

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 20, 2016  
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Mayor Brown 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, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Engineer Kevin Nester, 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.

Ellen Gearhart was present to express her thoughts are the request that Huntingdon Borough received from Sunoco Logistics. Sunoco Logistics requested that Huntingdon Borough Water Department provide them with a letter stating that they Borough has the ability to provide them with 200,000 gals of water a day for horizontal drilling and hydrostatic testing. She feels this is incomprehensible due to the fact that Huntingdon Borough is currently under a water restriction. She is asking the Borough to turn down their request to provide water.

Elise Gearhart, 1535 Valley Pike Trough Creek, was present to thoughts about the request from Sunoco Logistics for Huntingdon Borough Water Department to provide a statement that they have the ability to provide up to 200,000 gals of water per day. She asked that the Borough not provide them with the letter.

Jay Brous asked about the school crossing sign that is sitting in the middle of the road in front of Dubois School. Councilperson Isenberg responded that the Council received a request from a parent concerned about children not walking in the

crosswalk and almost got hit. He asked who would be held responsible if something happens there due to the sign.

Mr. Brous asked when the Borough is going to fix the lights on Smithfield Bridge. He almost hit someone three days ago. Manager Wheeler responded that he has a call into Mike Peachey the County PennDot Maintenance Manager. We have given him a copy of the newly signed agreement. He is waiting for his response.

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

- a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, November 3, 2016
- b. Community Development Committee Meeting, November 3, 2016
- c. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, November 3, 2016
- d. Special Administrative Committee Meeting, November 3, 2016
- e. Maintenance Committee, November 8, 2016
- f. Public Safety Committee Meeting, November 8, 2016
- g. Administrative Committee Meeting, November 8, 2016
- h. Regular Council Meeting, November 15, 2016
- i. Special Council Meeting, November 23, 2016

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

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

**Old Business**-none

**New Business**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Isenberg recommending the approval of \$10,000.00 contribution to be paid to the Huntingdon Ambulance Authority. The 2015 Audit was received. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of Ordinance #940 fixing and levying the tax rate of eighteen (18) mills for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2017, in the Borough of Huntingdon. Roll call indicated the following:

**YAY**

David Quarry  
James Decker, Sr.  
Ron Enyeart  
Donna Isenberg  
Nicole Houck

**NAY**

Jim Bair  
John Gradwell

**Motion carried.**

Councilperson Bair asked to please comment. He wanted to explain why he voted against approving the tax ordinance. He does not feel that it is a workable budget. He stated at the present 18 mills we are going to be in a financial situation that will not be good for the Borough by mid-year. There is going to have to be some tightening up on spending. Councilperson Gradwell added we are looking at a budget that is over \$286,000.00. That is a lot of money. One major facet is the \$200,000.00 increase in insurance. There is no way this budget is a true templet of what he can work with.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval to adopt the 2017 proposed budget. Roll Call indicated the following:

**YAY**

David Quarry  
James Decker, Sr.  
Ron Enyeart  
Donna Isenberg  
Nicole Houck

**NAY**

Jim Bair  
John Gradwell

**Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of the purchase of a Pipe Cut-off Saw not to exceed the amount of \$13,000.00. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Decker recommending the approval of a \$40.00/month stipend made payable to Scott

Shaffer, Code Enforcement Officer for the use of his personal cell phone for Borough related business. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Decker recommending the approval of awarding the Borough's Recycling Contract to Hollenbaugh's Trash & Recycling, LLC who was the low bidder at \$1.54 per household per month. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval for the retention of Adam Shore as a full-time employee. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Isenberg recommending the approval of the purchase of new accounting software at the amount of \$31,020.00 from Dallas Data Systems Incorporated with a yearly maintenance fee of \$5,940.00. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Gradwell recommending the approval of a transfer from Water Fund to the Water Upgrade account in the amount of \$183,790.68 to cover the cost of project invoices until such time in early 2017 Pennvest closes the project and transfers the remaining project funds to the Borough. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval to hire GHD for Engineering Services related to the SR22/SR26 water line relocation. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of resolution to incorporate the water line relocation into the PennDot Contractor's work. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Resolution #15-2016 authorizing for submission of 75 per centum reimbursement from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation-Water Lines. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Decker, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of the First Amendment to Subcontractor Agreement with Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission. *"This changes the completion date for the Walking Tour Brochure from Sept. 30, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2016."* **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Decker, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the payment of \$1,000.00 to Ilona Ballreich for final steps necessary in finishing grant work related to the Walking Brochure. This payment will be paid out of grant funding received from Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Decker to accept the resignation with regret of John C. Stevens as Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 4<sup>th</sup>. **Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Payment**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of the payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to I.K. Stoltzfus for final payment for Contract #2 Water Plant Upgrade. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of payment of Invoice #70981 to GHD, Inc. in the amount of \$28,971.11 and Invoice #74047 in the amount of \$707.50 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 did not have a report. She wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

**Maintenance Committee** – Chairperson Enyeart asked that everyone be patient with the crew regarding the ice and snow removal.

**Community Development Committee** – Chairperson Decker did not have a report.

**Public Safety Committee** – Chairperson Isenberg did not have a report.

**Chief's Report** – Chief Brenneman reported that the officers have now been all trained for the use of Narcan thru the Drug Abuse Council.

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

**Council President's report**- President Quarry stated that we approved the 2017 budget without a budget increase. This is going to be tight.

**Mayor's report**- Mayor Brown asked that the Council approve the Civil Service list as presented to Council. Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Bair to approve the Civil Service List as presented.  
**Motion carried.**

Mayor Brown read a letter from Corp. Chris Stevens stating that he will be retiring as of January 4, 2017. This will be a heavy loss to the borough.

Mayor Brown read a letter from Chief Rufus Brenneman stating that he will be retiring as of February 28, 2017. Mayor Brown stated that we will be realizing a great loss in this borough. Please wish him well.

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

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

**Borough Manager's Report**-

There are a few things left for HRI to complete. There are also a few things they may not do that are covered under warranty. They have a year to complete.

Manager Wheeler wanted to address Mrs. Gearhart's statements. He stated that the request is now in the hands of our solicitor. Sunoco Logistics has asked for a letter stating that we have the available to provide up to 200,000 gals of water today. It is not to establish an agreement that we will provide it.

Manager Wheeler reported the Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer has notified 78 properties of the ice that needs to be removed from their sidewalks. He stated that according to our ordinance the property owner has 48 hrs. from the end of snow/ice fall to clear their sidewalks. The Borough has the ability to go ahead and in lieu of them cleaning their sidewalks and if we do not see any progress then the borough will go out and spread anti-skid and salt on the sidewalks. We will then bill those property owners. He fills this a solutions to help with any problems of anyone falling on ice.

**Executive Session-Union Negotiations-**

Executive Session called at 8:26 pm

Reconvened at 9:49 pm

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck to accept the agreement with Huntingdon County for the 911 Dispatch Service.

**Motion carried.** James Decker, Sr. casting a no vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons  
Assistant Borough Secretary