

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 18, 2016  
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Councilperson Gradwell gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present for the meeting: President David Quarry, Vice-President Jim Bair, Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., John Gradwell, Nicole Houck, Ron Enyeart, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Sign in Sheet attached.

**WELCOME TO VISITORS:** President Quarry welcomed the visitors and asked that anyone wishing to address Council come forward and states his or her name and address for the record.

Tony Miller, Stiffler & McGraw Engineers, was present to update Council on the status of issues at the Blair Field Parking lot project. He presented a draft engineering agreement for services. Manager Wheeler will get in touch with Mr. Miller to meet on Friday.

Jeff Gill, 1524 Mifflin Street, asked where is council with the two ongoing contracts for Recycling and Engineering. President Quarry responded that there is a meeting set up with the Recycling Haulers for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to answer any questions they may have. We are still going over the engineering proposals. Mr. Gill asked what the delay was on awarding an engineering contract. President Quarry stated that we are still reviewing the proposals for engineering. Mr. Gill asked how this Council in good conscience let your 911 Dispatching Center go to the County. President Quarry stated that no one has said that it is. Solicitor Wilson said that we are involved in negotiations and cannot discuss this in an open meeting.

Jay Brous, 2313 Warm Springs Avenue, the Salvation Army Church still stinks. What are you going to do about it? April Feagley stated that it was reported to her that it is still going through their corporate office. They are still waiting for the adjuster to get main to main quarters.

Mr. Brous reported that there is parking on the sidewalk on Scott Street daily. There are 2 motorcycles and a car. The people have to go out on the street to walk.

Mr. Brous asked if there is any way that Mr. Shaffer the Code Enforcement Officer could have more hours. There are bags of garbage sitting out all over the place Monday-Wednesday nights as Shadyside no one put their bags in their cans. Mr. Brous stated that Mr. Shaffer could use more hours to get this job done.

Sherry Reynolds, 515 16<sup>th</sup> Street, asked what rights she has as a home owner. She is expected to live beside such a deplorable property. The address of the property she is speaking of is 513 16<sup>th</sup> Street. It is neglected. It is just a mess. There is also dumpster that has not been emptied. She asked why there are codes that the Code Enforcement Officer is not allowed to enforce. Why are you using tax dollars to afford a position that has no power to enforce the codes?

Gary Reed, 514 16<sup>th</sup> St, was also in regarding the property at 513 16<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that Mr. Shaffer told him that there are warrants out on this property owner. Why won't the Borough Police pick him up? Manager Wheeler will get Mr. Shaffer and the police dept. to check into this.

Scott Fetzer, 215 Standing Stone Avenue, wanted to add that Scott Shaffer would go full-time. He has been a contractor in the borough for many years. We were up at the cemetery the other day and needed a tree removed. He offered to remove it. He never had the consideration of getting a returned phone call. He heard through the grapevine that it is a union job. He felt that he should have gotten a call explaining to him why he was not allowed to do it. He would like an explanation as to why he could not go up and cut the tree down. Manager Wheeler explained the borough is not allowed by the Union Contract to hire outside contractors to do union work. We are prohibited by our bargaining unit for the union.

Dennis Plane, 1816 Mifflin Street, was present to encourage the borough to support extending the natural gas line up the 1800 block of Mifflin Street. He spoke with this neighbors and no one seemed concerned about an extra patch or two. He was present on behalf of himself and his neighbors to encourage Council to reconsider.

Christian Long, 1810 Mifflin Street, he also wanted to encourage Council to reconsider their decision. The gas company asked for an exemption with repaving the street. Councilperson Isenberg responded we can certainly sit down and discuss it again. She felt that maybe something could be worked out with UGI so they could provide a little bit more assistance with the patching.

Manager Wheeler asked if UGI would be open to the Borough looking at the ordinance and if council discussed it possibly be open to us allowing this to happen by specifying the manner in which the patches were done i.e. looking a PennDOT regulations. Mr. Miller responded yes they would. Councilperson Isenberg stated that she would like to see some kind of a plan. Mr. Miller stated that he looks forward to seeing what can be worked out between the Borough and the Gas Co.

Mike Smith, 315 11<sup>th</sup> St, he stated that council schedule meetings at 2:00 pm and a lot of borough residents have to work. Councilperson Decker explained that the meeting times are set up at the beginning of the year. Councilperson Enyeart stated that your voice is being heard but it is in the minority of council. Mr. Smith stated that you need to be available for the people that voted you in office.

Mr. Smith also asked about Maintenance and the Street Sweeper schedule. The Street sweeper does Mifflin Street and Washington Street. 11<sup>th</sup> Street has not been touched since the first week of September. Manager Wheeler will check into it.

Dean Harris, 2811 Chapel Hill Road, asked Manager Wheeler about the statement that he made earlier in the meeting regarding our borough crew having to do projects that are union jobs. There were two men at Walmart turning a valve and the truck did not say Huntingdon borough.

Patti Bukowski asked when is the leaf vac starting. Manager Wheeler stated that it has already started picking up.

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart to approve the following minutes. **Motion carried.**

- a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, September 8, 2016
- b. Community Development Committee Meeting, September 8, 2016
- c. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, September 8, 2016
- d. Maintenance Committee, September 13, 2016

- e. Public Safety Committee Meeting, September 13, 2016
- f. Administrative Committee Meeting, September 13, 2016
- g. Regular Council Meeting, September 20, 2016

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the bills payable for September 2016 be approved for payment. Invoices have been reviewed. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the Financial Statements for August 2016 be approved. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business**-none

**New Business**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart to approve the extension of the 911 Dispatcher Contract with Huntingdon County until December 31, 2016. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Payment**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of Application for Payment No. 37 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$367,272.03 for Contract #1-Water Plant Improvements. **Motion carried.**

**Announcements:** There were not any announcements.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer Committee** - Chairperson Bair did not have a report.

**Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee** - Chairperson Houck wanted to thank the maintenance dept. for installing the playground equipment at Weaver Park.

**Maintenance Committee** – Chairperson Enyeart reported that there was also a new piece of equipment installed at Portstown Park.

**Community Development Committee** – Chairperson Decker reminded every one of the next strategic planning meeting scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. He invites everyone to attend.

**Public Safety Committee** – Chairperson Isenberg reminded everyone that the Halloween parade is Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. She also reminded everyone of that the summer mowers will be done on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Yard Waste Facility last day to be opened for Wednesdays will be October 26<sup>th</sup> and the last Saturday will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The leaf Vac started on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Chief's Report** – Chief Brenneman was not in attendance.

**Administrative Committee** - Chairperson Quarry did not have a report.

**Council President's report-** President Quarry wanted to thank all the Supervisors for keeping up the good work.

**Mayor's report-**Mayor Brown had nothing to report.

**Solicitor's report-**Solicitor Wilson had nothing to report.

Motion was made by Councilperson Decker, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell to approve the Resolution expressing the intention of the borough to issue debt in accordance with local government unit debt act; identifying certain capital projects to be financed thereby; declaring the official intent of the borough to reimburse the borough for expenditures made by such project prior to and after the date of adoption of the resolution. **Motion carried.**

**Engineer's report-**Engineer Reynolds had nothing to report.

Manager Wheeler stated that he put a copy of the draft 2017 proposed budget in each person's mailbox.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck to adjourn. Motion carried.

BY: Melody J. Parsons  
Assistant Borough Secretary