

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 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, G. Scott Shaffer, James Decker, Sr., Nicole Houck, Ron Enyeart, Mayor DeeDee Brown, 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.

Jim Cassatt, 2712 Warm Springs Avenue, asked if Council intends to enact an Ordinance imposing “no smoking” at the Borough Parks.

John Gradwell, 2525 Warm Springs Avenue, stated that he is present for follow on the water plant upgrade project and if we have met our obligation. He asked if it would be wise to ask for a project audit. As a concerned citizen calling for an audit. Manager Wheeler responded that there have been 8 approved change orders. There have been no funds paid out above and beyond those presented to Council. Manager Wheeler stated that presently there are items we cannot comment on due to litigation.

Anthony Bullet, 416 Church Street, Mr. Bullet is a resident of this town. He express his disappointment with Council’s unwillingness to adopt the Ordinance for no discrimination at LGBT.

Bradley Hollenbaugh, JJ Recycling, stated that he has a check for an ash grinder that he placed a bid on. He has not picked it up yet because the bids were not awarded at a public meeting yet.

Mr. Hollenbaugh also asked about reading in the newspaper about bidding out trash service saving tax payers money.

Councilman Shaffer explained he asked first off does it save taxpayers without cutting services. He checked with the Borough Solicitor and he said that we could do it. If the borough does this it could work out to save everyone money. Recycling has tanked. We are sitting on stuff we can't get rid of.

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

- a. Administrative Committee Meeting, December 8, 2015
- b. Water & Sewer Committee Meeting, January 7, 2016
- c. Community Development Committee Meeting January 7, 2016
- d. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting January 7, 2016
- e. Maintenance Committee Meeting, January 12, 2016
- f. Public Safety Committee Meeting, January 12, 2016
- g. Administrative Committee Meeting, January 12, 2016

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

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Motion made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Shaffer to approve the Financial Statements for January 2016 for the General Borough, Cemetery, Liquid Fuels, Water, Sewer, Upgrade, and Swimming Pool accounts. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Councilman Shaffer, seconded by Councilman Decker recommending the approval of the purchase of a new server for the police dept. at a cost of \$6,195.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilman Enyeart recommending the approval of the purchase of a new copier for the police dept. as a shared cost with the County's 911 System. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilman Enyeart recommending the approval of the purchase of the Evolis Radar Speed Sign at a cost of \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Vice-President Bair recommending the approval of the purchase of 5 signs at a cost of \$60.00 per sign for the "Walk Huntingdon" program. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Shaffer, seconded by Councilwoman Houck recommending the approval of Resolution #1-2016 appointing the Borough Manager with the responsibility and authority to implement loss control initiatives per Penn Prime's Loss Control Standard #2. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houck, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval of the purchase a WTP Truck at a cost of \$34,501.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Enyeart, seconded by Councilman Decker recommending the approval of Ordinance #933 An Ordinance of the Borough of Huntingdon Making unlawful the use of tobacco products in the public parks within the borough of Huntingdon, providing for penalties for the violation hereof, and providing for severability.

Roll Call indicated the following:

YAY
Jim Bair
James Decker, Sr.
Ron Enyeart
Nicole Houck

NAY
David Quarry
G. Scott Shaffer

Motion carried. 4-2

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houck, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval of raises for the exempt employees including Steve Williams, Tom Yarnell, Melody Parsons, Rufus Brenneman, and Bill Wheeler. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Shaffer, seconded by Councilwoman Houck, recommending the approval of hiring part-time employees for Isett Pool, Riverview Cemetery, and Borough Parks Grounds Maintenance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houck, seconded by Councilman Enyeart recommending the approval of advertising to hire to fill one opening at the Waste Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Shaffer, seconded by Vice-President Bair, recommending the approval of the removal and installation of the ATAD and Foamer pumps by Tuscarora Rigging at an approximate cost of \$4,500. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vice-President Bair, seconded by Councilwoman Houck recommending the approval of the replacement of the Waste Treatment Plant computer at a cost of approximately \$1,000. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Shaffer recommending the approval to hire Adam M. Shienvold of Eckert Seamans, an attorney who specializes in municipal construction litigation to provide assistance to council in connection with the ongoing issues with the water plant. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There was not any announcements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE: Chairman Bair did not have a report this month.

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Chairman Houck did not have a report this month.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman Shaffer stated that he would like to commend the Maintenance Dept. on the snow removal. They moved more snow in the 10 days following the 2 foot snow fall then they have in years.

The Crews have been working behind high school at Blair Avenue cleaning out the retention pond.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: – Chairman Decker reported that the “Walk Huntingdon Project” is progressing. They have reported to council that they have a lot of volunteers signed up for the walk.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councilman Bair reported that they Committee is working on getting the Or Lady Wall repaired. It has become such an eye sore and a safety hazard.

CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Brenneman did not have a report this month.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Quarry also wanted to reiterate what Councilman Shaffer reported that the Maintenance Crew did an outstanding job on snow removal.

He also reported that the first Boomtown meeting was held this month and there was an amazing turn out.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported that the first Boomtown meeting was a success. A lot of the town merchants were in attendance with thoughts to improve the down town.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Wilson reported he was asked by the Council to look into 5th Avenue between Washington and Penn Street. His recommendation is that it is unsafe and a liability. It is a private driveway and Council should consider vacating it.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Engr. Nester reported that the contractors have made progress on the clearwells. The Contractors did not have an AFP for this month.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Wheeler reported that there was a rupture in a water line late this afternoon. It has been fixed.

Manager Wheeler spoke with Mike Peachey the highway Maintenance Supervisor from PennDOT regarding the Smithfield Bridge lighting. Manager Wheeler explained that Mr. Peachey he requires an agreement from Huntingdon Borough and/or Smithfield Township stated who will maintain the lights.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

Executive Session called at 8:32 P.M. to discuss possible arbitration and contractual issues

Reconvened at 9:08 P.M.

Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilman Shaffer to approve the proposed police contract. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary