

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
January 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:17 p.m. In attendance were council members Mike Aker, Patricia Freck, Gary Grant, Brandon Seifert and Mike Stamets. Also present were: Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; and Steve Carter of Krohn & Associates. Also in attendance were six (6) guests and one (1) reporter.

Mike Aker called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mike Aker suspended the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing for the voluntary annexation of the Copper Creek subdivision. No public comment was brought forth. Mike Aker closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular meeting at 6:18 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 regular meeting. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve the general, water and sewer claims dated for January 6, 2020 in the amount of \$829,985.02. Gary Grant seconded. Ryan Schwab said that after reviewing an Indiana Code statute that notes that "monies are to be paid out only on approval of the Town Legislative Body," he will no longer be bringing claims to the Utility Service Board for signature and that all claims will be presented only to the Town Council in the future. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Council Resolution 2020-001, a Resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance "Monte Carlo Drive" and "Avanti Drive" which are located in Classic Heights Extended South subdivision. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve Huntertown Council Resolution 2020-002, a Resolution accepting for ownership and maintenance "Freestone Place" and "Hummelstone Run" which are located in the Brownstone Manor – Section II subdivision. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to approve Huntertown Council Resolution 2020-003, a Resolution approving an agreement for the services of a town attorney for the calendar years 2020-2022. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve Huntertown Council Resolution 2020-004, resolution approving an agreement for on-call engineering services during the calendar years 2020-2022. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve Huntertown Council Resolution 202-005, a Resolution regarding extension of water and sewer service for a 37-lot subdivision plat known as Cascata Estates. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to introduce Huntertown Council Ordinance 2020-001, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as: Fund 271 – Hometown Hero Banner Fund. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to consider Huntertown Council Ordinance 2020-001, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as: Fund 271 – Hometown Hero Banner Fund. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to adopt Huntertown Council Ordinance 2020-001, an Ordinance creating a special fund to be known as: Fund 271 – Hometown Hero Banner Fund. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve Huntertown Council Resolution 2020-006, a Resolution approving the transfer of funds from the Town General Fund to the Town Rainy Day fund in the amount of \$36,040. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F250 pickup truck from H&H sales in the amount of \$39,770.00 (the general fund will pay for one-third of that overall price out of the Riverboat Fund). Patricia Freck seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Gary Grant made a motion to advertise a job opening for a new utility employee. Brandon Seifert seconded. Beth Shellman spoke about the need for a new employee now that the town plans to undertake construction inspection on its own. She also asked for two representatives from the council to serve on the interview committee; however no members of the council confirmed their desire to be on said committee. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Stamets made a motion to have Engineering Resources Inc. begin survey work on Woods Road to obtain right-of-way information for a future road project and future utility project. Gary Grant seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Steve Carter, representing Krohn & Associates, presented the council with a packet for municipal utility capital surcharges for consideration. His packet included information on system development charges and capital surcharges; a proposed listing of capital projects for both the water and sewer utilities; and a breakdown of proposed rates with a suggested monthly charge for both utilities (\$10.00 for sewer and \$5.00 for water). It was also noted that these charges would apply only to new connections to the town's utilities and not existing ratepayers.

OLD BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no Old Business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Gary Grant asked the council for input on hiring a second Resource Officer for the town. Ryan Schwab said that money was budgeted for the position. Grant said he would have the Sheriff's Department draw up a contract and send it over to the Town Manager and Town Attorney for review. He hoped to have the resource officer implemented by the end of February.

Mike Aker asked that the clerk-treasurer look into getting sensors for the exterior lights at Huntertown Town Hall.

Huntertown Resource Officer Kevin Surface had no report.

In addition to items under Council Action, Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided the council with year-end financial documents related to the general fund and the general fund money market account.

In addition to items under Council Action, Town Manager Beth Shellman provided the council with a handout and highlighted the following items:

- Provided information on the remaining timeline for the Twin Eagles Annexation and asked for a representative of the Council to sit a community outreach meeting for the project from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Ryan Schwab agreed to represent the town at said meeting.
- Provided information on the remaining timeline for the Communities at Talon's Reach Annexation and asked for volunteers to sit at the Huntertown Fire Station on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. while the public has the chance to sign a remonstrance petition. Brandon Seifert agreed to work from

9-10 a.m., Mike Stamets agreed to work from 10-11:30 a.m. and Mike Aker agreed to work from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Bid opening for the Lima Road Bridge project through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program is scheduled for January 29, 2020. Bids are being advertised on January 8 and 15, 2020 with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for January 14, 2020. She intends to have the council award the bid at the February 3, 2020 meeting.
- She reflected on the positive movement the town took in 2019.

Town Engineer Derek Frederickson handed out an updated map of development activity in Huntertown.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Patricia Freck made a motion to adjourn. Mike Stamets seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attest: Michael Aker
Mike Aker
President

Ryan Schwab
Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer