

Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 – 7:30 PM

President Nicole Houck called the Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The invocation was given by Mayor David Wessels

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by President Nicole Houck.

Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: President Nicole Houck, Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman James Bair Jr., Councilman Johnathan Hyde, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman Robert Jackson Jr., Councilman Terry Green, Mayor David Wessels, Engineer Ann Reynolds, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, Chief of Police Jeffrey Buckley and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest Present were Mike Smith, Gary Cramer, Dean Harris, John Kenyon, Joe Meyash, Betty Quarry, April Feagley, Tim Guisler, Jay Muir, Officer Andy Young and 911 Director Chris Stevens.

President Nicole Houck then called on the Mayor to present an Award.

Mayor David Wessels presented a proclamation to Jay Muir for the Wanda Meyash Award. Jay stated that this was an honor and he remembers Wanda on Borough Council and she was a good person. Jay said that he had a lot of pleasure working with Huntingdon Borough to help make this a better community and a better place. Nicole Houck thanked him for being here.

President Nicole Houck welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had any comments at this time. There were none.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to the review and act on the minutes of the following meeting.

Council Meeting – December 18, 2018
Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – January 3, 2019
Community Development Meeting – January 3, 2019
Parks, Recreation and Public Property Meeting – January 3, 2019
Maintenance Committee Meeting – January 8, 2019
Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 8, 2019
Administrative Committee Meeting – January 8, 2019

Motion was made by David Quarry and Second by Johnathan Hyde to approve the minutes of the following meetings. Motion Carried

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President Nicole Houck then proceeded to approve payment of the January 2019 bills.

Motion was made by David Quarry and Second by Johnathan Hyde to approve the January 2019 bills. Motion Carried.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to approve the financial statements for December 2018 of the borough accounts.

Motion was made by Johnathan Hyde and Second by David Quarry to approve the financial statements for December 2018 of the borough accounts. Motion Carried.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to the Committee reports.

Administrative Committee

Nicole Houck had nothing to report

Community Development Committee

Johnathan Hyde had nothing to report.

Maintenance Committee

Terry Green reported that the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to amending and revising Chapter 15, Section 15-903 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon to classify Allegheny Street from the intersection of Second Street to the intersection of William Smith Street as a two-way street.

Motion was made by David Quarry and Second by James Bair Jr., to amend and revise Chapter 15, Section 15-903 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon to classify Allegheny Street from the intersection of Second Street to the intersection of William Smith Street as a two-way street. Motion Carried.

Parks, Recreation and Public Property

Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we have not received the permit for the dog park.

Robert Jackson Jr., reported that the repairs have been made to the pavilion at Portstown Park and that the lights are working.

Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we are looking to improve the trails on Flag Pole Hill and make repairs to bridges.

Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we are looking into a DCNR grant for benches and signage's for the trails.

Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we have not received the specs for the Splash Pad at Isett Community Swimming Pool and hopes to receive by next month.

Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we are looking at refurbishing the picnic tables and pavilion at Portstown Park.

Public Safety

James Bair Jr., personally thanked Chief Buckley and the police department for the great work that they do.

Water & Sewer

Vice-President Sean Steeg reported that the Water & Sewer committee recommends a motion to approve payment #2 in the amount of \$109,323.32 to Heisey Mechanicals for the Tricking Filter repairs.

Motion was made by David Quarry and Second by Johnathan Hyde to approve payment #2 in the amount of \$109,323.32 to Heisey Mechanicals for the Tricking Filter repairs. Motion Carried.

Vice-President Sean Steeg reported that the Water & Sewer committee recommends a motion to purchase a Server and two (2) computers for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion was made by David Quarry and Second by Johnathan Hyde to approve the purchase of a Server and two (2) computer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion Carried.

Vice-President Sean Steeg reported that the Water & Sewer committee recommends a motion to purchase a Zero Turn Mower for the Water Treatment Plant.

Motion was made by Johnathan Hyde and Second by David Quarry to approve the purchase of a Zero Turn Mower for the Water Treatment Plant. Motion Carried.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to New Business.

There was nothing reported under New Business.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to the Presidents report.

Nicole Houck personally thanked Chief Buckley and the Police Department for the great work they have done.

Nicole Houck recognized the employees for their work and said that the luncheon that was held during the holidays went well.

Nicole Houck wished David Quarry a happy belated birthday.

President Nicole Houck then proceed to the Mayors report.

Mayor David Wessels reported that he has spoken to Dan Varner and Chief Jeff Buckley on holding an Operation Snow Day and this will be held. David said that this will be held in the Birch Alley Way between CMA church and Event Center.

Mayor David Wessels reported that he has spoken to Jesse Morgan of the Huntingdon Fire Department and the plans are in the works for the Halloween and Christmas parade.

Mayor David Wessels reported that he did perform one (1) wedding ceremony and a fee was charged.

Mayor David Wessels reported that one (1) year has passed for him as Mayor and he wanted to thank everyone for everything they have done and hopes to continue the trend.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to the Engineers report.

Engineer Ann Reynolds reported that she enjoyed the holiday luncheon and it was great to see some of the retiree's.

Engineer Ann Reynolds reported that they will be doing a survey on the 6th to 8th on Washington Street for the Water project. Ann said that they will be using a drone

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to the Borough Solicitors report.

Solicitor Richard Wilson reported that the holiday luncheon was great and he enjoyed it. He thanked Council for being invited.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to the Borough Managers report.

Dan Varner thanked Nicole on behalf of the employees and himself for the holiday luncheon. Dan spoke on the amount of employees and retiree's that was there and said he has heard some good comments.

Dan Varner said that he has received the final paperwork for Norfolk Southern to release the claim for the damage that was done from the train derailment.

Dan Varner reported the Maintenance Department has dug up the valve on 4th & Penn Street and instead of the valve leaking there was a crack in the pipe. Dan said that the employees put a clamp on the pipe to repair it.

Dan Varner reported that Solicitor Richard Wilson will have the ordinance ready for changing Alleghany Street from William Smith Street to Second Street a two-way Street. Dan said that weather permitting, the parking spaces will need changed and signage will need changed.

President Nicole Houck then proceeded to any other business.

Mike Smith mentioned that at the last Public Safety Committee meeting, they spoke on the speed signs and the cost of this. Mike said that the Police do not cite speeders now and why would we waste the money. Mike said that other morning he was watching the sign during morning school pickups and a vehicle went past the school bus at 35-40 miles per hour.

Dan Varner said that we cannot have every office on a corner and that the speed signs do slow people down. Dan said that this is safer for the students, residents and school buses.

Motion was made to adjourn by James Bair Jr., and Second by David Quarry to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King

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Borough Secretary