

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, October 21, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were council members Mike Aker, Patricia Freck, Mike Stamets 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 eleven (11) guests and one (1) reporter. Absent was council member Gary Grant.

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

Brandon Seifert suspended the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing for the Communities at Talons Reach Annexation.

No Public Comment was brought forth.

Brandon Seifert closed the Public Meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2019 regular meeting. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the general claims dated October 21, 2019 in the amount of \$511,601.47 Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to accept the bid for a 3-year contract from Republic Services for curbside trash pickup. Patricia Freck seconded. Beth Shellman provided council with a breakdown of the bids and noted the Republic Services was the low bidder. Discussion also included the annual monthly fee to be charged to residents based on the bid amounts. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 19-010, an ordinance creating a special fund to be known as: Find #270 – Woods Road Sidewalk Improvement Fund. Mike Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman explained that the fund is being created as part of an agreement with the developer of the Drayton's Reserve development. The developer does not want to put the required sidewalks into the addition, since the adjacent road (Woods Road) is subject to a future improvement project and his sidewalks would be ripped out as part of that project. The agreement stipulates that the estimated sidewalk cost of \$4,950.00 is being given to the town by the developer and placed into this special fund to pay for sidewalk improvement as part of the Woods Road improvement project. The ordinance also stipulates what happens to the money if the Woods Road project is not taken on in a period of five years. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the secondary plat for the Drayton's Reserve development. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve a 3-year maintenance bond for the streets and utilities for the Drayton's Reserve development. Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve Pay Application #3 from API Construction Corp. for the Bethel and Hathaway Road improvement project in the amount of \$60,291.89. Patricia Freck seconded. Beth Shellman noted that this pay application covered the retainage for the two projects and would be the final pay application for the project. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 4-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve a \$75 annual allowance per individual, not to exceed \$1,000 total, from the town's promotional fund for elected officials, appointed officials, salaried employees and utility office staff to purchase clothing adorned with the Huntertown logo. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Brandon Seifert stated that the town council will be holding a public hearing for the proposed annexation of the Copper Creek Annexation Area at its regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Patricia Freck asked for discussion on Huntertown Ordinance 19-002, an Ordinance creating regulations for a residential yard waste collection site on property owned by the Town of Huntertown, passed on May 6, 2019. At that time, the council granted permission to a local resident and landscape business owner, Adam Davis, to use the site to dump yard waste from his business so long as he was only dumping for Huntertown residents. Freck said during a meeting with the Town Manager and town employees, evidence was brought forth that Mr. Davis has been violating that agreement. She also noted that other commercial contractors/landscape companies are also using the site to dump, which violates that ordinance. Freck asked the council to consider rescinding the permission it granted to Mr. Davis allowing him to dump commercially. No formal vote was taken, but all council members present verbally agreed with Freck. Freck asked the Town Manager and Clerk-Treasurer to send Mr. Davis a letter notifying him of the council's decision.

REPORTS

Mike Aker asked about the Town's trick-or-treat hours. Clerk Treasurer Ryan Schwab stated that hours are 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman handed out a copy of her report and highlighted the following items:

- The Town was awarded a Community Crossings Grant from INDOT in the amount of \$720,414.77. Shellman, Ryan Schwab and Mike Stamets were attending a reception in Kendallville on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. She is working with Engineering Resources on preparing the bid and is hoping for a spring project.
- The town has received a number of calls about the length of the one-lane restrictions on State Road 3 between Hathaway Road and Gump Road through Huntertown. She said the roadwork is scheduled to be completed soon but did not have a firm completion date. Ryan Schwab reminded residents that the roadwork is issued by the state, and not by the town.
- She continues to work on Welcome signs as well as promotional items including cups, coasters, banners and benches.
- The town plans on using employee Tim Schobert as its Code Enforcement Officer. He will conduct this business as part of his regular duties and there is no pay increase included. Resource Officer Kevin Surface said he will assist Schobert as needed.
- The town received three bids for the 2020 attorney contract and three bids for the 2020 engineering contract. She asked the council to review the bids and select two from each to interview. She would like to interview in November and choose a contract in December.
- The town would make Code of Ordinances binders available to any council members who wanted one.

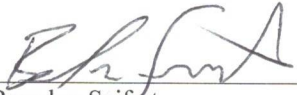
PUBLIC COMMENT

Talia Johnson, a resident at 1606 Pheasant Run, expressed concern about the noise level of a business adjacent to her property. The business, a cross-fit gym, has loud music, loud base tremors with the music, and a variety of noisy banging and clanging of equipment. She has had conversations with the owners, but feels the tone of those

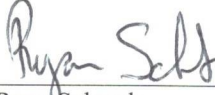
conversations has changed enough to warrant her asking the town for help in resolving the noise issue; stating she was told that since she is the only one with a problem that she should move. Beth Shellman noted that some of her complaints fall within the town's Noise Ordinance and that it's on the business to comply with the ordinance. Resource Officer Kevin Surface said he has visited the site and agrees with some of the complaints. He advised Johnson to let him meet with the business owners again, before she takes any further action.

After no further comment was brought forth, Mike Aker made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Attest:



Brandon Seifert
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer