

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2017
7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

The meeting was called to Order by Vice-Council President Jim Bair.

Mayor Brown gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Vice-President Jim Bair, Nicole Houck, Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., Dave Fortson, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Engineer Kevin Nester, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Sign In Sheet attached

WELCOME TO VISITORS: Vice-President Bair welcomed the visitors and asked that anyone wishing to address Council come forward and states his or her name and address for the record.

Rob Ritchey, 2425 Cold Springs Road, he wanted to speak to Council regarding safety on Cold Springs Road. He asked if anyone thinks there is a speed problem on that road. The regular speed that is traveled on the road is from 40-60 mph. It is supposed to be 25 mph. There is a lot of people that walk this road, run this road, and walk their dogs. He just does not want to see an accident happen. Mayor Brown responded that she wants to thank Mr. Ritchey for coming in tonight and for his letter.

Jay Brous, 2313 Warm Springs Avenue, he stated that he has been fighting with Council for the last 15 years about the pipe at the back of his house. He has had to clean it out 2 times this year. This time it went down through his yard. He asked for council to extend it back and put a catch basin in. He asks that something is done. He gets flooded every time we get a heavy rain and so do the neighbors across the street.

Mike Smith, 315 11th Street, he stated that we have speeders all through Huntingdon and coming up Mifflin Street. There is a pylon at 906 Mifflin Street that has been there up to two weeks. There is a hole down into the Street. There is an older lady that lives there and her water bill has been \$100.00 a month. She lives alone. The water line or something is broke. Supt. Yarnell responded that it is two sewer laterals that he has to investigate to see what is causing the sink hole.

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

Special Meeting, June 26, 2017

Special Meeting, July 11, 2017

Public Safety Committee Meeting, July 11, 2017

Regular Council Meeting, July 18, 2017

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the bills payable for July 2017 be approved for payment. Invoices have been reviewed. **Motion carried.** Councilperson Isenberg asked who reviewed the invoices. Manager Wheeler responded that he did.

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the Financial Statements for June 2017 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Decker hereby recommending that Huntingdon Borough accept the transfer of 407 Moore Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania from the owner, Debra Kay Bowser for the amount of \$1.00, plus the payment of outstanding taxes and costs in the amount of \$1,040.00. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Council Decker hereby recommending that Huntingdon Borough invite sealed bids for the purchase of 407 Moore Street. Bids shall be no less than \$2500.00, and, bids shall be opened at the next Borough Council meeting on September 19, 2017. The Solicitor shall prepare the notice and have it advertised no less than two times in the Huntingdon Daily News. A copy of the notice shall be posted in the borough building and placed on the website. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Announcements:

Mayor Brown announced the 2nd Annual Wine Down Weekend will be held on September 2, 2017, from 1:00 pm- 6:00 pm. Tickets can be preordered at Sweet Hearts for \$20.00 or \$25.00 on the day of the event. There is a VIP dinner at the Gage Mansion. There are 9 wine vendors signed up to date. There will be music on 7th, 6th, 5th, and 3rd Street. There are 4 food vendors signed up.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Bair did not have a report this month. He wanted to thank Supt. Yarnell and his crew for the work at Fairgrounds Rd. water leak.

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

Maintenance Committee – Chairperson Gradwell was not present. Manager Wheeler wanted to thank the guys that came out to get the pumps running in the arch pit during the heavy rains.

Community Development Committee – Chairperson Decker announced that we did not receive the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant that was applied for the town clock. We can reapply next year.

He announced that on September 23rd and 24th is the Standing Stone ½ Marathon. He also noted that Wine Down Weekend was very well received last year.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Isenberg announced the revisions to the Ordinance regarding ticketing violators of the Ordinances have been completed. She explained the details of the New Ordinance.

Chief's Report – Chief Buckley was not present.

Administrative Committee - Chairperson David Quarry was not present.

Council President's report- President Quarry was not present.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Brown wanted to reiterate her appreciation to the crews for their work on 8th Street during the heavy rains. She invited everyone to the Wind Down Weekend.

Solicitor's Report- Solicitor Wilson asked that Council provide him with the authority to write a letter to the tax assessment office to have Dubois Building removed from tax exempt status because it no longer operates at a school. Motion was made by Councilperson Decker, seconded by Councilperson Isenberg to have

Solicitor Wilson to have Solicitor Wilson write a letter to the County Tax Office to have the Dubois Building removed from tax exempt status. **Motion carried.**

Solicitor Wilson stated Bureau Veritas and Ken Tucker informed him they report the properties to the County. However, for example, if a home improvement does not require a Bureau Veritas permit that would not be reported.

Solicitor Wilson distributed an Ordinance to Council permitting residents to rebuild structures using the same footprint if it's a residential property. Currently, you have 1 year from the demolition of the property to rebuild using the same foundation if you do not the zoning ordinance says you have to use the current setbacks. This causes a majority of the properties that are demolished not to be rebuilt. This ordinance states they can rebuilding using the same width and length of the original foundation. Motion was made by Councilperson Isenberg, seconded by Councilperson Houck to have the Solicitor advertise the Ordinance permitting residents to rebuild a structure on the same footprint. **Motion carried.**

Solicitor Wilson reminded people that Local Police Officers that are not permitted to use radar devices. The only officers permitted are State Police Officers. If Council were to look at anything to control traffic in town they would have to look at devices such as stop signs,

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

Borough Manager's Report-Manager Wheeler reported he heard from the Verdin Company and they will be coming in to give us a quote for the town clock.

The Borough will start paving in September.

We did get a number of applications for the Maintenance position and he and Supt. Yarnell will be going through them and setting up interviews for Council.

Steve Jackson asked if the borough is paving the Street in front of the jail. Manager Wheeler responded that portion of the street is not in the plan for this year.

Dean Harris asked what is going on with the Griffith situation. Is there a hearing going on with that. Solicitor Wilson stated that there is not a hearing scheduled for right now.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary