**Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

The Huntingdon Borough Council meeting was held by Webex Conference and live streamed on Huntingdon Borough Facebook page.

President Johnathan Hyde called the Huntingdon Borough Council meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Huntingdon Borough Council room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Mayor David Wessels gave the invocation.

President Johnathan Hyde presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

Borough Secretary Richard King took roll call.

Members present were President Johnathan Hyde (Borough Council Room), Vice-President Sean Steeg (Home on Computer) Councilman David Quarry (Borough Council Room), Councilman David Fortson (Borough Council Room), Councilman James Bair (Borough Council Room), Councilman Terry Green (Borough Council Room), Mayor David Wessels (Borough Council Room), Engineer Ann Reynolds (Borough Council Room) Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson (Borough Council Room), Chief of Police Jeff Buckley (Borough Council Room), Borough Manager Chris Stevens (Borough Council Room) and Borough Secretary Richard King (Borough Council Room).

Guest present were Jean Gutshall (Borough Council Room) and Michael Simone (Borough Council Room).

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

Michael Simone spoke about the 31st Annual Car Cruise on Friday, July 3, 2020. Michael Simone said they usually drive down thru town on Washington Street, turn onto Penn Street, then to 8th Street, and up to Washington Street and park. Michael Simone said the plan was since COVID-19 came, they would just drive down thru town. Michael Simone said since Huntingdon County will be green on Friday, June 19, 2020, that he would like to have permission to park the vehicles on Washington Street, and have them park 6 feet apart. Michael Simone said that the people would stay with their own group.

James Bair said we are going to allow restaurants to have outdoor seating and mentioned to Michael Simone to have little separation and respect for the restaurants and to not park in front of their establishment.

Borough Council agreed to allow the cars to park on Washington Street.

Chief Buckley said to Michael Simone that he would contact him to talk about the car cruise.

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to review and act on the following minutes.

Borough Council Meeting – May 19, 2020

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – June 4, 2020

Community Development Committee Meeting – June 4, 2020

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – June 4, 2020

Maintenance Committee Meeting – June 9, 2020

Public Safety Committee Meeting – June 9, 2020

Administrative Committee Meeting – June 9, 2020

Special Maintenance Committee Meeting – June 10, 2020

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to accept the minutes of the meetings read and seconded by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

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

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to approve payment of June 2020 bills and seconded by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to call for a motion and second to approve the Financial Statements of all Borough Accounts for May 2020.

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to approve the Financial Statements of all Borough Accounts and seconded by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to the Committee reports.

Administrative Committee – Nicole Houck (Read by President Johnathan Hyde)

The Administrative Committee recommends a motion and second to ease the Borough Sidewalk Ordinance, with Resolution No. 2020-09, to allow outdoor seating for restaurants and businesses, and reviewed on a monthly basis due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to ease the Borough Sidewalk Ordinance, with Resolution No. 2020-09, to allow outdoor seating for restaurants and businesses, and reviewed on a monthly basis due to COVID-19 restrictions and second by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

The Administrative Committee recommends a motion and second to approve a side lot-subdivision for the property of Jean Gutshall of 508 12th Street and 512 12th Street.

**Councilman James Bair made a motion to approve the side lot-subdivision for the property of Jean Gutshall of 508 12th Street and 512 12th Street and second by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg said this would make this more in line with our existing ordinance.

Community Development Committee – David Quarry

Councilman David Quarry had nothing to report.

Maintenance Committee – Terry Green

The Maintenance Committee recommends a motion and second to go with the lowest bid of Grannas Bros. Stone and Asphalt for $206,218.56 for Huntingdon Borough Paving project.

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to approve the lowest bid of Grannas Bros. Stone and Asphalt for $206,218.56 for Huntingdon Borough Paving project and second by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

The Maintenance Committee recommends a motion and second to have the Maintenance Department replace the water main on Reynolds Avenue.

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to have the Maintenance Department replace the water main on Reynolds Avenue and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee – David Fortson

Councilman David Fortson had nothing to report.

Public Safety Committee – James Bair

Councilman James Bair commended the Fire Department and the Police Department for their hard work and dedication.

Councilman James Bair reported 131 fire calls this year.

Water & Sewer Committee – Sean Steeg

Vice-President Sean Steeg spoke on General updates to the public, we are continuing with the pace, stock up prior to COVID-19 and to pinpoint issues as in the past if they should arrive again.

Executive Session was not called for.

There was nothing reported under old business.

There was nothing reported under new business.

President’s report – Johnathan Hyde

President Johnathan Hyde thanked the first responders, Borough employees and the Maintenance Department for removing the trees on the borough trails.

Chief of Police report – Jeff Buckley

Chief Buckley had nothing to report.

Mayor’s report – David Wessels

Mayor David Wessels present Borough Council with a letter that he had drafted up for renovation of the Weaver Park Basketball court to go to the Weis Market Management for assistance. David Wessels asked Borough Council to look over and to give him any comments to this letter before he sends out.

Mayor David Wessels said he attended the Virgil on the 4th Street Bridge. David Wessels said it was well attended and said the people were well behaved. David Wessels applauded the citizens of Huntingdon Borough and the citizens from out of town that attended.

Engineer’s report – Ann Reynolds

Ann Reynolds said the Telemetry work would start next Monday.

Ann Reynolds reported that D & M is planning to do the 400 Block of Penn Street water line replacement the week of July 13, 2020.

Ann Reynolds reported that the HOP for the 500 Block water line replacement plans have been sent and waiting for PennDOT’s comments.

Borough Solicitor’s report – Richard Wilson

Richard Wilson said it is great to be back to normal.

Richard Wilson said he has drafted the Policy and Procedures for the Anti-discrimination for the Administrative Office to hand out for someone that has a complaint.

Richard Wilson said we need to pick individuals to serve on the Human Relations Commission and Borough Council is to choose these individuals.

Richard Wilson said that right now you could hand out a packet of information and the complaint form.

Richard Wilson suggested that by next meeting, Borough Council should have members of this commission.

Johnathan Hyde said to Borough Council, that we should have names for the commission for the Administrative Committee meeting.

Richard Wilson suggested that this commission should have an Attorney on it.

Borough Manager’s report – Chris Stevens

Chris Stevens said that he would like to thank Rich Wilson and Rick King for their time and effort during the conference calls we had for the ratings and PFM for the Bond refinancing.

Chris Stevens reported that by doing the 2013 Bond refinancing saved the borough $525,857.00.

Chris Stevens said the paving bids were competitive this year and the saving were below the estimated cost.

Chris Stevens reported there were issues with the Camera at Portstown Park and Chief Buckley had took care of this. Chris Stevens said that we should think about getting internet to the park.

Chris Stevens said they have started on the Blair House by removing material by hand. Chris Stevens said they are starting at the top and working down.

Chris Stevens said that we should start seeing action returning on the Huntingdon Electric building.

Chris Stevens reported that the Isett Community Pool is doing great.

Chris Stevens reported we have met with UGI and they are willing to help with the paving cost.

Chris Stevens said we will still be having a Borough Clean-up Day, but we are waiting to see if we can use the inmates. Chris Stevens said if we cannot use the inmates, then probably around September, we would have Brad Hollenbaugh crew with equipment and the Maintenance Department do this.

Chris Stevens said that when we know when Grannas Bros. is going to start with their paving, we would place the paving list on Facebook and Borough Website. Chris Stevens said there are some dead end streets and the residents will need contacted.

President Johnathan Hyde reported the fireworks display would be on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 9:40 p.m.

**Councilman David Quarry made a motion to adjourn the Borough Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. and second by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary