passed, there was no need to vote on the second nomination.

PUBLIC HEARING

Michael Aker suspended the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing for Huntertown Ordinance 2025-019, an Ordinance establishing service fees for the collection of solid waste and recycling within the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Hannah Walker provided an overview of the ordinance, including pricing for the three-year contract with Republic Services. Michael Aker opened the floor to public comment, and none were brought forth. Aker closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

At 6:06 p.m., Aker opened a Public Hearing for Huntertown Ordinance 2026-002, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as the Dunton Road Annexation. Hannah Walker provided an overview of the ordinance. Michael Aker opened the floor to public

comment, and none were brought forth. Aker closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025, regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the minutes from December 29, 2025, Joint Executive Session with the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated January 5, 2026, in the amount of \$1,838,666.87. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to consider and amend Huntertown Ordinance 2025-019, an Ordinance establishing service fees for the collection of solid waste and recycling within the Town of Huntertown, Indiana, amending only to rename the Ordinance to Huntertown Ordinance 2026-001, an Ordinance establishing service fees for the collection of solid waste and recycling within the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt, Huntertown Ordinance 2026-001, an Ordinance establishing service fees for the collection of solid waste and recycling within the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2026-002, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown, Indiana to be commonly known as the Dunton Road Annexation. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2026-001, a Resolution approving an agreement for services for a Town Attorney for 2026. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2026-002, a Resolution approving an agreement for services for a Town Engineer for 2026. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve a vehicle quote from Kelley Cheverlot, in the amount of \$60,589.00, for a 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500, with the general fund paying for one-third of that total amount at \$20,529.67. Brandon Seifert seconded. Hannah Walker provided an overview of the quote, noting that the town is purchasing the vehicle through the Quest program in conjunction with the City of Fort Wayne and State of Indiana contract. She also noted that the Utility Service Board approved payment in the amount of \$20,529.66 from both the water and wastewater utility funds at its meeting earlier in the evening. After no further discussion, the motion was carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve a quote from Fort Wayne Toyota for the purchase of a 2026 Toyota Highlander in the amount of \$41,812.55, with the general fund paying for one-third of the total amount of \$13,940.41. Patricia Freck seconded. Hannah Walker provided an overview of the three quotes, noting that Fort Wayne Toyota was the lowest quoter. The quote includes trading in the town's 2015 Chevy Equinox. After no further discussion, the motion was carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Jeff Thomas, a local developer, spoke to the town council about a plan for duplexes along Carroll Road. Thomas had originally planned for multiple townhomes at the same site in 2025, but after the public spoke against the project, the council voted against the rezoning of the property. Thomas decided to present his plan to the council to get its opinion on the project before taking the plans to the Allen County Plan Commission for approval. The plan includes three buildings (six units) and also addressed some prior drainage issues. Council members viewed this plan as an improvement on the Townhomes plan, but shared concerns about the residents having their driveways perpendicular to Carroll Road. Thomas noted that other residences on the south side face the same issue. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- The council reviewed three quotes for duct work cleaning and carpet cleaning at Huntertown Town Hall. Council members sought more information from the low bidder about the amount of time it was quoting the project to take compared to another quote. Hannah Walker said she would get updated information and report back.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Michael Aker had the following report:

- He requested the town send flowers either to the hospital or home of Utility Service Board member Michael Stamets who has been in the hospital. Patricia Freck suggested a gift card for food instead of flowers. Hannah Walker said she would reach out for suggestions on places to get gift cards from and that she would also get a card for the council members to sign.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert left the meeting on police business.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided the council with a list of miscellaneous appropriation transfers that were needed to clean up negative line items on the town's appropriation report. The town had three appropriations that had a negative balance, and all were cleaned up.
- He provided the council with a quote from Truland Equipment for a plow. Council members asked to see more than one quote.

Town Manager Hannah Walker advised the council to read through her emailed report for updates and had no further report.

Representatives of Engineering Resources had no report.

Mike Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith had no 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 6:37 p.m.

Attest: Michael Aker
Michael Aker
President

Ryan Schwab
Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer