

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present at Town Hall were board members Patricia Freck, Brad Hite, and Brandon Seifert (P); Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Brandon Reichert; Street Superintendent Randy Bailey; Mitch Hansell and Beth Johnson of USI Consultants.; five (5) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Board member Tina McDonald attended the meeting via Zoom and board member Michael Aker was absent.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Patricia Freck made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023, regular meeting. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the General, Water and Sewer claims dated February 21, 2023, in the amount of \$1,779,635.67. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission Annual Report as presented. Patricia Freck seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

NOTE: Tina McDonald left the meeting at 6:24 p.m. and returned at 6:26 p.m. and missed the following vote.

Patricia Freck made a motion to allow the Huntertown Historical Society to move its documents and artifacts into a Town owned building at 15735 Lima Road, subject to a full council vote at the March 6, 2023, meeting. Brad Hite seconded. Freck said it was important to make a vote at this meeting so that the Historical Society could avoid paying rent in March for the storage unit that currently houses its documents and artifacts. Brad Hite suggested the agreement should include a 60-day notice to vacate period at the time the town decides what to do with the building. Beth Shellman said that town attorney David Hawk could draft an agreement. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Bids for the Community Crossings Matching Grant project for Woods Road were opened. Ryan Schwab unsealed the bids and Mitch Hansell of USI Consultants read the bids aloud. Bids were as follows:
 1. API Construction Corp. - \$1,794,151.00 with a CCMG amount of \$1,283,673.00.
 2. Brooks Construction - \$2,495,405.11 with a CCMG amount of \$1,901,629.29.
 3. E&B Paving - \$2,323,182.00 with a CCMG amount of \$1,707,691.00.
 4. Pulver Asphalt - \$1,549,165.25 with a CCMG amount of \$1,136,005.75.
 5. Wayne Asphalt - \$2,196,249.90 with a CCMG amount of \$1,603,954.90.

Hansell said his firm would take the bids to their office for review and make a recommendation to the council at its March 6, 2023, meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Brandon Seifert had the following report:

- He attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pufferbelly Trail earlier that afternoon. He said with good weather, the trail would be complete by the end of the year. He is also working on the Fishing Line Trail details with representatives of River Greenway.
- He reported that the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission approved a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000 to help fund the appraisal of the Huntertown Post Office property.

Resource Officer Brandon Reichert had the following report:

- He would like to see the town purchase a mobile speed/radar unit to help with slowing traffic.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

Town Manager Beth Shellman had no report.

Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. was absent.

Street Superintendent Randy Bailey had the following report:

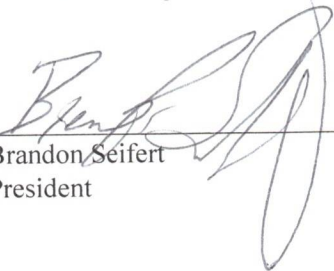
- Kenn Feld Group is interested in selling a snow plow, through 2022 Sourcewell Program pricing; to the town before prices increase on April 1, 2023. He will be bringing a proposal with cost to the council at a meeting in March.

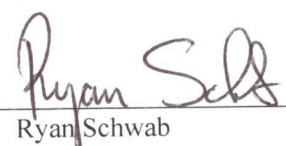
PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Holmes, President of Friends of Huntertown Park Inc., expressed concern about access to the park for a variety of events while Woods Road is under construction. He acknowledged that since the bids were just opened and that a contractor has not been approved yet, it's may be too early to coordinate those details at this time. Discussion topics included adding access to the park off of Old Lima Road; using businesses across the street to aid in event parking; understanding that some give-and-take is needed to get through the growing pains of the project; and coordinating with property owners along Woods Road once a contractor is selected.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Brad Hite made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Freck seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest:


Brandon Seifert
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer