

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
MAY 16, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, May 16, 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.

Councilperson Gradwell 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 Ave, addressed Councilperson Bair, as Mr. Bair is a fireman. Mr. Brous's wife's church choir did a benefit for the regional fire dept. They made \$1856.00 and no one thanked them. Councilperson Bair responded Phallen is out of town and the thank you could not have been sent out yet. He assures Mr. Brous that they are very appreciative.

Mr. Brous also thank Mr. Wheeler for finally getting the lights on Smithfield Bridge.

Gary Cramer, 35W 28th St, asked if the council has a code of ethics that you go by. President Quarry yes we do. Jennifer Clark asked if the code of ethics is available to the public. Solicitor Wilson responded there is a code of ethic that all officials go by that are part of the state statute it is available with the state. There is not a code of ethics specifically for the Borough of Huntingdon. Ms. Clark asked do we follow the code of ethics. Solicitor Wilson stated we have to. Ms. Clark asked

have you followed the ethics code within the last week. President Quarry stated that the violation will be addressed.

Mike Wilson, 1205 Mifflin St., asked if the funding for the wall has been signed for yet. Manager Wheeler stated the funding has been approved. Mr. Wilson asked if the approval can be withdrawn. Is the money for the wall on Penn Street? Manager Wheeler explained that the funding is for the Or Lady Wall. It's the wall that runs along Warm Springs Avenue. Mr. Wilson asked if the wall is on a private citizen's property or does it belong to the Borough. Solicitor Wilson stated that it is the property of the borough. It's the responsibility of the Borough to fix and repair the wall for the safety of the citizens here.

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

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, April 6, 2017
Community Development Committee Meeting, April 6, 2017
Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, April 11, 2017
Maintenance Committee, April 11, 2017
Public Safety Committee Meeting, April 11, 2017
Administrative Committee Meeting, April 11, 2017
Regular Council Meeting, April 18, 2017

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

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

Old Business: Councilperson Gradwell asked if anything further has been done with the paving project. Manager Wheeler responded that he instructed Supt. Yarnell to meet with John Pecze to get costs. Supt. Yarnell will contact Mr. Pecze tomorrow.

New Business:

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of naming Danielle Peachey as Producer of Record for the Borough of Huntingdon's group health care benefits. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of the 911 Amendment. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Council Houck, seconded by Councilperson Isenberg recommending the approval to change the Parks, Recreation, and Public Property Committee meeting to the 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 and the Administrative Committee to 4:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday. Motion carried.

Announcements: There were not any announcements.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Bair did not have a report. Councilperson Gradwell asked the Engineer where we are with HRI regarding completion of the project. Engineer Reynolds stated that yes the project could possibly be done by the end of this month.

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

Maintenance Committee – Chairperson Enyeart did not have a report.

Community Development Committee – Chairperson Decker asked Councilperson Bair to speak on behalf of the 250th Celebration. He reported the plans are moving along well. If anyone would like to help the next meeting is May 17 and 6:00 pm. They need a lot more help. Anyone can see what is going on by going to the Borough's Website and taking the link for the 250th celebration or go to the Borough's Facebook page.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Isenberg did not have a report. Councilperson Gradwell reported to Chairperson Isenberg that he and his wife witnessed children riding bikes and on skateboards and they never slowed down. Chairperson Isenberg stated that we will speak more on this at the next public safety committee meeting.

Chief's Report – Chief Buckley did not have a report.

Administrative Committee - Chairperson Quarry did not have a report.

Council President's report- President Quarry stated that he wanted to thank all the Borough Crew's on such a good job especially at the cemetery.

Mayor's report-Mayor was not present.

Solicitor's report-Solicitor Wilson recommended to hire George Drobnock to do a document review in connection with the Dubois litigation at \$12.00/hr. Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart to hire

George Drobnock at \$12.00/hr. to do document review for the Dubois Litigation.

Motion carried.

Engineer's report-Engineer Reynolds reported the bio-solids permit has been issued. She also reported that the local limits analysis has been submitted to EPA. Manager Wheeler reported that we have been dealing with what appears to be a loss of level in the ATAD. We had a visit from DEP at the sewer plant. We had a valve on the heat exchange that the stock was not adjusted correctly so when it was in the closed position it wasn't fully closed. The numbers were also not being recorded properly. We are hoping these items clear these issues up.

Manager Wheeler stated that we are required to put out a tier 2 public notice. Tier 2 is required and you have to put it out to everyone who uses your community system's water. Manager Wheeler asked Supt. Williams to speak on the other issue. Supt. It's a haloacetic acid that comes from the byproducts of the disinfection. It mixes with the organics and it's not coming out as it goes through the plant. This is not a health issue.

Councilperson Enyeart announced the 4th annual "bash for our brothers" on Saturday, May 27th.

Jennifer Clark asked for an update on selling the water. President Quarry responded there is not an update.

Councilperson Gradwell asked residents to be aware of the safety of the children they will be out on the street more once school is out.

Chief Buckley reported that the dept. participated in the Mayfest in connection with Medicine Shop for prescription take back. We collect about 2 white garbage bags full of medicine.

He also noted that right now there is some counterfeit currency be handed around. They have been \$100.00 bills.

Chief Buckley introduced Chris Maliband the new officer hired for the dept.

Councilperson Bair announced there will be an open meeting concerning the budget on Thursday.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary