

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, March 21, 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, John Gradwell, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Chief Jeffrey Buckley, 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.

Joe Massaro, Sunoco Logistic Media Affairs, asked for any questions on the Raystown Drilling.

Corey Rich, Sunoco Logistic Media Affairs, was present to ask the Borough to approve the Will-Serve letter stating they will be provided up to 200,000 gals of water per day. Mr. Massaro and Mr. Rich entertained questions from the Council and the audience.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck to approve the following minutes. **Motion carried.** Councilperson Isenberg cast an ascending vote against approval of the Public Safety Committee February 14, 2017. She has not seen the minutes with her corrections.

- a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, February 2, 2017
- b. Community Development Committee Meeting, February 2, 2017

- c. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, February 14, 2017
- d. Maintenance Committee, February 14, 2017
- e. Public Safety Committee Meeting, February 14, 2017
- f. Administrative Committee Meeting, February 14, 2017
- g. Regular Council Meeting, February 21, 2017

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

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the Financial Statements for February 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business – None

New Business

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the leasing of a new Police Cruiser at a vehicle cost of \$36,866. 00. **Motion carried.** Councilperson Gradwell asked if this is in the budget. President Quarry responded that yes it is budgeted.

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the hiring of 2 new police officers. One hire will be hired immediate the second in the third quarter. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the employment agreement for Chief Buckley. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval to issue an RFP for a line of credit in the amount of \$250,000.00. **Motion carried.** Councilperson Gradwell asked what is this line of credit it for. Manager Wheeler stated that it is a line of credit that will not cost us a dollar until we start drawing out of it. It covers the repairs to the Or Lady Wall and if approved the town clock.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval to issue an RFP for repairs to the Orlady Wall.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval to sell cruiser #61, 2008, Dodge Charger upon delivery of the new cruiser. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of Resolution #2-2017 Appointing the Borough Secretary as Chief Administrative Officer for the uniform pension plan.

Councilperson Isenberg asked Chief Buckley if this is the vehicle that you were having too many issues with. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of Resolution #3-2017 Appointing the Borough Secretary as Chief Administrative Officer for the non-uniform pension plan.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval to award Clean-Up Day contract to the lowest qualified bidder. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of the GHD proposal to complete the Local Limits Evaluation and submission of the Local Limits Evaluation packet to the EPA at an estimated cost of \$33,000.00. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of the GHD proposal to prepare a Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency Plan per the NPDES Permit requirements, at an estimated cost of \$5,600. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval to change the hours of Portstown, Weaver, and Flagpole Hill to "Dawn to Dusk". **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Bair recommending the approval of the annual \$500.00 contribution for the Community Flower Garden 2017 Program Support to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded Councilperson Bair recommending the approval to mail out Sidewalk Repair Letters. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Gradwell recommending the approval of the appointment of Joe Thompson to the Huntingdon Emergency Management Director Position. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of an increase to the exempt employees' salaries. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Payment

Announcements:

- a. Borough Clean-Up days will be Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, April 20, 21, and 22nd. Hours will be 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Thursday & Friday and 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday. Acceptable items will be posted on Huntingdon Borough Facebook, Huntingdon Borough website and the Daily News prior to the event.
- b. The Leaf Truck will begin operations on Monday, April 24th.
- c. Borough Yard Waste will open on Saturday, April 8th from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and on Wednesday, beginning May 24th from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Bair did not have a report. Councilperson Gradwell asked what the status is with the items on the punchlist. Ms. Reynolds responded that she thinks there are two more items.

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

Maintenance Committee – Chairperson Enyeart stated we are looking at the paving schedule for this year. If you have any suggestions email them to Manager Wheeler.

Community Development Committee – There was not a report.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Isenberg wanted to explain the letter that was approved early. We have noticed a lot of sidewalks are tripping hazards. We have CDBG grant money that provides help with their sidewalks if the owners are eligible.

Jay Brous reported that he knows of two places that the sidewalks need to be looked at. One is out by the high school the other is 2 blocks down from Rick Bayer's house.

Chief's Report – Chief Buckley explained that the two officers that we are hiring are replacing officers that have retired. We are not adding manpower. We are beginning to schedule some community outreach. Corp. Streightiff is doing this. It is called "Coffee with Cops".

Councilperson Gradwell asked what quarter we are talking about hiring the 2nd officer. Chief Buckley responded August.

Administrative Committee - Chairperson Quarry did not have a report.

Council President's report- President Quarry commended the maintenance dept. on a job well done during the snow storm. He also stated that he appreciated the visitor attending to speak on the Sunoco issues so we can be aware of both sides of the story.

Mayor's report-Mayor Brown thanked Council for keeping us at full force and also for keeping the equipment up to date.

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

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

Borough Manager's Report-Manager Wheeler wanted to make everyone aware that on June 5th the work will begin on the College Avenue/Cold Springs Road interchange.

Manager Wheeler reported that the Archeological studies have been finished at Blair Field Parking lot.

Councilperson Gradwell wanted to commend Supt. Yarnell and all your men on the great job you have done during the snow.

Councilperson Gradwell asked if anyone knows what we have saved or made up regarding the \$387,000.00 deficit. There will be a budget meeting scheduled.

Councilperson Isenberg noted that some of the deficit was due to the contract for the recycling was done after the budget. Manager Wheeler reported that the premiums were high.

Mr. Smith asked why with the condition of Mr. Kemp's property he only gets monthly fines. Mayor Brown responded that Mr. Shaffer can give you an update.

Mr. Shaffer responded that the year was started \$387,000.00 in the hole. If that deficit is not reduced at all that is a 6 mil tax increase just to break even. You approved a \$250,000.00 line of credit that if you use it all that is another 4 mils. The contract with the county is short which would make 1 more mil. That is 11 mils that this council is pushing on the residents next year.

Mr. Shaffer asked how many microloans are out and are the payments up to date. Steve Jackson asked about the street lights in town not changing to LED. Councilperson Bair responded that we looked in this and it is not as feasible as it was originally. Manager Wheeler responded that the LEDs act like a spot they illuminate straight down.

Councilperson Bair mentioned the 250th Celebration. You can go to the Borough's website for all the information.

Executive Session.

Reconvened: President Quarry reported that the discussion was of improper use of borough equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary