

**Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana**  
**May 20, 2019 6:00 p.m.**  
**Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road**

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Mike Aker, Patricia Freck, Gary Grant, Brandon Seifert (P), and Mike Stamets. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab, Town Manager Beth Shellman and Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface. Also in attendance were four (4) guests and one (1) reporter.

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 May 6, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the general claims dated May 20, 2019 in the amount of \$267,615.52. Patricia Freck seconded. Mike Aker asked for information related to a claim to Perry Township. Ryan Schwab explained that a portion of the town's Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax (CVET) distribution includes money owed to the fire territory, for general and equipment uses. Brandon Seifert asked why the Township Trustee has not made a presentation to the council in the last two years. Schwab said he would reach out the Township Trustee and invite him to a future meeting. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 19-004, an Ordinance establishing the Town of Huntertown Department of Redevelopment and the Town of Huntertown Redevelopment Commission. Patricia Freck seconded. Tom Pittman, attorney with Barnes and Thornburg, presented the council with a Handbook for Indiana Redevelopment Commission Members and their Attorneys. Pittman covered the process for selecting members to serve on the commission, the length of initial and annual terms, and also provided a brief overview of the TIF process, including the types of property that TIF proceeds are captured from. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-006, a Resolution regarding extension of water and sewer service for Thomas-Chafee Development, LLC (Rolling Oaks – Section 1). Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve a gift in the amount of \$1,000 from the General Fund Promotional Fund to the Huntertown Heritage Days Festival Committee. Gary Grant seconded. Patricia Freck asked why Aker wanted to donate \$1,000 when past donations from the Town totaled \$500. She also suggested splitting the \$1,000 donation in half, giving \$500 to the festival committee and \$500 to an entity that may promote the town's 150<sup>th</sup> year since being founded. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following new business was brought forth:

- Beth Shellman introduced Huntertown Resolution 19-011, a resolution accepting the following two streets in Section 1 of the Preserves of Carroll Creek West, for ownership and maintenance (Hammock Drive, Tolee Court). Shellman advised the council on its options for acceptance. Option 1 was to hold off on approving the resolution until some minor repair work can be finished. Option 2 was to accept the streets as is and allow the maintenance bond being transferred into the Town's name to be utilized to pay for the repairs. Topics of conversation included concerns about streets that were constructed in 2017 already being damaged; and waiting until all construction in the subdivision is complete before the town would accept the streets. After no further discussion, no action was taken.
- Jon Kenworthy, the Allen County Field Representative for Senator Mike Braun's office, addressed the council about setting up an American Legion post in Huntertown. Topics of conversation included the process for starting a legion; any plans for a building; and active vs. closed legions in the state. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

## OLD BUSINESS

Including items listed under Council action, the following old business was presented:

- The Code of Conduct was re-introduced. Schwab said that the topic will remain on the agenda until a decision is made on how to proceed. Brandon Seifert stated that an administrative session of the Town Council is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 to discuss the topic. After no further discussion, no action was taken.

## REPORTS

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had the following report:

- He asked for clarification on the dumping ordinance passed at the May 6, 2019 meeting and how he should enforce it. The ordinance states that only Huntertown residents are allowed to use the site. It was also agreed upon - outside of the ordinance - that if a resident does not have the means to dispose of yard waste themselves and they choose to contract the work out, the contractor must provide the town an address from which the yard waste came from before dumping is to be permitted.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He asked council members to think about the percent for employee raises for 2020 and to also think about street projects to be included in the 2020 budget.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She highlighted an item from her May 6, 2019 report listing nine road projects that are rated lowest and are in need of repair. She suggested considering projects for 2019's second Community Crossings Grant call for projects as well as projects for the 2020 budget.
- A resolution/ordinance on tax abatement procedure changes will be presented at the next meeting.
- Mike Aker asked about the renting of a machine for milling streets. Shellman said the rental will take place for two weeks in July and asked for council members to forward her any streets they see that could use a repair with the machine.
- Mike Aker asked about an email referencing a lack of sidewalks in Hunter's Park. Shellman said she is gathering a list of sidewalk projects for future consideration.

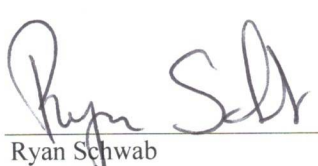
## PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Attest:

  
Brandon Seifert  
President

  
Ryan Schwab  
Clerk Treasurer