Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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

Guest present for this meeting were Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer, Dean Harris, Emily Loose, Jay Brous and from Boy Scout Troup #28, Tyler Rader, Mason Taylor, Assistant Scoutmaster Sam Taylor and Scoutmaster Cindy Smith.

Huntingdon Borough Police Officers present were Chris Malliband and Rhett Stetchock.

The Huntingdon Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Johnathan Hyde at 7:30 PM.

The Invocation was given by Mayor David Wessels.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the Boy Scout Troup #28.

Mayor David Wessels presented metals of appreciation awards to the Boy Scout Troup #28 for cleaning up Portstown Park with a plaque to be given at a later time.

Roll call was taken by Borough Secretary Richard King and the following members 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, GHD

 Solicitor Richard Wilson

 Acting Chief of Police Charles Streightiff

 Borough Manager Chris Stevens

 Borough Secretary Richard King

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

Jay Brous asked if the brush pile was open past Laney’s.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said it is still open Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and on Saturday’s from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Review and Act on the following meeting minutes:

 Borough Council Meeting – July 20, 2021

 Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – August 5, 2021

 Community Development Committee Meeting – August 5, 2021

 Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – August 5, 2021

 Maintenance Committee Meeting – August 10, 2021

 Public Safety Committee Meeting – August 10, 2021

 Administrative Committee Meeting – August 10, 2021

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

President Johnathan Hyde called on the approval of payment of August 2021 bills.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the payment of August 2021 bills and second was made by Vice-President Sean Steeg. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called on the approval of July 2021 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the July 2021 Financial Statements of all borough accounts and second was made by Vice-President Sean Steeg. Motion Carried.**

President Johnathan Hyde called on the committee reports.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Administrative Committee report.

Councilman David Quarry had nothing to report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Community Development report.

There was nothing reported.

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 had nothing to report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Councilman James Bair thanked all the 1st responder, fire, police, ambulance and 911 personnel.

Councilman James Bair said the fire department had 41 calls in July and 230 year to date calls.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Water & Sewer Committee report.

Vice-President Sean Steeg reported the Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to accept the quote of option #3 from IXOM Watercare for a service program on the Smithfield Water Tank, Flag Pole Water Tank and Taylor Highlands Water Tank in the amount of $23,883.00 for a 3-year contract.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to accept the quote of option #3 from IXOM Watercare for a service program on the Smithfield Water Tank, Flag Pole Water Tank and Taylor Highlands Water Tank in the amount of $23,883.00 for a 3-year contract and second was made by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg reported the Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve the payment of application #8 to HRI for the 4th Street CSO project in the amount of $348,191.28.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the payment of application #8 to HRI for the 4th Street CSO project in the amount of $348,191.28 and second was made by Councilman James Bair. Motion Carried.**

Executive Session was not called for.

President Johnathan Hyde called on old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

President Johnathan Hyde called on new business.

There was nothing reported under new business.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the President’s report.

President Johnathan Hyde said he wanted to remind everyone that starting in September, the committee meeting will be held the 1st Tuesday of the month with Maintenance at 2:00 PM; Water & Sewer at 3:00 PM; Public Safety at 4:00 PM; Community Development at 5:00 PM; Parks, Recreation & Public Property at 6:00 PM and Administrative at 7:00 PM.

President Johnathan Hyde also reminded everyone that the agendas of the committee meetings will be posted on the borough website and out front of the building, 24 hours in advance due to the new sunshine law act.

President Johnathan Hyde thanked all of the borough employees for their work and dedication.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Acting Chief of Police report.

Acting Chief of Police Charles Streightiff had nothing to report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels said he had performed 1 wedding and thanked the residents for being patient during the construction season and this will be ending soon.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Engineer’s report.

Engineer Kevin Nester, GHD had nothing to report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Solicitor’s report.

Solicitor Richard Wilson reported he will be advertising 2 ordinances for next month’s borough council meeting and these are the vending machine ordinance and the open container ordinance.

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

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the paving was to be started today at 9th & Moore Street but since it rained they will be starting Thursday and will take 2 days. Chris said that when this is completed, they will move to 4th Street and pave and this should be completed by August 27th.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported that Huntingdon Borough has done around $10 Million dollars of infrastructure and there has been no tax increase.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens thanked everyone for being patient during the constructions and work going on in the borough.

President Johnathan Hyde called on any other business.

There was nothing reported under any other business.

After no further business, the Huntingdon Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary