

Meeting of the Town Council of Huntertown, Indiana
Monday, September 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Huntertown Town Council was held on Monday, September 30, 2024, at Huntertown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN. Present were board members Michael Aker, Patricia Freck (P); Brad Hite and Tina McDonald; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchy; Street Superintendent Randy Bailey; David Hawk of Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Smith; four (4) members of the public and one (1) member of the media. Council member Brandon Seifert 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 September 16, 2024, regular meeting. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the general, water, and sewer claims dated September 16, 2024, in the amount of \$310,219.62 Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to approve the wastewater operator job description as presented, with the inclusion of a \$25-\$32/hour salary range. Brad Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the in-house posting for a wastewater utility worker as presented. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tina McDonald made a motion to approve the snow removal agreement with Nahrwold Farms LLC as presented. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to approve the quote from Brown Equipment in the amount of \$10,340.00 for a snow plow blade. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Michael Aker made a motion to consider Huntertown Ordinance 2024-011, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Hite made a motion to adopt Huntertown Ordinance 2024-011, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Tina McDonald seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Hannah Walker informed the council that the text alert service, TextMyGov, would be going live on October 1, 2024, and demonstrated to the council how to opt in to the service.

OLD BUSINESS

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Ryan Schwab followed up with information on a demolition quote for 2123 Trinity Street, provided by M&S Excavating Inc. Schwab said that if the council waited until 2025 to demolish the property,

the quote would like increase by about \$4 per ton of wreckage removed, an estimated increase of about \$1,500. The Huntertown Fire Department has requested use of the building for training purposes through the rest of the year. Council members said they would like to have the fire department use the facility and wait until 2025 and re-quote for demolition.

- Hannah Walker asked the council to decide on the location of the All-in-Allen statue that is being designed for the town. She provided three options, one at town owned property at 15607 Lima Road and two locations at the Huntertown Family Park. While no formal vote was taken, the council agreed to a location in the park near the Amphitheatre.

REPORTS

Resource Officer Pedro Yaruchy had no report.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab had no further report.

Town Manager Hannah Walker had the following report:

- She would be attending the AIM Ideas Summit, October 8-10, 2024, at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne.
- Steppin' Up Physical Therapy has asked the town to consider selling its property at 1707 W. Gump Road. The developer would like to use it for a coffee shop and parking for the development. The council said it would like to hang on to the property to use for booster pumps or underground water storage for the water utility.
- Roger Delagrange, developer of Preserves at the Quarry, is asking the town to consider a cash payment in lieu of sidewalks required for his development along Coldwater Road. Street Superintendent Randy Bailey suggested to take the current required linear feet of sidewalk and place sidewalks inside the development that connect to the Pufferbelly Trail running next to the subdivision. Walker said she would reach out and see what kind of agreement could be made.
- She asked for the council to choose a member to be on the hiring committee for the job the council agreed for posting earlier in the meeting. Brad Hite agreed to sit on the committee.

Town Attorney David Hawk had the following report:

- He plans to have two sets of annexation paperwork ready for council approval at either the October 21, 2024, meeting, or the November 4, 2024, meeting.


PUBLIC COMMENT


Jon Cooper, a resident at 16721 Marble Ridge, asked the council about the reasoning behind its decision to remove the summer sprinkling credit. Both Ryan Schwab and Patricia Freck provided some background information about the decision, noting that the town is experiencing some capacity issues at the water treatment plant and sprinkling of new lawns is a big reason. Town Attorney David hawk added that no other communities provide a summer sprinkling credit. Copper expressed his frustration with the decision stating that it appears as if the town does not care about how people's lawns look.

Bill Klage, a property owner at 1611 Pheasant Run, asked the council to consider paving the area between the two stub streets at Tally Ho Blvd, connecting the Sopper Creek subdivision to the adjacent neighborhood. While council members agree the connectivity would be a benefit to the town, the town already chose not to connect at the request of other residents in the area. The town also installed ballasts at Windwood Court to block a similar connection. Hannah Walker said she would solicit a quote for the concrete work and report back to council.

After no further public comment was brought forth, Tina McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attest:


Patricia Freck
President


Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer