

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

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, December 16, 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; Town Manager Beth Shellman; and Town Engineer Derek Frederickson. Also in attendance were eleven (11) guests and three (3) reporters.

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

Brandon Seifert suspended the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and opened a public hearing for residential waste and recycling services. No Public Comment was brought forth. Brandon Seifert closed the public meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting, noting that the date at the top of the minutes needed changed from November 25, 2019 to December 2, 2019. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve the general claims dated December 16, 2019 in the amount of \$133,259.42. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-024, a resolution in Support of Human Life. Gary Grant seconded. Cathie Humbarger, representing Allen County Right to Life, provided council with an overview of the resolution and spoke about services available to pregnant women through Allen County Right to Life and others. Senator Liz Brown also spoke in favor of the resolution. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-023, a Resolution authorizing execution of residential solid waste collection contract. Mike Stamets seconded. Jim Smith, representing Republic Services, thanked the council for their support. Beth Shellman stated that Smith was retiring at the end of the year. Council members thanked Smith for his service to the town. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 19-011, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 02-002, an Ordinance regulating Solid Waste Collection. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 19-011, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 02-002, an Ordinance regulating Solid Waste Collection. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 19-011, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 02-002, an Ordinance regulating Solid Waste Collection. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-025, a Resolution approving payment into employee Health Savings Accounts. Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 19-026, a Resolution adopting the fiscal plan regarding the annexation of certain territory to the Town of Huntertown to be commonly known as the Yates Voluntary Annexation. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 19-013, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown (Yates Voluntary Annexation). Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 19-013, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown (Yates Voluntary Annexation). Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 19-013, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Huntertown (Yates Voluntary Annexation). Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the Pavement Asset Management Plan through 2025 as presented. Mike Aker seconded. Derek Frederickson provided an overview of the plan. Discussion topics included the timeline for approval and submission; past patch work on Apollo Drive and Gemini Drive that has improved those respective streets enough to allow for other projects to be considered ahead of those; and whether a path or a sidewalk would be included in the Woods Road project. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to nominate Mike Aker to serve as president of the Huntertown Town Council in 2020. Mike Aker accepted the nomination and Patricia Freck seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve the 2020 Huntertown Town Council calendar as presented. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$13,535 to Indiana Sign Works for a "Welcome to Huntertown" sign to be placed at the intersection of State Road 3 and Carroll Road at the southern boundary of the town's corporate limits. Mike Aker seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, the following New Business was brought forth:

- Brandon Seifert appointed Mark Burnworth to a 3-year term on Huntertown Utility Service Board, expiring December 31, 2022. Beth Shellman noted that Burnworth has resigned from the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission, since state statute prevents an individual from serving on two appointed boards of the legislative body.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no other Council Reports were brought forth.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface was absent.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He presented the 2020 Utility Service Board budget as approved on December 2, 2019. Mike Stamets asked about insurance premium increases. Schwab stated that a 10 percent increase was in the budget based on the advice of the town's insurance agent. The insurance premium increase for 2020 averages 6.5-percent, but varies depending on the type of insurance policy (HSA or HMO) an employee chooses.
- He plans to have the council approve and sign for all claims, general water and sewer in 2020 to comply with Indiana Code. The town has not had this item commented on in a State Board of Accounts Audit, however he still wants to make the change.
- The town was issued its 1782 Notice for the 2020 budget. Each budget was approved as presented, however tax levy rates were adjusted for two funds to comply with State law.
- He plans to send all of the town's ordinance and resolutions for 2019 to American Legal Publishing for 2020. He also asked council members to let him know if they wanted a paper copy of those items when they are updated in 2020.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Town Manager Beth Shellman had the following report:

- She is taking names for Hometown Hero banners to be displayed on the utility poles along Old Lima Road from State Road 3 to Shoaff Road. The cost is \$100 and she plans to have them displayed for two years. She asked the council create a policy declaring who is eligible to be considered for a banner.

Outside of items listed under Council Action, Town Engineer Derek Frederickson had no further report.

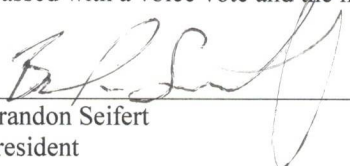
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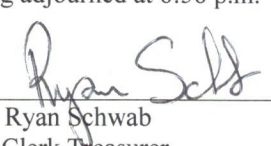
Bobby Stills, owner of Timmy's Pizza and BBQ located at 15805 Lima Road, highlighted his new business and expressed his excitement about being in the Huntertown community. He did ask for clarification on parking of his large trailer, which he said is not used to serve food out of. Beth Shellman said that she would look into the Allen County Department of Planning Service's Land Use Ordinance and get him an answer.

Stephanie Bourne, a resident at 3928 Carroll Road, said she was disappointed that the town is not supporting women's health. She said that Planned Parenthood offers a variety of men's health services in addition to its services for women. She expressed her concern from women and girls who are living in poverty in the Huntertown area and the Town has no "welcome sign" for them to get help. She would like to see Huntertown provide health care in some fashion for low income women and girls. Brandon Seifert noted that the Perry Township Trustee's Office has a program for these types of issues. She took exception to a comment Seifert had made about Planned Parenthood not being welcome in Huntertown and that the town's mindset should be "how can we help you."

After no further comment was brought forth, Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Mike Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer