

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 19, 2017  
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, December 19, 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 Dave Quarry, Vice-President Jim Bair, James Decker, Donna Isenberg, Nicole Houck, John Gradwell, Dave Fortson, Engineer Ann Reynolds, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Mayor Dee Dee Brown, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Sign In Sheet attached

**WELCOME TO VISITORS:**

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

- a. Regular Meeting October 17, 2017
- b. Special Council Meeting November 1, 2017

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

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Bair recommending the Financial Statements for November 2017 be approved. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business**

New Business

Motion was made by Councilperson Fortson, seconded by Bair recommends the approval to adopt the 2018 proposed budget. **Motion carried.**

Roll called indicated the following:

**YAY**

David Quarry  
Jim Bair  
Dave Fortson  
James Decker  
Nicole Houck  
Donna Isenberg

**NAY**

John Gradwell

Motion carried. (6-1)

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of Ordinance 946 fixing and levying the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2018, in the Borough of Huntingdon PA. The tax rate for general borough purposes will be eighteen (18) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. The tax rate for fire purposes will be two (2) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Bair recommending the approval of Ordinance 947 amending and revising Chapter 20, Sections 20-401 through 20-409 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon pertaining to the Permitting, Regulation and Placement of waste dumpsters and containers on any street, alley, highway sidewalk or right-of-way within the Borough and providing for penalties for violations thereof. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Fortson recommends the approval of Quantum Controls Group replacement/upgrade of the control modules and software for the Borough's HVAC System to a Honeywell system at a cost of \$8,850.00. **Motion carried.**

**Announcements:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer Committee** - Chairperson Bair thanked Jim Decker and John Gradwell for their excellent work on the Water and Sewer Committee this year. He appreciated their service.

**Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee** – Chairperson Houck thanked all the outgoing council members for their service. She welcomed the new Councilmembers.

**Maintenance Committee** – Chairperson Gradwell stated that he appreciated the Councilmembers that worked with him on the Maintenance Committee over the last few months.

**Community Development Committee** – Councilperson Decker also expressed appreciation for the other members of the Community Development Committee.

**Public Safety Committee** – Chairperson Isenberg stated that she appreciated the opportunity to serve on Public Safety as the Chairperson.

**Chief's Report** – There was not a Chief's report.

**Administrative Committee** - Chairperson David Quarry stated that he feels that Council did accomplish a fair amount this year. He stated that we are moving forward. He feels the new council will increase the movement in a positive direction.

**Council President's report**- President Quarry explained that would like to thank all the Supervisors who are on board here for the Borough.

**Mayor's Report**- Mayor Brown also wanted to thank Council for being able to work with them for the last 8 years. She thanked the public for the opportunity of being their mayor for 8 years.

**Solicitor's Report**- Solicitor Wilson reported that he is continuing to work on drafting the proposed sidewalk maintenance ordinance. He also thanked the outgoing members for their service.

**Engineer's Report**-Engineer Reynolds did not have a report this month.

**Borough Manager's Report**-Manager Wheeler reported on the status of the Parks Commission. The Isett Foundation and offered to fund one of three upgrades to the Community Pool.

Manager Wheeler reported that there are two classes working on issues in the Borough. One is storm water and second is an organic waste. He received reports from both groups.

The Blairfield project is completed. We are a little behind in drawing CDBG monies. We hope to be caught up by mid-January.

Manager Wheeler reported that he has not heard anything from Pennvest.

Manager Wheeler also wanted to thank the outgoing council members for their support.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jay Brous asked Manager Wheeler when the plates on the road at Shady Side are going to be removed. Who is the equipment along Jim Bair's house? Manager Wheeler responded that UGI was going to come in and take care of the plate at Cassidy and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Vice President Bair thanked everyone for the privilege to serve as vice-president. He also wanted to thank Mayor Brown for her services. Her service was invaluable and her knowledge is invaluable. She will be sadly missed. He also wants to thank John Gradwell, Dave Fortson, Jim Decker, and Donna Isenberg for their service.

Councilperson Fortson stated that he has only been serving for 5 months. He stated this has been an eye-opening affair. He asked Council to listen to the residents.

Solicitor Wilson explained The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has permitted municipalities to "opt-out" of having a casino in the municipality. If council desires to preclude casinos within Huntingdon Borough, they must approve a resolution stating so. Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded Councilperson Isenberg recommending the approval of a Resolution Prohibiting the location of a category 4 licensed Faculty within Huntingdon Borough.

President Quarry and Vice-President Bair made a presentation to the outgoing Councilmembers. A rocking chair was presented to Donna Isenberg for 6 yrs. of service, James Decker for 8 yrs. of service, Mayor Dee Brown for 8 yrs. of service. A plaque was present to John Gradwell and David Fortson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Bair to adjourn.

BY: Melody J Parsons  
Assistant Borough Secretary