Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana Monday, November 4, 2019 6:00 p.m. Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

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

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

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 regular meeting. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to re-approve the general claims dated October 21, 2019 in the amount of \$511,515.36 Gary Grant seconded. Ryan Schwab said that a claim for Comcast was placed on the water docket and should have been placed on the general docket. Additionally, a claim for Delta T Mechanical that was placed on the general docket, needed removed and placed on the sewer docket. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the general claims dated November 4, 2019 in the amount of \$124,390.24. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to begin an involuntary annexation of the Allen County Fairgrounds property. Mike Aker seconded. Brandon Seifert said the Fairgrounds were given a noon deadline on Monday, November 4, 2019 to submit its voluntary annexation paperwork and the town has not received that document. Beth Shellman explained the process and noted that an involuntary annexation is a longer process, but it will achieve the same goal. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to promote town employee Tom Worman from Utility Worker #4 to Utility Worker \$3. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Agreement with INDOT for the 2019 Community Crossings Grant projects (Lima Road Bridge and Lima Road). Mike Stamets seconded. Beth Shellman said that once the agreement is signed, the bidding process can begin. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-019, Resolution regarding the extension of water and sewer services outside of the town (11921 Hand Road). Gary Grant seconded. Beth Shellman said that the utility service board approved the connection at its meeting earlier in the night. The connection would become effective on January 22, 2020. She also said that the well on the property can be used for irrigation purposes only. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-020, Resolution accepting the following streets in Section 2 of the Preserves of Carroll Creek West, for ownership and maintenance. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-021, Resolution accepting the following streets in Drayton's Reserve Subdivision for ownership and maintenance. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 19-010, an ordinance creating a special fund to be known as: Find #270 – Woods Road Sidewalk Improvement Fund. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 19-010, an ordinance creating a special fund to be known as: Find #270 – Woods Road Sidewalk Improvement Fund. Mike Stamets seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council action, no old business was brought forth.

REPORTS

No Council Reports were given.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

Christopher Folland, the town's website manager, would like an updated photo of council members/clerktreasurer/town manager for the town's website. Schwab asked council members to stay a few minutes after meeting and have a photo taken.

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

- The town's Facebook page reached 6,300 people and gained 100 new followers during business hours on Thursday, October 31, related to the changing of trick-or-treat hours. In total, the post reached 11,780 people.
- INDOT has begun a call for 80-20 Federal Aid projects, including a one-time offer for towns in Allen County to apply for bridge projects. Construction would happen in 2025. The application deadline closes on December 13, 2019.
- She continues to work on Hometown Hero banners.
- The town is obtaining quotes for a new truck with a service body. Quotes for both direct purchase and a lease purchase will be presented at the December 2, 2019 meeting.
- She will be presenting the council with the trash services contract and updated ordinance at the November 18, 2019 meeting.

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 presented the same complaint at the October 21, 2019 meeting and was looking for direction on how to proceed with getting a resolution to the issue. Gary Grant said he said he would touch base with Resource Officer Kevin Surface to encourage a resolution. Council members also questioned the zoning of the property and whether a business of that type is allowed. Beth Shellman said she would investigate.

After no further comment was brought forth, Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Mike Stamets seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Brandon Seifert

President