

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

The meeting was called to Order by Council President David Quarry.

Mayor Brown gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call indicated the following members present: President David Quarry, Vice-President Jim Bair, Ron Enyeart, Nicole Houck, Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., John Gradwell, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Chief Jeffrey Buckley, Engineer Ann Reynolds, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, 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.

Jay Brous, 2313 Warm Springs Avenue, asked since Council gave the road to Juniata College who will be responsible for it. Manager Wheeler responded that we swapped. Old College Avenue and the new College Avenue. New College Avenue will be part of the borough road. The paving for new College Avenue is part of the project. Juniata College will pay for the whole project. The old College Avenue will be grass and maintained by the College. The new College Avenue will be maintained by the Borough and we will continue to get liquid fuels for it.

Mr. Brous commented that the scoreboard generously increased our taxes for the School District. He is sure that the Borough is going to do the same thing. You are driving people out of this town. Some of you people are a joke.

Scott Shaffer, 623 6th Street, he stated in April he addressed council on their deficit of \$385,000.00. However, in the paper it said the deficit is \$412,000.00. Council said that you were going to tighten your belts. How does it go up and not down?

That's unacceptable. People complain about the County raising taxes you wait until the Borough raises taxes. You are looking at an 18mils increase at the least.

Mr. Shaffer reported there has been an abandoned car in the 7th Street lot for months. There are abandoned cars on 10th Street that have been there for years. There is an abandoned car on 16th Street by the football field that never gets a parking ticket on the street sweeping day.

There is a dumpster on Williams Smith Street that has been there for 3 weeks with no reflective tape or anything at all.

There are several Councilmembers when they come up to committee day they have a sign on official business so they don't have to feed the meters as a borough resident. When visitors come to committee day they are expected to feed the meter or they get a ticket. Borough Councilmembers make \$125.00 a month. He thinks they can afford to put a quarter or 2 in the meter when they are here on borough business. They should not be exempt. Anyone that has that in your vehicle should be ashamed.

Kevin Clapper, 1024 Mifflin Street, I am having difficulty with a neighbor maintaining his yard. He distributed to Council photographs of the yard. He feels this is a safety issue. There are a lot of young children walking around playing and someone may get hurt. One photo shows a dead rat. He doesn't care about property value it's a safety thing. Councilperson Enyeart asked what the address of the property is that he is speaking of. The property is 1022 Mifflin Street. The Kemp property. Manager Wheeler will look into this property.

Steve Jackson, 209 2nd Street, what is the issue at the property on 16th and Moore Streets. Manager Wheeler explained that Lakeside Landscaping cleaned up the property. They took care of everything but the vines that are growing up the chimney. The Borough is billing against the estate.

Mr. Jackson asked if we are going to do anything with LED lighting. Councilperson Gradwell asked if this was in reference to the signal lights. Mr. Jackson responded anywhere light are to save dollars. Pennlec has told him the Borough could be saving money approximately \$3.00/pole if not more. Councilperson Bair stated that did our due diligence and there is no cost saving right now to us. The way the LED pattern runs straight down we would have to increase wattage to have the same coverage out on the street. Councilperson

Enyeart stated that our sidewalks would not be as safe. We are looking out for the safety of our residents.

Mr. Jackson asked why there are several lights out in this community. He is not able to go out and record them as he has done in past. You are paying for lights that you are not getting. Councilperson Enyeart asked what lights you are referring to. Mayor Brown responded the Street lights. Council will look at the street light issues.

President Quarry recognized Scout Jacob Smithmyer in the gallery. Jacob is working on his communication merit badge.

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

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, May 4, 2017
Community Development Committee Meeting, May 4, 2017
Public Safety Committee Meeting, May 4, 2017
Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, May 9, 2017
Maintenance Committee, May 9, 2017
Regular Council Meeting, May 16, 2017

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the bills payable for May 2017 be approved for payment. Invoices have been reviewed. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the Financial Statements for April 2017 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

New Business

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of Resolution 4-2017 regarding the designation of a management level person with the responsibility and authority to implement loss control initiatives. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of LCS#1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. This will put the Borough in compliance 2017 Loss Control Standards. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the drafting of an approval letter to Michael Thompson for a road racing event to be held on September of 2017. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of a \$520.00 contract to the Verdin Company for a site Technical Survey on the Town Clock. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval to appoint George Conrad, III to fill the vacancy on the Park's Commission. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of \$1,000.00 donation to the Fireworks. **Motion carried.**

Announcements:

Councilperson Gradwell announced that at the Medical Veteran Outpatient Clinic in Mapleton on Tuesday, July 18th will have an open house between 4:00 pm-5:30 pm.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Jim Bair did not have a report this month.

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee - Chairperson Nicole Houck did not have a report this month.

Maintenance Committee – Chairperson Ron Enyeart wanted Supt. Yarnell to let his crew know they are doing a great job.

Community Development Committee – Chairperson James Decker, Sr. did not have a report this month.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Donna Isenberg did not have a report this month.

Chief's Report – Chief Jeff Buckley reported that the police dept. will be participating in the National Night Out this year on August 1st.

The police dept. gives a graduating high school senior the MH Deforrest Scholarship award each year. This year's recipient is Johnny Kline. The award goes to an outstanding student that is going to continue in Criminal justice program. The Mayor contributed an extra \$100.00 as well.

Administrative Committee - Chairperson David Quarry did not have a report this month.

Council President's report-President Quarry wanted to thank every that helped with the 250th Celebration, Juneteenth, Wine down Weekend, etc. Everyone did an excellent job.

He also wanted to thank the Water Dept. for their hard work with working through the problems we have been having at the plant.

Mayor's report- Mayor Brown would also like to thank all the people that participated in the planning to make the 250th Celebration successive. There are some old pictures that were not taken down from the Open House in the Council Chambers if anyone would like to look at them. The stain glass window from Union National Bank was displayed. She also wanted to thank the Bloomtown Committee. She is over whelmed by the response of people in town who helped purchase the flowers. Jennifer Clark stated that there are so many people that have been intrigued about how nice the flowers are.

Solicitor's report-Richard Wilson: He is reserving his report for executive session.

Engineer's report-Ann Reynolds: Eng. Reynolds did not have a report. Councilperson Gradwell asked about the states of the plates. Eng. Reynolds responded they have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed the week of July 10th.

Borough Manager's report: Manager Wheeler reported that Supt. Yarnell is attending a "Dirt and Gravel" maintenance training. This makes the Borough eligible for funding.

The Proposals are out for the Paving project.

The Blair Field Parking lot project will begin as soon as the little league is over.

Any other business:

Councilperson Bair again wanted to thank everyone for their help for the 250th Celebration. We had some guests here visiting from Ireland. They had a strong feeling that they are at least some part of ascendant to the area. There is a few discrepancy as to what that is. They felt very welcomed. They brought something over for the Mayor as a thank you. He presented a vase to Mayor Brown on behalf of Carl County Council in Ireland. Mayor Brown thanked them.

President Quarry announced that there will be a budget meeting workshop on Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session was called at 8:18 pm regarding pending litigation. Reconvened no decision was made.

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

ADJOURNMENT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary