

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

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

Auxiliary Captain Philip Bender from the Salvation Army gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present for the meeting: President David Quarry, Vice-President Jim Bair, James Decker, Sr., Donna Isenberg, 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, Chief Rufus Brenneman.

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.

Mel Woomer asked to speak for Council regarding an issue today when he was confronted by John Gradwell. Mr. Gradwell stopped at a one of his projects today and introduced himself as a councilperson and questioned him on having the necessary permits. Mr. Woomer feels that he is being bullied and harassed. Mr. Gradwell asked to respond to Council. He stated to Mr. Woomer that he was not a Councilperson at that time and he was acting as a concerned citizen. Mr. Gradwell said he was not harassing him. He thinks that he does beautiful work and he would like to put this all behind them.

President Quarry reminded Councilmembers that they should follow the chain and take issues to the appropriate person responsible. It is not a councilmembers position to stop at a project and question the workers.

President Quarry and Vice-President Bair presented Past Councilperson Scott Shaffer with a rocking chair in appreciation of 17.5 yrs. of service on Borough Council.

Mayor Brown performed the swearing in newly appointed Councilperson John T. Gradwell.

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

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilman Bair recommending the Financial Statements for March 2016 be approved. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of Ordinance #935 An Ordinance of the Borough of Huntingdon amending Appendix "H" of the Code of the Borough of Huntingdon to rename the entirety of "A" Street to Decker Lane. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Ordinance #936 An Ordinance of the Borough of Huntingdon vacating the public road known as 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Jim Cassatt questioned who takes care of the taxes on the parcel. You cannot just vacate it without another property owner taken responsibility. Barb Hooper stated she has agreed to take ownership with right of ways for Nancy Holland and**

Salvation Army. Solicitor Wilson responded that Mr. Cassatt is incorrect. This is not any different than any other street that the borough vacates. Ms. Hooper asked if someone falls, who is liable. Councilperson Gradwell stated that in lieu of the circumstances, he would like to rescind his second on the motion. **Motion died due to lack of second.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the application for Demolition of the properties at 313-315 Penn Street that are within the Historical District pending compliance of the requirements of the Borough Code. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of a Motor Vehicle Record Review LCS #7 as required by PennPrime the Borough's Workers Compensation Insurance Co. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of a Hazard Inspections Procedure LCS #3 as required by PennPrime the Borough's Workers Compensation Insurance Co. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT:**

**Motion was made by President Quarry, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of payment in the amount of \$2,205.00 to Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce for Microloan Administration Costs. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the rescission of change order #3 in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Water Plant Upgrade Project. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Application for Payment No. 32 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$226,366.95 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvements. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of Application of Payment for Change Order No. 9 decreasing contract amount by \$8,954.00 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvement. This change order is a deduction for substituting #57 Stone for flowable fill on the football field and filter building sides of the Clearwell/Spent. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Application of Payment for Change Order No. 11 increasing contract amount by \$1,522.50 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvement. This change order is to install additional snow retention on Pump Station roof at the Owner’s request. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Application for Payment for Contract Change Order No. 1 increasing contract amount by \$700.00 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvement. The change order is work already completed for Blair Field Parking lot lights. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of a \$.25 per hour increase to all returning pool employees. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommends the approval of the reimbursement to the lifeguards for 50% of the cost of their swimsuits. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval 1 free pool day offered to 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders at the Juniata Valley, Huntingdon, and Mount Union School Districts. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval beginning of amending Isett pool hours to Noon-6:00 pm beginning August 1, 2016. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the following rates for 2016:  
Daily Rate: \$3.00, Individual Membership: \$50, Family Membership: \$150.00**

**up to 4 family members then \$25.00 for each additional family member, Senior Membership: \$40.00. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Manager Wheeler announced that there is a fundraiser at the bowling alley Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm. It is to raise money for supplies to replace the stencils that are falling off the water tank.

Councilperson Gradwell announced the “Walk Huntingdon” that is taking place on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Bair reported that they are working diligently to get the new water plant project completed.

Jim Cassatt asked how much they are paying the new lawyer that they hired to handle the litigation for the water plant. Manager Wheeler reported that he did not know the amount off the top of his head and asked Mr. Cassatt to come in to the office the next morning and complete a right to know.

**PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson Houck did not have a report for this month.

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Isenberg announced that we are moving forward with the paving project. She reported that the Committee was also working on the vacating of 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Decker wanted to invite everyone to participate in the “Walk Huntingdon” on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be meeting at Juniata College at 8:30 am.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Councilperson Isenberg reported that painting lines has been discussed. They do not intent to use as much paint. They will be reviewing the areas. Councilperson Isenberg stated that the Public Safety Committee will be meeting with everyone with interest in the Or Lady Wall during the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. The Committee has also working on the perimeter of the Water Treatment Plant.

**CHIEF’S REPORT** – Chief Brenneman reported that he will have units leading the front of the “Walk Huntingdon” and a unit at the rear. He will also have Officers on bikes. He also wanted to remind everyone that kids are going to be out

on their bikes more and anyone 12 yrs. of age and under should wear a helmet. The bicyclers should obey the traffic laws.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** President Quarry wanted to thank everyone that supported Boomtown. This shows that everyone can come together for the good of the borough not for personnel gain. He said that it is nice to see so many people coming to the meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Brown reported that the Boomtown Committees are together and running. Committee Chair Jenna Weaver was present to ask for Council’s support for the “Wind down Weekend” on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be stations with wine tasting and cheeses. There will be bands performing as well. President Quarry stated that he did not have a problem with Council supporting this. Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Bair to support the “Wind down Weekend”. Motion carried.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Solicitor Wilson reported to Council that he received an Amtrak ADA assessment. Amtrak will be using a portion of an existing sidewalk on Borough property and a portion of their own sidewalk so they will be in ADA compliance.

Solicitor Wilson reported that the hazardous structure hearing for 1419 Moore Street has been set for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Solicitor Wilson reported that he advertised for anyone interested in serving on the Park’s Commission to send a letter of interest to the Borough Office.

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Houck to accept the Amtrak ADA plan. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Engr. Nester reported that the start up with the new equipment is going well at the water treatment plant. They are still looking at substantial completion in 2-3 weeks.

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT:** Manager Wheeler reported that he has been researching the Salvation Army’s request. He recommends that they request a zoning hearing. Nancy Kyper asked what the procedure would be to make the lots

one. Solicitor Wilson stated that the position of the Borough is you would still have to go to the Zoning Board. Even if you put lots together, the variance is for the church not the lot. You do not have to go to the zoning board to join the two lots.

Manager Wheeler reported that his findings for Davis-Bacon wage investigation by Labor and Industry were upheld. The employee will be issued a check.

Manager Wheeler stated that he met with the college regarding Blair Avenue. The College is still not happy with the traffic flow in that area.

Manager Wheeler reported that the ground breaking for Winton Hill is scheduled for this week. They will be starting early May and it should be completed by August.

Manager Wheeler reported that Supt. Yarnell will be attending a line painting class at the HCCTC.

Joan Cassatt asked if the Borough is sponsoring the Mayfest this year. Manager Wheeler will check into this.

Chris Busko asked if the noise at the Mutual Benefit Parking lot was addressed. Chief Brenneman responded yes it has.

Executive Session called at 9:33 for personnel.  
Reconvened at 9:45

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart to approve a payment to pool operator in the amount of \$2000.00 in equal payments of \$400.00 each throughout the summer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

BY: Melody J. Parsons  
Assistant Borough Secretary