

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Thursday, September 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck (P); Brad Hite; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Derek Frederickson of Engineering Resources Inc.; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; Beth Johnson of USI Consultants; Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants; four (4) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Council member Tina McDonald was absent.

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2024, regular meeting. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated September 5, 2024, in the amount of \$311,088.00. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the secondary plat for Ridley Park Section II. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Change Orders No. 4 and No. 5 for Carroll Road Reconstruction project as presented. Brandon Seifert seconded. Beth Johnson of USI Consultants covered the details of the Change Orders. Change Order #4 was in the amount of \$3,188.94 for the relocation of 6-inch sewer mains. Change Order No. 5 was in the amount of \$53,539.80 for changes in subgrade treatment. After no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to introduce Huntertown Ordinance 2024-101, an Ordinance establishing No Parking on Bear Claw Lane in the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2024-101, an Ordinance establishing No Parking on Bear Claw Lane in the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2024-101, an Ordinance establishing No Parking on Bear Claw Lane in the Town of Huntertown, Indiana. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Pay-Application No. 2 to Mason Engineering for the WTP Firm Capacity increase 2024 project in the amount of \$12,024.15. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to appoint Town Manager Hannah Walker as the town's representative on the Urban Transportation Advisory Board. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve Huntertown Resolution 2024-004, a Resolution regulating the use of irrigation systems. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 3-1 (Aker – Aye, Hite – Aye, Seifert – Nay, Freck – Aye).

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve a quote from Brown Equipment in the amount of \$343,625.00 for the purchase of a street sweeper with payment coming from the town's ARPA allotment. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- The council reviewed a quote from M&S Excavating in the amount of \$41,850 for the demolition of town property at 2123 Trinity Street. Council members asked is the quote was for both the house and the detached building on the property. Hannah Walker said she would get a clarification and report back.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had the following report:

- He provided an update on the 2025 budget. He noted that it is advertised in Gateway. He also informed the council that its 2025 LIT Certified chares distribution is decreasing by 36.5-percent, from \$221,697.00 in 2024 to \$140,622.00 in 2025, due to the creation of the Northwest Fire District.
- He reported that the town has had two training sessions on the TextMyGov alert systems, which residents should be able to access beginning in October. He noted that a \$225 fee was accessed by the town's website host for the installation of a widget promoting the service.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- The turn light at State Road 3 and Hathaway Road has been elongated for cars turning off of State Road 3 onto Hathaway Road to help with traffic flow.
- She is working with a planner with the Department of Planning Services to create a town center zoning district.
- She attended the bi-weekly Carroll Road construction meeting and reported that the contractor is considering accelerating the timeline to finish the project before the end of the year. If the cost to do so is too high, the plan will stay as is.

Town Engineer, Derek Frederickson had no report.

Town Attorney David Hawk had the following report:

- He continues to work on some annexation related paperwork and will report back to the council on the annexation timeline.

Jay Stankiewicz of GAI Consultants had the following report:

- The right-of-way is staked and appraisals for acquisition are being scheduled.
- The project will impact the sign at the entrance of the Shearwater subdivision. He noted that an encroachment agreement was signed, and he is looking to see what all is eligible for funding; including the sign, lighting and landscaping.
- INDOT is pushing a "Pedestrian Mode of Transportation, which will impact this project since the Pufferbelly Trail runs through the area. A connection from the trail to the sidewalk must be maintained. They are looking into ways to keep the sidewalk open throughout the construction of the project for trail users. Brandon Seifert expressed concern with funding, stating that since INDOT

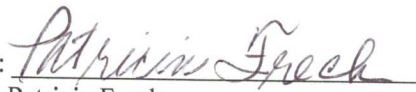
forced the town to do this project as a result of requiring barriers to a separate Carroll Road reconstruction project, so INDOT and NIRCC should find a way to fund these changes 100-percent. Stankiewicz said that NIRCC will likely agree to continue with its 80-percent share with the town being responsible for the 20-percent local match.

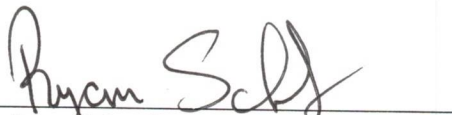
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Attest:


Patricia Freck
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer