

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
August 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Patricia Freck, Brandon Seifert (P) and Mike Stamets. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Town Engineer Derek Frederickson and Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface. Also in attendance were thirteen (13) guests and one (1) reporter. Absent was council members Mike Aker and Gary Grant.

Brandon Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon Seifert suspended the regular meeting at 6:06 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing for the Voluntary Annexation of Rolling Oaks.

Bobby Yarborough, a resident at 1241 W. Shoaff Road, asked if there were plans for public meeting during the work day. Beth Shellman said this was the only public hearing for this annexation. She also noted the property owner has petitioned for the property only, not any of the adjacent property, including Mr. Yarborough's property.

Ben Worley, a resident at 1045 W. Shoaff Road, was concerned with the length of the turn lane in front of his home and the amount of property he is losing as a result. He has attempted to get information from multiple sources, but no one can tell him anything. Jeff Thomas, developer for the project, said it's for safety reasons, but acknowledged that it's a long stretch for a turn lane and he would revisit the issue.

After no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2019 regular. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve the general claims dated August 5, 2019 in the amount of \$105,173.09. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve promotions from Utility 4 to Utility 3 for employees Austin Roberson and Anthony Marquart. Mike Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman noted that both had been hired in March and had gone through two evaluations. The salary increase for both goes from \$15.45 an hour to \$17.13 an hour. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-014, a Resolution approving certain matter in connection with the establishment of an economic development area and an allocation area and the approval on an economic development plan for said area. Mike Stamets seconded. Patricia Freck asked for a map, which Beth Shellman provided. Shellman also noted that this was the last step for the council. The Redevelopment Commission would then take action at its meeting on September 3, 2019. Freck asked if the town had talked with the County Commissioners. Shellman said she met with Commissioner Rich Beck as well as Tom Harris of the Department of Planning Services and the DPS gave unanimous approval to the town's TIF. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to pay the MVH portion of employee Anthony Marquart's insurance policy until Marquart can enroll in the town's insurance. Patricia Freck seconded. Ryan Schwab explained the Marquart was late in submitting his enrollment forms to enroll in the town's insurance plan. He was ineligible to enroll until the town's open enrollment period began in December. Marquart purchased his own insurance and requested the town pay for the same percentages that it pays out on its insurance plan; 90% for employees and 50% for dependents. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no new business was brought forth.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- The Code of Conduct was re-introduced. Brandon Seifert he would like all council members to be present to vote on the finalized document. The topic will be re-introduced at the August 19, 2019 meeting.
- Derek Frederickson provided a handout detailing options for utility surcharges and system development fees for both the water and sewer utilities. The packet also contained details on future capital projects needed for the two utilities. Projects included converting the old water plant to a booster station and adding a ground level storage tank at the site; adding a 12-inch water main on Lima Road, between Shoaff Road and Cedar Canyons Road; A 12-inch new force main connecting the existing force main on Woods Road to the existing lift station near the intersection of Lima Road and Cedar Canyons Road; and a regional lift station project to serve potential development northeast of the town's corporate limits, including the addition of a 6-inch force main from the Woods Road lift station to the existing 12-inch force main along Woods Road. Since all three council members were present during the Utility Service Board meeting earlier that evening, he did not give a detailed presentation. He will provide council with the analysis from consultant Steve Carter when it becomes available.

REPORTS

Council President Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- Huntertown Heritage Days was taking place the weekend of August 8-10; including the parade on Saturday, August 10 at 11 a.m. Woods Road, Lima Road and Gump Road would all be closed for the parade.
- He asked what the town could do move along the annexation of the Allen County Fairgrounds. Beth Shellman said that the utility board approved a 30-day extension for the Fairgrounds Board in its decision to connect to the town's sewer utility. Once that issue gets resolved, the town could begin the annexation process.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided council members with paperwork detailing the proposed budget for 2020. He asked the council members to review the documents and bring any comments to the August 19 meeting. He will be meeting with the DLGF on Tuesday, August 27 and the budget would be made available to the public that afternoon or the following day.

Town Manager Beth Shellman handed out a report and detailed the following items:

- She displayed the plaque the town earned for having the most team entrants for the Pufferbelly 5K held on Saturday, July 20. The town plans to enter teams in future Pufferbelly 5K fundraisers.
- She and Derek Frederickson unveiled a rendering of the "Welcome to Huntertown" signs the town is planning on installing along State Road 3. Carroll Middle School eighth grader Bailey Lothamer helped design the sign and is working on designing another sign for the intersection of State Road 3 and Old Lima Road as traffic enters the downtown area of Huntertown.
- The adoption of the Rolling Oaks Annexation ordinance is scheduled for the September 3, 2019 meeting.
- Friday, August 9, 2019 was the final community meeting for the Talons Reach Annexation. In all, six meetings were held and multiple residents attended.
- She asked council members to check their schedules for dates to hold an administrative meeting with the Huntertown Town Council to discuss department heads as well as the employee time studies.
- Two applications were submitted to INDOT for the latest Community Crossings Grant call for projects. The Town is requesting \$720,414.77 in total funding, with the town responsible for 25% of that total. The

projects submitted include Lima Road Bridge #45 reconstruction and Lima Road Reconstruction (the approaches to the bridge). The estimated expense to the town is \$240,138.27.

Town Engineer Derek Frederickson had no further report.

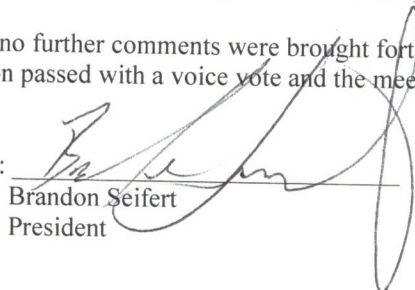
PUBLIC COMMENT

John Bodie, a resident at 1037 Shoaff Road, asked when the council planned to get with the Allen County Sheriff's Department to have Shoaff Road patrolled for speeding vehicles.

Ben Worley, a resident at 1045 W. Shoaff Road, asked for information about the Riverboat Fund, which was discussed during Schwab's budget discussion earlier in the meeting. Schwab informed the public that the state collects a percentage of revenue from all casinos and riverboats casinos and distributes that money back to the communities in Indiana that don't have casinos or riverboats in their county. The town received approximately \$37,900 in 2018 and those proceeds can be spent on any legal purchase.

After no further comments were brought forth, Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer