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

Guest present were Gary Cramer, Jennifer Clark, David Wessels, Betty Quarry, Haldan Kursch, James Grissinger, Greg Gutshall, Tim Furlong, Johnathan Hyde and Dean Harris.

Police Officers present were Officer Corey Stuller and Officer Christopher Malliband.

Huntingdon Borough Council meeting was called to order by President James Bair at 7:30 PM.

The invocation was given by Mayor Thomas Yoder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by President James Bair.

Mayor Thomas Yoder presented past Mayor David Wessels and past councilman Johnathan Hyde with their rocking chairs. Past councilman Sean Steeg was not present to receive his rocking chair.

Mayor Thomas Yoder thanked both of them for servicing their community in their best interest and commitment to Huntingdon Borough.

David Wessels thanked the borough council and said it was an honor to serve.

President James Bair called on the Borough Secretary Richard King to take roll call.

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

President James Bair recognized the guest present and ask for their comments.

Greg Gutshall of 1004 Washington Street was there to talk about the body shop behind his house and the fumes and paint smell and mentioned he had brought this to a committee meeting before and then he read an article he had placed in the opinion line.

Greg Gutshall said now they have placed a wood burning stove in the garage.

Greg Gutshall said he is about ready to rent out the second floor and said their flu is short and the smoke from this is terrible.

Greg Gutshall said he would like to see Borough Council do an ordinance banning wood stoves around residential buildings.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said she will talk to the Code Enforcement Officer James Morris on this.

President James Bair called on the read, review and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

* Borough Council Meeting – February 15, 2022
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – March 1, 2022
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – March 1, 2022
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – March 1, 2022
* Community Development Committee Meeting – March 1, 2022
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – March 1, 2022
* Administrative Committee Meeting – March 1, 2022

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

President James Bair called on the approval of payment of March 2022 bills.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the payment of the March 2022 bills and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the approval of the February 2022 Financial Statements of all Borough Accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the February 2022 Financial Statements of 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.

* Terry Green reported the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to remove Dylan Gutshall from probationary status to full time status.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to remove Dylan Gutshall from probationary status to full time status and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

* Terry Green reported that Huntingdon Borough Clean up week is scheduled for setting items out April 8th, 9th & 10th with pickup April 11th thru April 15th.

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

* David Quarry reported the Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve the bid of EleMech, Inc., for the Bulk Water Station in the amount of $38,700.00.

 **A motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to approve the bid of EleMech, Inc., for the Bulk Water Station in the amount of $38,700.00 and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Dee Dee Brown had nothing to report.

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

Robert Jackson reported that at the last meeting there were representatives from Huntingdon Landmarks there wanting to partner with Huntingdon Borough on getting a Main Street Manager.

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

* James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to sign a 7-year contract agreement with Comcast.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to sign a 7-year contract agreement with Comcast and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

* James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve the minor sub-division of the Aurand property from three lots to two lots to build homes.

 **A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the minor sub-division of the Aurand property from three lots to two lots to build homes and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

* James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-06 setting the Lock Box Application fee to be $50.00 to cover expenses and this to take effect July 1, 2022.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve Resolution No. 2022-06 setting the Lock Box Application Fee to be $50.00 to cover expenses and this to take effect July 1, 2022 and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

* James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to make a change in the committee meetings to move the Community Development Committee to 3:30 PM and to move the Public Safety Committee to 4:00 PM.

 **A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to move the Community Development Committee to 3:30 PM and to move the Public Safety Committee to 4:00 PM and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

* James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-07, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

 **A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to approve Resolution No. 2022-07, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

* James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-08 for $549,000.00 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for equipment to operate a recycling facility in Huntingdon Borough.

 **A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve Resolution No. 2022-08 for $549,000.00 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for equipment to operate a recycling facility in Huntingdon Borough 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 all the borough employees, Borough Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Division.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff reported that Officer Benson has been released from FTO and he is able to work on his own, Charles said there will be shift movements going on now.

Charles Streightiff reported that he has received the Narcan distribution and will be given to the other departments where they have been trained on using Narcan.

Charles Streightiff read a Letter of Accommodation on an incident that had occurred on February 11, 2022, dealing with Officer Corey Stuller and this Letter of Accommodation will be placed in his file.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder reported that he is finally retired and will be in the office.

Thomas Yoder reported that with Chris Stevens and himself, they have met with Linda Dearmitt on Mayfest.

Thomas Yoder reported that he is working on having events downtown starting quarterly then going to monthly.

Thomas Yoder said he had placed an article in the newspaper last month and there will be one this Saturday on events going on in the borough.

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

Kevin Nester had nothing new to report.

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

Richard Wilson had nothing new to report.

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

Chris Stevens reported that Mayfest will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 and going from 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM.

President James Bair called on Any Other Business.

Dean Harris mentioned about the water break on 15th Street and said about the paving and base coat was a lot of wasted money.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown thanked the borough employee’s that were on the water break and said they worked tirelessly to get it fixed.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary