

Town of Huntertown Utility Service Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 6, 2023
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Utility Service Board was held on Monday, February 6, 2023. The meeting was held at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Members in attendance were board members Kerri Garvin (P), Anthony Ramey, and Michael Stamets; Town Manager Beth Shellman; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Derek Frederickson and Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources Inc.; five (5) members of the public and zero (0) member of the media.

Kerri Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD ACTION

Anthony Ramey made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023, meeting. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve Utility Board Resolution 2023-003, a resolution approving the transfer of funds from the Water Operating Fund to the Water Bond & Interest Fund and from the Sewer Operating Fund into the Sewer Bond & Interest Fund. Anthony Ramey seconded. Ryan Schwab covered the details of the Resolution, noting that this is done annually to pay for the town's water and wastewater bonds. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Anthony Ramey made a motion to give conditional approval for a new water and sewer service application from Oakmont Development Co. II, LLC. For the Marcella Section II development, pending technical review by the engineering firm. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to give conditional approval for a new water main extension application from New Venture Development Corporation for the Farmstead subdivision pending technical review and a special contract. Anthony Ramey seconded. Derek Frederickson informed the board that the sewer connections for this subdivision were approved by the board in June of 2022. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to recommend to the Huntertown Town Council, alternative #2 as presented for lift station and gravity sewer improvements at an estimated cost of \$160,300.50 for septic relief projects in conjunction with the Carroll Road reconstruction project. Anthony Ramey seconded. After discussion, Michael Stamets amended his motion to include running the project in unison with a septic relief project on Hathaway Road as presented in the amount of \$168,148.00. Anthony Ramey seconded the amendment. Derek Frederickson provided the council with three alternatives to provide septic relief for homes that will be impacted by the Carroll Road reconstruction project. The first alternative was to install a gravity sewer line and one grinder station at a cost of \$176,713.33. The maintenance of the grinder station would be the responsibility of the homeowner whose property the station would be installed on. The second alternative was for a lift station and gravity sewer lines the town would maintain. The third alternative was for a low-pressure sewer system with a grinder station at each of the three properties at a cost of \$91,516.60. Like alternative one, the maintenance of the grinder stations would be the responsibility of the property owner. Derek Frederickson noted that a fourth parcel, closer to the Carroll Road-SR3 intersection could be tied into the improvements at a later date. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve a fee proposal from Engineering Resources in a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000 for the septic relief work for both the above mentioned Carroll Road and Hathaway Road projects. Anthony Ramey seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Michael Stamets made a motion to approve a quote from H&H Sales with a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 for a 2023 Ford F350 4x4 chassis, noting that the water operating fund and the wastewater operating fund will each pay for one-third of that total expense. Anthony Ramey seconded. Street Superintendent Randy Bailey

provided the board with information on the three quotes received and that the truck would be used by Sewer Plant Operator Darren Dafforn. After no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forth.

REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no report.

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

- A ground breaking ceremony for the Pufferbelly Trail is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Payton Park.
- The pre-bid meeting for the Woods Road Community Crossings Matching Grant project is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Town Hall. Bids will be open during the February 21, 2023, council meeting.
- She thanked the board on behalf of the street department for the purchase of the vacotr truck last year. The team has already begun a maintenance program for jetting the town's sewer lines.

Outside of items listed under Board Action, Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc. had no further report.


PUBLIC COMMENT

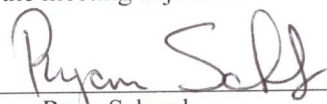
George Russell, a resident at 1742 Hathaway Road, thanked the board and said he was encouraged by what he heard related to septic relief information shared during the meeting. His septic system has been in place since 1972 and has been starting to "scare" him.

Kerri Garvin noted that the next meeting of the Huntertown Utility Service Board is being postponed and moved to Monday, March 20, 2023 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Anthony Ramey made a motion to adjourn. Michael Stamets seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Attest:


Kerri Garvin
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer