

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, September 20, 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, Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., John Gradwell, Nicole Houck, Ron Enyeart, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Engineer Kevin Nester, Chief of Police Rufus Brenneman, 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.

Guy Rose, 102 S 12th St, stated that he has still not received any explanation as for how he can be billed for a service before it is provided. He is not stopping this fight. His next action will not be liked at all. He will be getting in touch with a State Representative, Better Business Bureau, Attorney General's office, and Public Utility Commission. He also wanted to apologize for his previous outburst.

Gary Reed, 514 16th St, was present about the ordinances regarding yard sales, high weeds, and run down properties. There is a home on Oneida Street that has had a yard sale out all spring and summer. The house across the street from his house has only had the grass mowed once. If you have ordinances everyone should have to abide by it not just certain people.

Mayor Brown responded what happened is that they voted for the yard sale ordinance but she would not sign it because she feels that it is on the unconstitutional side. It indicates what you can do on your porch, on your sidewalk, in your yard, and in your garage.

Mike Smith, 315 11th St, stated there is a property that needs to be cleaned up on Mifflin St. It has gotten worse since last year. There is a tree growing up in the front porch. There is a shed falling over in the back yard. The neighbors have mice and small rats coming to their property from his.

Jay Brous, 2313 Warm Springs Avenue, stated to Council that he is getting his driveway coated and would like permission from Council, because of the Mandatory water restriction, to use his hose to wash his driveway. He was given permission to clean his driveway. This is due to the fact that this service is done by a professional provider.

Scott Shaffer, 623 6th St, stated that the repairs that are being made to the Orlady Wall on Warm Springs Avenue, the Borough is paying for that 100 %. Is the borough placing a lien on the property? Solicitor Wilson stated that no they are not. Solicitor Wilson explained that a long time ago Mr. Orlady asked the borough not to macadam the street because it would cover the weep holes and cause the wall to fall. Council decided to pave the street and as a result, the wall does not have proper drainage. The Borough has a permanent easement to repair the wall. Mr. Shaffer stated that the borough did not pave over the weep holes. The paving never went up to the wall. The pipes were full of nothing but dirt. The wall collapsed because the property owners did not maintain the vegetation on the wall. Now every taxpayer is on the hook to repair that wall.

Jennifer Clark, 214 17th St, wanted to thank the maintenance employees for working on the leak out in front of her house on Friday evening. We are very blessed to have our borough employees. We should be very appreciative, very grateful and take care of the borough employees.

Angie Thompson and Jana Weaver, representatives of the Wine Down Weekend Committee, came to the meeting to make council aware that they are beginning to plan the next Wine Down Weekend. It will be on Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 2nd, 2017. They plan to have it on Labor Day weekend every year. It went very well this year.

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

- a. Public Safety Committee Meeting, August 9, 2016
- b. Administrative Committee Meeting, August 9, 2016
- c. Regular Council Meeting, August 16, 2016

d. Special Council Meeting, September 6, 2016

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

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the Financial Statements for July 2016 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Old Business-none

New Business

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of the contract with Iron Mountain for Records Management. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Payment

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Decker recommending the approval of Change Order 18 in the amount of \$34,959.15 covering the remaining outstanding issues. Contract #1-Water Plant Improvements. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Request for Payment No. 5 to I.K. Stoltzfus, in the amount of \$547,615.84 for Contract #2 – Water Tank Painting. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of a change order #1 in the amount of \$123,949.16 consisting of the following:

- Delay costs in the amount of \$105,553.43 due to the pressure problem that developed in the distribution system.
- The adjustment of final quantities based on what was installed in the amount of \$18,395.73.

For Contract #2-Water Tank Painting. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Decker recommending the approval of Ordinance #937, an Ordinance of the Borough of Huntingdon Governing Yard Sales by establishing a time of removal of goods, and prohibiting the posting of

advertisement for such sales in Borough's rights-of-way, and to provide penalties for violations thereof.

Solicitor Wilson asked the Mayor if she vetoed the ordinance. The mayor has to return the ordinance with her reason and it has to be acted upon at the next meeting. The Mayor stated that she returned it 2 days after Melody gave it to her to sign. Council cannot vote on this again.

As per Statutes of Pennsylvania / Consolidated Statutes Title 8 §3301.3. Enactment, approval, and veto Council shall reconsider the ordinance either at the meeting at which the vetoed ordinance was returned or not later than ten days after the meeting at any other scheduled meeting. If, after reconsideration, a majority of all elected council members plus one votes to override the mayor's veto, the ordinance shall have full force and effect as if it had received the approval of the mayor. The vote shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names and votes of the members shall be entered upon the minutes.

President Quarry stated that since the Ordinance was not returned at a regular meeting. It is in full force since passed. It is not necessary to have a motion again.

Announcements: Councilperson Houck stated that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. They will be putting purple ribbons on the meters around town. There will also be a candlelight vigil on the steps of the Courthouse on October 14th at 7:30 pm.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Bair reported that the water tank project in Smithfield is almost completed. We will be testing on Wednesday and should have results by Friday then it can be opened.

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

Maintenance Committee – Chairperson Enyeart reported that there are a lot of water breaks going on. The men are doing a great job.

Community Development Committee – Chairperson Decker reported that the strategic planning committee continues to follow up on the survey. The next strategic planning meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 6:30 pm. He invites everyone to attend.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Isenberg reported the following: Huntingdon Bearcat Homecoming parade is Friday, October 7th, starting at 5:30 p.m. Trick or Treat is Wednesday, October 26th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The Halloween

Parade is Monday, October 24th at 7:00 pm. Councilperson Bair added to watch the Fire Company HRFR65 and the Moose's Facebook pages for information to register to participate in the parade.

Councilperson Decker asked if it would be permissible to have Scott Shaffer, the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer, give us an update on the property's that have been brought up tonight. Mr. Shaffer stated that if Mr. Wheeler would allow him he will address the Council. Mr. Shaffer stated that 1601 Moore St. has been taken over by the state. Citations have been filed for the property on 16th. A letter will be going out to the property owner regarding the continuous yard sale. Regarding the Kemp property, Mr. Kemp has been slowly working on the property.

Chief's Report – Chief Brenneman reported that the 911 phone system has been set up. They are now working under the new CAD system and new phone system. The guys have been out making contact with bicyclers to try to keep them from riding on the sidewalks.

Administrative Committee - Chairperson Quarry reported that the committee has started to discuss union contract with the AFSCME workers.

Council President's report- President Quarry wanted to thank the public for being cooperative in following the regulations for the mandatory water restrictions. He also thanked the maintenance and water dept. for doing a good job.

Mayor's report- Mayor Brown had nothing to report.

Solicitor's report-Solicitor Wilson had nothing to report.

Engineer's report-Engineer Nester had nothing to report.

Borough Manager's report-Manager Wheeler reported that there were a lot of items that need to be wrapped up for the water project. We received notification from DEP that everything that we asked permission for has been approved.

We have a meeting next week for the Blair Field Parking Lot paving project. The Historical society is concerned about the level of ground disturbance at the field. We have to go and identify the level of disturbance when the sewer lines were put in.

New Enterprise will be back on Friday, September 23rd.

Solicitor Wilson asked to announce that the Recycling Contract has been drafted. We will be advertising the RFP and holding a prebidding meeting. This will be a new recycling contract.

Councilperson Gradwell announced there will be a Veteran's Picnic and Day at the Oak Pavilion at Raystown Lake. It is at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 24th.

Executive Session called at 8:49 pm to discuss contractual issues
Reconvened at 9:29 no decision was made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary