**Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting**

**February 18, 2020**

The Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sean Steeg at 7:30 PM in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

The Invocation was given by Mayor David Wessels.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by Vice-President Sean Steeg.

Roll call was taken by Borough Secretary Richard King and the following were present: Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman David Fortson, Councilman James Bair, Mayor David Wessels, Engineer Ann Reynolds, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Manager Chris Stevens, Chief of Police Jeff Buckley and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Excused were President Johnathan Hyde, Councilwomen Nicole Houck and Councilman Terry Green.

Police officers present were Chief of Police Jeff Buckley, Officer Chris Malliband, Officer Andy Young and K-9 Officer X.

Guest present were Marty Everhart, Ginny Everhart, John Sepp, Gary Cramer, Mike Smith, Betty Quarry, Nathan Woods, Justin Lotito, Robert Jackson, Chris Wilson, Chad Evans, Kirk Bucynski, Toni Bucynski, Adam Bucynski, Nicolas Buckley, Mary Ann Buckley. Angela Robinson, Connor Robinson and Sarah Snare.

Vice-President Sean Steeg turned the meeting over to Mayor David Wessels for a special event.

Mayor David Wessels spoke on obtaining a police K-9 and turned it over to the Chief of Police Jeff Buckley.

Jeff Buckley said that Andy Young had come to him and said he thought it was time for Huntingdon Borough to have a K-9 Dog again.

After being in the works, Jeff Buckley said this cannot cost the taxpayers money and they started seeking donations.

Jeff Buckley said that K-9 X comes from Hungary and has a passport.

Jeff Buckley said that Lauren Bucynski had come to him and asked what she could do to help.

Jeff Buckley said that Lauren started to generate funds by designing t-shirts and selling these at Mayfest in front of the Borough Building. Jeff said she solicited businesses for funds and this is when SPE Credit Union came into play.

Jeff Buckley said that SPE Credit Union had called him and wanted to know what the police department needed. Jeff said he told them we could use a vehicle for the K-9 Dog. They said they were kind of interested in purchasing the K-9 Dog and this is what they did.

Jeff Buckley presented a Certificate of Commendation to Lauren Bucynski.

This certificate read, in appreciation of your outstanding efforts to generate donations and contributions for the new addition of the canine unit of the Huntingdon Borough Police Department. This certificate was signed by Chief Jeff Buckley and K-9 X paw print.

A round of applause was given.

Jeff Buckley then proceeded to give Andy Young and K-9 X their oath and this read, I, Andrew Young, for myself and on behalf of K-9 X, being duly appointed as Police Officers for the Borough of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, do solemnly swear that we will partner together; that we will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth; and that we will discharge all of our duties with fidelity. This oath was signed by Andrew Young and K-9 X by paw print. Ending was Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 18th day of February, 2020 and signed by Chief Jeff Buckley.

A round of applause was given.

Vice-President Sean Steeg recognized the guest present and asked for their comments.

Mike Smith spoke on the manhole covers and drains on 12th Street.

Vice-President Sean Steeg called for the review and act on the minutes of the following meetings:

Borough Council Meeting – January 21, 2020

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – February 6, 2020

Community Development Committee Meeting – February 6, 2020

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – February 6, 2020

Maintenance Committee Meeting – February 11, 2020

Public Safety Committee Meeting – February 11, 2020

Administrative Committee Meeting – February 11, 2020

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to accept the above minutes and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg called for a motion to approve the payment of February 2020 bills.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve payment of February 2020 bills and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg called for a motion to approve the Financial Statements of all Borough accounts for January 2020.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the Financial Statements of all Borough accounts for January 2020 and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg called on the Committee reports.

Administrative Committee – Reported by Vice-President Sean Steeg

The Administrative Committee recommends a motion to conditionally approve the plans for a 48-unit Apartment Building, known as Westminster Place as long as other permits are met.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to conditionally approve the plans for a 48-unit Apartment Building, known as Westminster Place as long as other permits are met and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Community Development Committee – David Quarry, Chairman

The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to award the bids from John C. Yenter, Assoc. for Huntingdon Borough CDBG Curb-cuts.

**A motion was made by Councilman James Bair to award the bids from John C. Yenter, Assoc. for Huntingdon Borough CDBG Curb-cuts and second by Vice-President Sean Steeg. Motion Carried.**

The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign a resolution to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Flag Pole Hill Comfort Facilities Development Project.

**A motion was made by Councilman James Bair to approve and sign a resolution to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Flag Pole Hill Comfort Facilities Development Project and second by Vice-President Sean Steeg. Motion Carried.**

Maintenance Committee – Reported by Councilman David Quarry

The Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to have KAH Electric LLC, install new 200 Amp Services in the Maintenance Building.

**A motion was made by Councilman James Bair to have KAH Electric LLC, install new 200 Amp Services in the amount of $6,199.00 for the Maintenance Building and second by Vice-President Sean Steeg. Motion Carried.**

Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee – David Fortson, Chairman

David Fortson spoke on the Parking Lot at the Dog Park Area.

Public Safety Committee – James Bair, Chairman

James Bair thanked everyone for attending the ceremony for K-9 X and thanked the Emergency Services for everything they do.

The Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to apply for a USDA Grant for in car police camera’s, electric bicycle’s, and a UTV for patrolling trails.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to apply for a USDA Grant for in car police camera’s, electric bicycle’s, and a UTV for patrolling trails and second by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

The Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to purchase Health Insurance for K-9 X at a cost of $71.00 per month.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to purchase Health Insurance for K-9 X at a cost of $71.00 per month and second by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

The Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to appoint Adam Miller to fill the vacant 2nd Ward Constable position.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to appoint Adam Miller to fill the vacant 2nd Ward Constable position and second by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Water & Sewer Committee – Sean Steeg, Chairman

The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve payment #2 in the amount of $41,940.00 to Summit Consulting for the Water Treatment Plant Telemetry Project.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve payment #2 in the amount of $41,940.00 to Summit Consulting for the Water Treatment Plant Telemetry Project and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Executive Session was not called for.

Nothing was reported under Old Business.

Nothing was reported under New Business.

Vice-President Sean Steeg called on the President’s report.

Sean Steeg spoke on behalf of Johnathan Hyde and said that Johnathan was in Georgia.

Sean Steeg welcomed Taylor Cooper to the Administrative Office and Jamie Brown as the Parking Meter Enforcement Officer.

Vice-President Sean Steeg called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels said it was great to see the community here for K-9 X swearing in.

Mayor David Wessels said he had visited Stone Valley Community Chartered School and talked with kids about local politics and answered questions. The kids in return had written letters to him.

Mayor David Wessels reported that the grand opening of Taco Inc. was a success.

Mayor David Wessels spoke on the PRIDE Telethon coming up and said to please donate to this event.

Mayor David Wessels reminded everyone that the 6th Annual CHAMP dance-a-thon will be held on February 28, 2020 and said to please consider making a donation to this project. David said this benefits families in the county, battling cancer and other rare conditions.

Vice-President Sean Steeg called on the Engineers report.

Ann Reynolds spoke on the Trickling Filters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant being finished and they are working.

Ann Reynolds spoke on the overpayment of the Telemetry project and said the borough would be receiving a refund.

Ann Reynolds reported that the Telemetry installation will be done in March.

Ann Reynolds reported that the 4th to 5th Street on Penn Street has been advertised and the bids are out. Ann said we will open bids in March and approve at the March Borough Council meeting.

Vice-President Sean Steeg called on the Borough Managers report.

Chris Stevens reported there will be projects coming up and said to be patient. There will be a lot of infrastructure work being done this year.

Nothing was reported under any other business.

The Huntingdon Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary