

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 21, 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, James Decker, Sr., John Gradwell, 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.

Beverly Gembinski, 2513 Shadyside Avenue, came to Council to discuss the leaks in the water main that runs by her home. There have been 3 leaks in the main water line. The first 2 she was told were an act of god. When it happen the 3rd time she would no longer believe it was an act of god. They had a new drainage system installed in their home. The sump pumps she has cannot handle the amount of water. Ms. Gembinski stated that she understands it takes the men time to get the water shut off. We feel the Borough of Huntingdon will be responsible for any damages incurring due to this line leaking.

Mr. Rose, 102S 12th Street, announced that he will be taping the conversation. He came to Council to state that he feels the procedure the Borough uses that posts past due water and sewer bills on front doors is a serious violation of privacy. This is an embarrassment to customers. He explained that he paid half of his bill on May 31st when he got home there was a past due notice posted to his front door. The bill stated that it was due on the 10th. On June 2nd he received another termination notice. On June 9th he went to the borough office and paid the rest of his bill. When he did, he noticed that there was a \$50.00 charge for service that

never happened. He has no intention of paying the \$50.00. Manager Wheeler explained that the \$50.00 is an administrative fee for the bill having to be posted. Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell to credit Mr. Rose's account for the \$50.00. Councilperson Enyeart asked on what grounds are you basing your motion. Councilperson Gradwell stated he feels it crossed in the mail. Manager Wheeler stated that the procedure should be reviewed in the Water and Sewer Committee along with the Solicitor. Motion died due to lack of second.

Elwin Stewart, owner of Happy Valley Vineyard & Winery, was present to ask Council for approval to have wine tasting and sales at the Farmer's Market. Councilperson Gradwell stated that he has a problem with it being held in the Park. Councilperson Houck recommended that this gets placed on the agenda for the Parks, Recreation, and Public Property Agenda.

Jennifer Clark, 214 17th Street, stated that she has reported a hole in the road in front of Dominoes to the Code Enforcement Officer. This is a dangerous situation a person could get hurt. President Quarry asked Supt. Yarnell to take care of this.

Jay Brous asked what is going on with the hydrant on the 2300 block and Warm Springs. Supt. Yarnell explained it was leaking. He is waiting for the parts.

Mary Mcilroy, 1107 Mifflin Street, asked why when the Borough went to the new utility billing why they did not change so you could pay your bill online. Councilperson Bair stated that it probably just a programing thing. We can look into it.

Gary Reed, asked about the weeds at 514 16th Street. Council just voted on a yard sale ordinance. He would rather see yard sales than weeds. The Mayor speaks about beautification of the town. How can you worry with so many people with trash and weeds around their houses? President Quarry stated that we will do a better job of staying on people about violations.

Mr. Reed reported that cars do not stop at the stop sign on Oneida Street.

Steve Jackson asked what is going on with the lights on Smithfield Bridge. Manager Wheeler responded that Penelec feels that it is not their issue. They want an agreement signed by Smithfield Township and Huntingdon Borough taking responsibility of the lights. Smithfield will not sign it. Councilperson Houck suggested that his be put into Public Safety Committee for discussion.

Executive Session called at 8:24 pm to discuss Contractual Services
Reconvened at 8:40 pm decisions have been made

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Bair to assess liquidated damages against HRI, Inc. for 338 days of delay in connection with the Water Treatment Plant Improvements. The amount of liquidated damages is calculated at \$1,500.00 per day and totals \$507,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of Application for Payment No. 34 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$523,397.22, providing that this amount will be offset by liquidated damages in the amount of \$507,000.00. The total payment to HRI for application payment no. 34 shall be reduced to \$16,397.22 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvements.

Maureen Safko, Huntingdon County Planning Commission, explained to Council the modification for the 2015 grant money.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell, approving Huntingdon Borough Resolution 6-2016 authorizing the modification of the CDBG funds from DCED for FFY 2016. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Houck seconded by Councilperson Bair approving the following minutes. Motion carried.

- a. Water & Sewer Committee Meeting May 5, 2016
- b. Community Development Committee Meeting May 5, 2016
- c. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, May 5, 2016
- d. Maintenance Committee Meeting, May 10, 2016
- e. Public Safety Committee Meeting, May 10, 2016
- f. Administrative Committee Meeting, May 10, 2016
- g. Regular Council Meeting, May 17, 2016
- h. Special Council Meeting, June 2, 2016
- i. Water & Sewer Committee Meeting June 2, 2016
- j. Community Development Committee Meeting June 2, 2016
- k. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, June 2, 2016
- l. Maintenance Committee Meeting, June 14, 2016

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of Resolution 5-2016 for Disposition Resolution for destruction of specific records. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval to hire Darwin Itinger as Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of \$100.00/hr. fee for pool parties. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of the payment in the amount of \$349.00 for a plumbing bill that occurred due to the Borough's sewage back-up. This should include the Service Master bill which has not been received yet. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of the payment to Tuscarora Rigging, Inc. for pump replacement at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of GHD Invoice #63303 in the amount of \$1570.00 in payment of their monthly retainer.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of GHD Invoice #63304 in the amount of \$11,337.39 for Contract #1 - Water Plant Improvements Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of GHD Invoice #64615 in the amount of \$824.05 for Contract #1 - Water Plant Improvements. Motion carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of GHD Invoice #64616 in the amount of \$20,473.45 for Contract #1 - Water Plant Improvements. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of a payment in the amount of \$9,810.00 to Todd Wilson 3rd payment for his Microloan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of the purchase of new Tasers in the amount of \$9,771.05 paid in 5 installments.

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of the purchase of an ENRADD Speed Time Device System in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 from Mount Union Borough Police Dept. Motion carried.

Councilperson Decker asked for a brief description of the ENRADD Device. Chief Brenneman explained that the device shoots 2 rays across the roadway. The measurement comes from between the 2. A new one would cost \$4495.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were not any announcements as this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE - Chairperson Bair had nothing to report.

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Chairperson Houck had nothing to report.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Enyeart reported that the Maintenance Crew has been out on several projects. Keep up the good work!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairperson Decker had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Acting Chairperson Bair had nothing to report.

CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Rufus Brenneman reported that he and Mayor Brown are working on a bike rodeo that will be held on July 16th.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Chairperson Quarry had nothing to report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Quarry expressed his gratitude to the Borough Crew’s for the superb work.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Brown has nothing to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Wilson had nothing to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Engineer Nester reminded Council that he needed the substantial completion form executed.

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Wheeler reported that the new 14th Street Sheetz Store is back on schedule. They plan to open August 2, 2016

Juniata College is well underway with the Winton Hill project. They are currently working in the area where the riparian wall will be planted.

Manager Wheeler will be meeting with John Pecze Wednesday morning to look at Selena Drive/Lions Bank and Standing Stone Avenue.

Junior Councilperson Troha reported that the High School is having a blood drive on Thursday.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary

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