

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
February 25, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Mike Aker, Patricia Freck, Gary Grant and Brandon Seifert (P). Also present were: Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface and Jim Smith of Republic Services. Also in attendance were one (1) guest and one (1) reporter. Absent was council member Mike Stamets and Town Manager Beth Shellman.

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

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Joint Administrative meeting with the Huntertown Utility Service Board. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the general claims in the amount of \$108, 440.18. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 19-001, an ordinance amending the code of ordinances and Huntertown Ordinance 05-004 regulating traffic within the Town of Huntertown. Gary Grant seconded. Patricia Freck asked that for future ordinance of this type to please include the name of the subdivision in which the stop signs are being placed. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0. Since there was not unanimous support from all five council members, the council could not proceed with considering and adopting the ordinance.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve a Letter of Engagement with Barnes and Thornburg LLP for the creation of a TIF district in Huntertown. Gary Grant seconded. Brandon Seifert opened the discussion by reading an email from Town Manager Beth Shellman that provided an overview of the town's options for creating a TIF District itself or having Allen County operate the district on the town's behalf. Patricia Freck said she would like more information on potential changes in legislation that will impact TIF districting/financing in the future before the council makes a decision. She would like Town Attorney Dave Hawk to explain how the potential changes in legislation could impact the town's decision to start a TIF district. Seifert shared his confidence in the Shellman's ability to oversee the TIF district, citing her management of a TIF district for a different employer. Mike Aker said her understood both sides, but was confident that Barnes and Thornburg could lead them through any legislative changes. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-1 (Freck – Nay; Grant - Aye; Aker - Aye; Seifert – Aye).

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve LPA contract with INDOT for Carroll Road Projects (DES 1801748 and DES 1801749). Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Smith, Municipal Relationship Manager with Republic Services, provided the council with a packet detailing the trash and recycling volumes for 2018. The packet also included a 4-year comparison of those numbers; trends impacting recycling numbers locally and globally; information on public education; and other issues facing the recycling industry going forward. He also reported that the Revenue Sharing program between the town and Republic Services did not net a profit for the fourth quarter of 2018 and hasn't been profitable since 2017. Patricia Freck asked if Republic Services could directly bill customers in areas the town plans to annex. Smith said he would rather not bill direct but would add those customers to the current town contract, putting the responsibility for billing those residences on the town. Also included in the conversation were the terms of the contract Republic Services has with the town as well as re-routing over multiple days. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

REPORTS

Patricia Freck noted that while new subdivisions have their own Community Associations that govern themselves, the main part of downtown Huntertown does not have such a thing. She would like to look at existing ordinances and beef up the contents of those ordinances to protect homes that are not being taken care of. Brandon Seifert suggested she head a committee, which she was agreeable too. Mike Aker suggested that the committee look not just at homes, but parking, traffic and degradation throughout town. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Brandon Seifert reported that Huntertown is planning to enter a team for the Pufferbelly 5K event to be held July 20. The town needs five members to register a team at \$25 per entry. Clerk Treasurer Ryan Schwab asked if the town would be okay with paying the entry fee for any town employees who join the team. Patricia Freck asked Schwab to look into the legality of that. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had no report.

Mike Aker asked about golf cart registrations and Surface noted that there has been little activity on that front because of the weather/time of year. Registrations will be looked at thoroughly once carts are more visible. Surface also said that he is working with Shellman on gauging community interest in a Chamber of Commerce.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab reported that the Annual Financial Report for 2018 was submitted earlier in the day and that all end of year reporting was completed.

Town Manager Beth was absent.

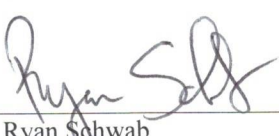
PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Green, a resident at 15108 Water Oak Place, asked if the town would be picking up loose tree limbs and debris caused by the weekend's wind storm. Schwab said he would look into the issue and get back with Mr. Green.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Gary Grant made a motion to adjourn. Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer