

Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting

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

President James Bair called the Borough Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The invocation was given by Mayor Thomas Yoder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was present by President James Bair

Roll Call was taken by Borough Secretary Richard King and the following were present: President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman David Quarry, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Borough Engineer Kevin Nester, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present was Jay Brouse.

President James Bair welcomed the guest present and ask for any comments.

There were no comments made.

President James Bair called on the review and act on the minutes of the following meetings:

- Borough Council Meeting – December 21, 2021
- Reorganizational Meeting – January 3, 2022
- Maintenance Committee – January 11, 2022
- Water & Sewer Committee – January 11, 2022
- Public Safety Committee – January 11, 2022
- Community Development Committee – January 11, 2022
- Parks, Recreation & Public Safety Committee – January 11, 2022
- Administrative Committee – January 11, 2022

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

President James Bair called for the approval of payment of the January 2022 bills.

A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the payment of the January 2022 bills and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.

President James Bair called for the approval of the December 2021 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

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

President James Bair called on the committee reports.

President James Bair called on the Maintenance Committee report.

Councilman Terry Green had nothing to report on.

President James Bair called on the Water & Sewer Committee report.

Councilman David Quarry had nothing to report on.

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown had nothing to report on.

President James Bair called on the Community Development Committee report.

Councilman Robert Jackson reported that at the last meeting, Randy Neal and Carrie Cerett were here to talk about their business they wanted to start and the name of the business was The Scooter Biz and they are continue with this.

President James Bair called on the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee report.

Vice-President David Fortson reported the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommends a motion to sign the Forest Management Plan with the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources.

A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to sign the Forest Management Plan with the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson.

Motion Carried.

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to change the PMRS Non-Uniform Retirement from a 5-year average to a 3-year average.

A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to change the PMRS Non-Uniform Retirement from a 5-year average to a 3-year average and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 naming John Chris Stevens as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 naming John Chris Stevens as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 naming John Chris Stevens as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Police Pension Plan.

A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 naming John Chris Stevens as the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) for the Police Pension Plan and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve the change in starting times of the committee meetings as follows: Maintenance 2:00 PM; Water & Sewer 2:30 PM; Public Safety 3:30 PM; Community Development 4:30 PM; Parks, Recreation & Public Property 5:00 PM and Administrative 5:30 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the change in starting times of the committee meetings as follows: Maintenance 2:00 PM; Water & Sewer 2:30 PM; Public Safety 3:30 PM; Community Development 4:30 PM; Parks, Recreation & Public Property 5:00 PM and Administrative 5:30 PM and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.

Executive Session was not called for.

President James Bair called on Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

President James Bair called on New Business.

There was nothing reported under New Business.

President James Bair called on the President's report.

President James Bair thanked the borough employee's for all they do and the job they have done with the snow storm.

President James Bair thanked the first responders, police, ambulance division and fire companies.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Chief Charles Streightiff said he had nothing new to report on since his last report.

President James Bair called on the Mayor's report.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said he is now in his office.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that he has received a lot of request.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said he will be meeting with Tim Allison, Mount Union Borough Mayor, to talk about different things.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said he was ask to join Huntingdon Landmarks.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that February 17, 2022 will be the Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said he has gone over the Police Policy & Procedure Manual with the Chief.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said the Police Department had their training on the new Tasers today.

President James Bair called on the Borough Engineer's report.

Kevin Nester said he has submitted the Notice of Award to Univar Solutions for chemicals for the 2022 year.

Kevin Nester said he will be meeting with Terry Green next Thursday, January 27, 2022 to look at the next sewer separation project.

President James Bair called on the Borough Solicitor's report.

Richard Wilson said that he was revising the Sidewalk Ordinance and the Roadway Ordinance and will have for the next meeting and to advertise these.

President James Bair called on the Borough Manager's report.

Chris Stevens thanked all of the borough employee's for the jobs they are doing.

President James Bair called on Any Other Business.

Jay Brouse ask about the Randolf property on 6th & Warm Springs Avenue.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that he is the executor of this property and that he had Habitat for Humanity there to see if they wanted this property. Chris said that he is still working on this.

Jay Brouse ask about the Traffic Lights if they were fixed.

Borough Engineer Kevin Nester said that he was working on the Green Light Go Grant for Penn Street.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that he hopes they can get more grants for Traffic Lights to do the rest of the town.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary