

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, September 16, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Patricia Freck, Gary Grant and Brandon Seifert (P). 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. Absent were council members Mike Aker and Mike Stamets.

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

Brandon Seifert suspended the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing for the 2020 budget.

Clerk Treasurer Ryan Schwab presented details on the 2020 budget. Topics covered included the overall expenses listed in the budget, the current tax levy situation and scenarios related to advertising higher than the maximum levy, and expenses/projects the town is planning for in 2020.

Brandon Seifert opened the floor to Public Comment and none were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:08 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the general claims dated September 16, 2019 in the amount of \$88,982.51. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the secondary plat for the Preserves of Carroll Creek West Section 2 development. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to accept the streets for the Preserves of Carroll Creek West Section 2 development. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the secondary plat for the Classic Heights Extended South development. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 19-007, an Ordinance and Resolution amending Council Ordinance 18-011 and Utility Service Board Resolution 18-008 regarding the 2019 salaries of the Water Operator position and creating a Street Department Head position with a set hourly wage. This Ordinance and Resolution also sets salaries of elected officials and employees of the Town of Huntertown for the fiscal year 2020. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 19-007, an Ordinance and Resolution amending Council Ordinance 18-011 and Utility Service Board Resolution 18-008 regarding the 2019 salaries of the Water Operator position and creating a Street Department Head position with a set hourly wage. This Ordinance and Resolution also sets salaries of elected officials and employees of the Town of Huntertown for the fiscal year 2020. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 19-008, An Ordinance to annex certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as the Rolling Oaks Annexation. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council action, the following old business was brought forth:

- At the September 3, 2019 meeting, conditional approval to enter into an agreement with Krohn & Associates for water and wastewater utility rate studies as well as system development charges and surcharges for the utilities was approved. However, no indication was had been given since that the town had approved the conditions and was ready to move forward with the agreement. Council did not offer approval at this time.

REPORTS

Brandon Seifert reported the following items:

- He is looking into options to protect and beautify historical homes in Huntertown. Beth Shellman noted that she is meeting with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to look at Main Street and downtown beautification grants.
- He is looking into the Adopt-a-Bench program for communities and would like to get some benches for trails coming to Huntertown. Gary Grant said that local Boy Scout troops may be interested in building benches for woodworking projects. Ryan Schwab said that a program exists that turns recyclable materials (bottle caps) into benches and a local elementary school recently had benches made from donated bottle caps.
- He thanked Well Grounded Coffee House for donating coffee to the Town to serve at Town Council meetings.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He reminded council members of the special meeting scheduled for Monday, September 30, 2019 to pass the 2020 budget.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She has met with representatives from Frontier about providing service to the Lima Plank Area. Line need moved as part of the bridge replacement project which has been submitted to INDOT as part of the Community Crossings Grant program. Discussion also included cleaning up the lines through downtown Huntertown.
- A meeting between the town, the Allen County Commissioners and the Allen County Fairgrounds Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at Town Hall.
- She provided the council with bid specifications for residential curbside trash pickup as well as the request for qualifications for legal and engineering services for 2020. Bids for attorney and engineering services will be taken through October 21, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

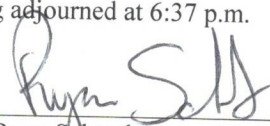
Betty Lavachek, a resident at 2127 Meyers Drive, asked Resource Officer Kevin Surface for an update on traffic issues at Huntertown Elementary School during pick-up and drop-off times. Surface said he is hoping to meet with the Principal and Superintendent to discuss the issue, stating that all ideas are on the table. He does patrol the area most mornings and afternoons. Lavachek suggested the school use its east parking lot instead of the west drive.

Cindy Bailey, a resident at 2608 Hunter Road, asked Gary Grant about a pile of twigs and tree limbs that sits at the southwest corner of State Road 3 and Gump Road and what the town can do about cleaning it up. Grant recounted the issue, noting that the pile was on private property and not in the State's right-of-way; wood piles are not considered trash; and that certain wood piles (fire wood) are acceptable for stacking in yards and the town had no way of determining whether this pile is considered brush or fire wood. Beth Shellman noted that any changes to current policy would not impact this property, as it would have to be grandfathered in. Shellman suggested having a conversation with the homeowner to seek permission to have the town remove the wood pile for the resident.

After no further comment was brought forth, Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Gary Grant seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer