Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

The Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Guest present were Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer, Ron Enyeart, Kylie Young, Jay Brouse, Deane Harris and Officer Dustin Border.

President Johnathan Hyde called the Borough Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Mayor David Wessels.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by President Johnathan Hyde.

Borough Secretary Richard King took roll call.

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

President Johnathan Hyde welcomed the visitors present and asked if there were any comments.

Gary Cramer said that with all of the equipment on 4th Street, they could make the intersections a lot better then what they are.

Ron Enyeart asked about the street sweeping and ticketing.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the street sweeper has been out several days, but due to employee helping with projects, the street sweeper will be out next week.

Ron Enyeart asked about having a fall junk day.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we just had a Spring Clean-up and the cost was around $18,0000.00.

President Johnathan Hyde called on review and act on the minutes of the following meetings:

* Borough Council Meeting – April 20, 2021
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – May 6, 2021
* Community Development Committee Meeting – May 6, 2021
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – May 6, 2021
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – May 11, 2021
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – May 11, 2021
* Administrative Committee Meeting – May 11, 2021

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the above minutes and second was made by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called for a motion and second to approve the payments of May 2021 bills.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the payments of May 2021 bills and second was made by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called for a motion and secondto approve the April 2021 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the April 2021 Financial Statements for all borough accounts and second was made by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called on the committee reports.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Administrative Committee report.

Councilman David Quarry reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve the TCC Delegate Appointment Resolution No. 2021-08 to appoint Julie Johns from Walker Township to represent Huntingdon Borough as a voting delegate for the Tax Collection Committee.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Fortson to approve the TCC Delegate Appointment Resolution No. 2021-08 to appoint Julie Johns from Walker Township to represent Huntingdon Borough as a voting delegate for the Tax Collection Committee and second was made by Vice-President Sean Steeg. Motion Carried.**

Councilman David Quarry reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-965 amending Huntingdon Borough Code §15-057 (1) and §21-203 to remove alternate street parking requirements during snow removal alerts; and, to standardize the approved materials for sidewalk and curb construction throughout the borough.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Sean Steeg to approve Ordinance No. 2021-965 amending Huntingdon Borough Code §15-057 (1) and §21-203 to remove alternate street parking requirements during snow removal alerts; and, to standardize the approved materials for sidewalk and curb construction throughout the borough and second was made by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Community Development Committee report.

Councilwomen Dee Dee Brown said she is working on some Community Development throughout the borough.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Maintenance Committee report.

Councilman Terry Green had nothing to report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee report.

Councilman David Fortson said he had some groups helping with the parks.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Councilman James Bair thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Division for the job they are doing.

Councilman James Bair said there were 27 fire calls for the month of April and the year to date calls was 118.

Councilman James Bair said this was National EMS week and a great job all of our EMS has been doing.

President Johnathan Hyde called for an Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

**Executive Session ended at 8:05 p.m. with no action taken.**

President Johnathan Hyde called for any old business.

There was nothing reported on old business.

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There was nothing reported on new business.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the President’s report.

President Johnathan Hyde thanked all the borough employees for the great job they are doing.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Chief of Police report.

Chief of Police Jeff Buckley said that Jed Dishong will be graduating on July 25, 2021. Jeff said he will need to take a test then.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels said he performed one wedding at the accessed fee.

Mayor David Wessels said there will be new store fronts coming downtown with the downtown being reshaped.

Mayor David Wessels said Bryant Park construction will be an enjoyment. David said this will be where we will have the tree lighting. David said hats off to the borough workers, Police, Ambulance and Fire Company.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Engineers report.

Ann Reynolds said she had nothing to report but wanted to compliment Dee Dee Brown on the bump out at William Smith Street.

A round of applause was given.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Solicitor’s report.

Solicitor Richard Wilson had nothing to report.

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

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the biggest thing he wanted to say is that the 4th Street CSO project, costing $2.8 million, had no tax increase to the residents and we did not borrow any money.

A round of applause was given.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens updated everyone on the 4th Street CSO project and 7th and Penn Street project. Chris said we will be milling and paving and hopefully the downtown will be open around the 2nd week of June. Chris said that when HRI is done with the 7th & Penn Street project they will move to 9th and Moore Street for this project.

Councilwomen Dee Dee Brown said that word needs out that the Real Estate Taxes have not been raised and she appreciates this and to let the residents know this.

President Johnathan Hyde said the PennDOT bridge replacements, the residents should be glad this is getting done instead on not getting done and something happens.

Vice-President Sean Steeg said we have a century old infrastructure and by doing these projects now saves us from having to do emergency repairs later costing us money.

President Johnathan Hyde called on any other business.

Dean Harris asked if the storm sewer problem at Your Building Center was taken care of.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said this was completed about a month and a half ago.

Jennifer Clark said this was for Mr. Bair, since he represents the fire department, that there are personnel washing their vehicles. Jennifer said that she pays a fire tax and now helping pay for the water used.

Gary Cramer asked when will the 4th Street Bridge be open.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said next week.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary