

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Mayor DeeDee 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, Jr., G. Scott Shaffer, James Decker, Sr., Donna Isenberg, Nicole Houck, Ron Enyeart, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Engineer Kevin Nester, 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.

John Gradwell, 2525 Warm Springs Avenue, spoke about what we could do to attract more of our youth to our parks. He asked some of the kids at the parks why that preferred to go to Riverside Park over Huntingdon Borough Parks. Their responds were bright colors and newer equipment.

Mr. Gradwell questioned if the Admin, Community Development, and Water and Sewer minutes were already voted on? Did I miss those? Manager Wheeler stated that he cannot answer that.

Anthony Bullet, 416 Church Street, he raised a question to council is your heart right? President Quarry thanked Mr. Bullet.

Erik Lindberg, 420 Washington Street, had a couple of questions he wanted to address with the engineer. He stated that at the present the biggest hang up is the piping issue. When was the change first known of the change in route? When was the change from stainless to PVC first discussed? Engr. Nester responded we brought up the rerouting back in May with the Contractor. The revision of the pipe was in June. Mr. Lindberg stated that there were some other issues that were time

management issues. Were these engineering design issues, facility issues, or because management could not decide on a course of action.

Mr. Lindberg asked if Mr. Peachey has been in touch about the lights on the bridge. Manager Wheeler said he has not been in touch since the last time he spoke with him several months ago.

Mr. Lindberg filed a right to know request on the 1st of December. He received notice that you would respond on or before January 18, 2016 as of now I have gotten no respond. That to me results in a deemed denial. Manager Wheeler stated that he was under the impression that Melody had made contact with you. Mr. Lindberg stated that Melody called and said I have a document but I'm not sure if it is what you are looking for. Manager Wheeler will meet with Mr. Lindberg^{1st} think in the morning. Mr. Lindberg responded that he will be there at 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Lindberg asked if this the year for the new recycling contract. He asked if there will be provisions for electronics. Manager Wheeler stated he does not know. As of now the haulers have no way to get rid of electronics. Councilman Shaffer stated there is nowhere to take them.

John Gradwell asked who is to oversee this water plant upgrade project. Who is to oversee the Borough's and taxpayer's interest in a project of this magnitude? If something goes in that is incorrect who is to put a stop to it? Can you tell me Borough Manager? Can anyone on this panel tell me? Eng. Nester explained GHD provide construction management. However, the engineer and the owner cannot direct the contractor how to build the project. Contractor is completely and totally responsible for the means and methods of the project.

President Quarry asked Engr. Nester who is ultimately in charge of the project. The Contractor as far as submitting the bid and council accepting it is saying he can meet the bid and all of its requirements. The Engineer is responsible for overseeing the work. The only party that can stop work is the Engineer can bring it to your attention and the Borough would have to stop work.

Jim Cassatt, 2712 Warm Springs Ave, he asked what is going on with the Crooked Creek project. Manager Wheeler responded that information will be available at the Water and Sewer Committee meeting in February. We are working with Smithfield.

Mr. Cassatt also asked about how much money is in the contingency money for the water project. Manager Wheeler responded, we now have \$305,000.00.

Mr. Cassatt asked where we are with liquidation and penalties because of this project running over. Manager Wheeler stated we are still collecting facts from both GHD and HRI. Once we have all those facts collected any discussions will be held in executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Councilman Shaffer seconded by Councilwoman Isenberg to approve the following minutes. Motion carried.

- a. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, December 3, 2015
- b. Special Meeting, December 8, 2015
- c. Maintenance Committee Meeting December 8, 2015
- d. Public Safety Committee Meeting December 8, 2015
- e. Regular Meeting, December 15, 2015
- f. Special Meeting, December 21, 2015

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Isenberg to approve the bills payable for January 2016 for the General Borough, Cemetery, Liquid Fuels, Water, Sewer, Upgrade, and Swimming Pool accounts. Invoices have been reviewed.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Motion made by Councilman Shaffer, seconded by Councilwoman Isenberg to approve the Financial Statements for December 2015 for the General Borough, Cemetery, Liquid Fuels, Water, Sewer, Upgrade, and Swimming Pool accounts. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval of the purchase a new control panel for the S & A pump station at a cost of \$11,207.00 including installation. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval of the purchase a new SNDR pump at a cost of \$16,694.67. Engineers will continue to investigate and work to resolve issue of premature pump failure prior to new pump installation. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval of Work Change Directive 1; “Route finished water piping through the Filter Building Pipe Gallery using Schedule 80 PVC pipe in lieu of Stainless Steel &/or DIP per the sketch provided”. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Isenberg, seconded by Councilman Decker recommending the approval of the Borough Manager to prepare a plan to repair a portion of the Orlady Wall. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Gill asked Chairwoman Isenberg to explain the length of the part Orlady Wall that will be repaired or does it include the entire wall or just the section that is bulging right now. Chairwoman responded that is the part of the plan to be determined whether we are just going to correct the areas right now that are appearing to fall out or how much more we might need to do. We have a lot of people who are concerned about the looks of the wall. Councilman Bair stated that this has become a safety issue.

Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilman Bair recommending the approval of the agreement to have Capitol Tax Collection Bureau (CAPTAX) to collect, administer and enforce LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST) at a fee equal to 2.5% of amount of quarterly payments made to the Borough. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval of the Borough Manager to advertise an RFP for a Borough Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilwoman Houck recommending the approval to hire a new police officer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilwoman Isenberg recommending the approval of the addition of Pediatric Dental coverage to the Uniform and Non-Uniform Health Care coverage. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilman Decker recommending the approval of the advertisement of a Special Council meeting, for Thursday, January 21st at 3 PM which will include an executive session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairman Decker, seconded Councilman Bair recommending the approval of the "WALK HUNTINGDON" project. The particulars of sign size and placement will be approved at a later date when all information has been presented to Council. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilman Decker recommending the approval of Application for Payment No. 29 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$289,735.52 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvements. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Junior Councilperson Troha announced the CHAMP dance marathon is scheduled for February 27th, 2016 from 7:00 P.M. - 7A.M. at the Huntingdon High School. It is a fundraiser to help families in need from the four local school districts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE: Chairman Bair addressed the public to let them know that we are diligently working to get Water plant upgrade project completed.

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Chairwoman Houck had nothing to report.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman Shaffer reported that the maintenance dept. is working on the low inlets. The crew chipped all the brush that was at the compost pile. The trucks are all ready to go for street treatment. Chairman Shaffer also noted that this was the first time that all three Supervisors including the Chief are here for the meeting and he appreciates their attendance so they are available for questions if something comes up.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: – Chairman Decker had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Isenberg had nothing to report.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brenneman asked the public to keep the snow emergency route in mind this weekend if we received the amount of snow fall they are predicting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – President Quarry did not have a report this month.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Quarry also wanted to reiterate that he is happy to see all four supervisors here for the meeting. That is very nice to see. He also wanted to thank the guys at the water plant and maintenance. He knows there have been a lot going on at the WTP and a lot of water leaks, etc.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown wanted to thank the police force that they have had a hard year. They have been down a man. They have worked 50-60 hrs. a week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Wilson reported he was asked by the Administrative Committee to draft an Ordinance regarding 5th Avenue. After further investigation it seems that 5th Avenue may not be a transverse able street by vehicle from Washington Street to Penn Street. It's a small alley. He is assuming that Council wants him to remove that provision from the Ordinance. President Quarry responded yes we should table that.

Solicitor Wilson stated that he was charged by the Administration Committee to research the possibility of a new authority. The authority that the Borough is contemplating now is for parks and recreation and public property. Solicitor Wilson would like to recommend that at the next committee meeting that Joe Pierce, Bond Counsel for the Borough, meet with Council over a conference call and explain the procedure to council.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engr. Nester did not have a report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Wheeler reported that he met with a group from PennDOT and Juniata College today to take about the Cold Springs Road Improvement Project. They are still in the engineering phases. They are still hopeful to do construction in the summer of 2017. They are trying to get a final engineering plan together now.

Executive Session called at 8:35 P.M. for contractual issues
Reconvened at 9:08 P.M. no decision was made

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Shaffer seconded by Councilman Enyeart, to adjourn. Motion carried.

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary