Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting

The Huntingdon Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Johnathan Hyde at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. This meeting was held in the Borough Council room, located at 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

The Invocation was given by Mayor David Wessels.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by President Johnathan Hyde.

Borough Secretary Richard King called the roll call and the following were present: President Johnathan Hyde, Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman David Fortson, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, Mayor David Wessels, Engineer Kevin Nester in place of Ann Reynolds, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Excused were Councilwomen Nicole Houck and Chief of Police Jeff Buckley.

Guest present were Gary Cramer, Betty Quarry, Steve Jackson, James Grissinger, Tim Furlong, Dean Harris and Greg Barnish.

President Johnathan Hyde welcomed the guest present and asked for their comments.

There were no comments made.

President Johnathan Hyde called for a motion and second on the review and act on the minutes of the following meetings:

Borough Council Meeting – December 17, 2019

Reorganizational Meeting – January 6, 2020

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – January 9, 2020

Community Development Committee Meeting – January 9, 2020

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – January 9, 2020

Maintenance Committee Meeting – January 14, 2020

Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 14, 2020

Administrative Committee Meeting – January 14, 2020

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Vice-President Sean Steeg to approve the meeting minutes read above. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called for a motion and second to approve the payment of January 2020 bills.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Vice-President Sean Steeg to approve the payment of the January 2020 bills. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called on a motion and second to approve the Financial Statement of all Borough Accounts for December 2019.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Vice-President Sean Steeg to approve the Financial Statements of all Borough Accounts for December 2019. Motion Carried.**

**President Johnathan Hyde called on the Committee Reports.**

Administrative Committee – Vice-President Sean Steeg in place of Councilwomen Nicole Houck.

The Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve the Police Contract to expire December 2023.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Councilman David Fortson to approve the Police Contract to expire December 2023.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg mentioned that the Non-Uniform contract will expire December 2022 and the Police contract will expire December 2023, leaving these contracts one year apart.

Community Development Committee – David Quarry

The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to sign an agreement with PennDOT to authorize Electronic Access to PennDOT’s System to be permitted electronic access to the Engineering and Construction Management System.

**Motion was made by Councilman James Bair and Second by Vice-President Sean Steeg to sign an agreement with PennDOT to authorize Electronic Access to PennDOT’s System to be permitted electronic access to the Engineering and Construction Management System. Motion Carried.**

Maintenance Committee – Terry Green

Councilman Terry Green had nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee – David Fortson

Councilman David Fortson had nothing to report.

Public Safety Committee – James Bair

Councilman James Bair thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for the work they have been doing.

Water & Sewer Committee – Sean Steeg

Vice-President Sean Steeg spoke about the agreement we have with Hach Company for a yearly fee of $3,500.00 and if we didn’t have this, the Nitrate Sensor that went bad at the Sewer Plant would have cost us $14,000.00.

The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to pay $2,500.00 for the Factory Acceptance Test on the Telemetry System panel and to send one of our employee’s along that will be operating this system.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Councilman James Bair to approve payment of $2,500.00 for the Factory Acceptance Test on the Telemetry System panel and to send one of our employee’s along that will be operating this system. Motion Carried.**

The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve payment of $12,681.00 for overhead costs to Summit Consulting for the Telemetry System.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Councilman James Bair to approve payment of $12,681.00 for overhead costs to Summit Consulting for the Telemetry System. Motion Carried.**

The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-01 requiring new and or replacement of water service lines to be copper only.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry and Second by Councilman James Bair to approve Resolution No. 2020-01 requiring new and or replacement of water service lines to be copper only. Motion Carried.**

Executive Session was not called for.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

There was nothing reported under New Business.

President Johnathan Hyde thanked all the Borough employees under his report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels said he performed 1 wedding this month and $100.00 was assessed.

Mayor David Wessels said there will be a grand opening for Taco, Inc. on February 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM with live entertainment to follow.

Mayor David Wessels said there will be a grand opening for Gordman’s, formerly Peebles, on February 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Mayor David Wessels reported that the 6th Annual CHAMP dance-a-thon will be held on February 28, 2020, from 12:00 PM till 12:00 AM. Mayor Wessels said to please consider making a donation to the area’s largest High School student run philanthropy project. Mayor Wessels said this benefits families in the county battling cancer and other rare conditions.

Mayor David Wessels said that this is winter time, and you need to help your neighbors out if they need it.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Engineers report.

Engineer Kevin Nester had nothing to report on.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Solicitors report.

Solicitor Richard Wilson had nothing to report on.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Borough Manager’s report.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens thanked the Police Department for coming to Borough Council to renew their contract early.

President Johnathan Hyde called for any other business.

President Johnathan Hyde called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to adjourn the Borough Council meeting at 7:40 PM.**

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King

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Borough Secretary