

Meeting of the Town Council of Hometown, Indiana
Monday, October 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Hometown Town Council was held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Hometown, IN. Present at Town Hall were board members Michael Aker, Brandon Seifert (P) and Michael Stamets; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; and Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants; fourteen (14) members of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Town Manager Beth Shellman attended the meeting via Zoom. Absent were council members Patricia Freck and Gary Grant.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2022, Regular Meeting. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated November 21, 2022, in the amount of \$747,961.80. Michael Stamets seconded. The motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Hometown Ordinance 2022-016, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Hometown to be commonly known as Preserves at the Quarry Voluntary Annexation. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adopt Hometown Ordinance 2022-016, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Town of Hometown to be commonly known as Preserves at the Quarry Voluntary Annexation. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve Hometown Resolution 2022-032, a Resolution approving the fiscal plan for the Preserves at the Quarry Voluntary Annexation. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to acquire 10 parcels of right-of-way for the Carroll Road Reconstruction project as presented in the amount of \$130,390.00. Michael Stamets seconded. Derek Frederickson provided the council with a list of parcels needing to be purchased, the estimated costs for each parcel, and highlighted the 10 parcels that the owner has agreed to sell. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Cascata Estates Section II. Michael Stamets seconded. Derek Frederickson asked the council to add some conditions for approval, which included the following: the developer provides calculations of water demand and water main flow rate and pressure calculations, including branch lines; and documentation of proposed easements covering the water and sewer main extensions outside the secondary plat, providing a minimum of 7-feet from right-of-way to water main per town standards. Michael Aker amended his original motion to provide conditional approval for the secondary plat of Cascata Estates Section II with the conditions explained by the Town Engineer. Michael Stamets seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed, 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Sonora Section I subdivision. Michael Aker seconded. Motion passed, 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Huntertown Assistant Fire Chief Robert Boren led a swearing-in ceremony for new Fire Chief Jeffrey Berning and new firefighter/paramedic Jacob Daniels. Ryan Schwab led them both in their Oath of Office and family members took part in a pinning ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Derek Frederickson provided an update to the council on a letter sent to the Allen County Commissioners seeking \$2 million in ARPA funds from the county to aid in capital projects for the water utility. The Commissioners have informed the town that more project requests have come in than they have funding to cover, so it's possible that the town's project won't get approved for funding. Frederickson said he is revisiting the capital project plan for the water utility and will have a suggestion for the Council and Utility Service Board at its meeting in December.

REPORTS

There was no council member report.

Resource Officers Brandon Reichert and Pedro Yaruchy were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He reminded council members that two seats on the Utility Service Board would be open for 2023. Brad Hite is moving from the USB to the council and has one year remaining on his council appointed term. Mark Burnworth is in the final year of his council executive appointed term. Schwab would like to see those seats filled soon, so the town can get email addresses assigned to those individuals and get iPads ready for their use in 2023. Michael Aker asked if the town could advertise in the local newspaper and on its website and social media platforms to seek the names of interested individuals.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had no report.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. had no further report.


Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

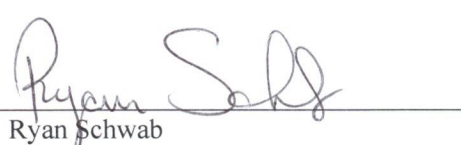
None were brought forth.

Michael Stamets made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Attest:



Brandon Seifert
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer