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, Courtney Eller, Bailey Souders, Samantha Souders, Shanna Menondez, Annie Bosush, Emily Loose, Betty J Quarry, Rosetta Johnson, Greg Gutshall, Joy Martin and Bob Baldwin.

The 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.

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, 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.

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

Greg Gutshall was there to talk about the wood burning stoves behind his property on Washington Street and also the abandon vehicles in the alley.

Jennifer Clark said she was looking at the agenda and had seen we picked 3 males to committee’s and said we need to include females.

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

* Borough Council Meeting – March 15, 2022
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – April 5, 2022
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – April 5, 2022
* Community Development Committee Meeting – April 5, 2022
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – April 5, 2022
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – April 5, 2022

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to accept the above meeting minutes and second was made by Councilwoman Jennifer Powell. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the approval of the April 2022 bills.

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

President James Bair called on the approval of the March 2022 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the March 2022 Financial Statements for all borough accounts and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the committee reports.

President James Bair called on the Maintenance Committee report.

Councilman Terry Green reported the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to accept the lowest bid of $170,949.30 from Grannas Bros. for paving in the borough.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to accept the lowest bid of $170,949.30 from Grannas Bros for paving in the borough and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carries.**

Councilman Terry Green reported the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to put bids out for a bigger excavator and to advertise this.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to place bids for a bigger excavator and to advertise this and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

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

Councilman David Quarry had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Community Development Committee report.

Councilman Robert Jackson spoke on the Amphitheater, the proposal of Huntingdon Landmarks on a Main Street Manager and said we will be purchasing more Solar Street Lights to finish the grant out.

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown gave her appreciation to all of the Public Safety people.

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

Councilman David Fortson reported the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommends a motion to sign the resolution for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Huntingdon Borough Parks’ Sensory and Accessibility Evolution.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to sign the resolution for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Huntingdon Borough Parks’s Sensory and Accessibility Evolution and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to remove Jeffrey Buckley from probationary status to full-time status.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to remove Jeffrey Buckley from probationary status to full-time status and second was made by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to sign the subgrantee indemnity agreement with Blair County through the Commonwealth of PA for funding related to Drug and Alcohol and Aggressive Driving.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to sign the subgrantee indemnity agreement with Blair County through the Commonwealth of PA for funding related to Drug and Alcohol and Aggressive Driving and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion giving authorization to John Chris Stevens, Borough Manager and Richard S. King, Borough Secretary to sign the letter of credit of $76,000.00 for the HOP permit for the 200 block of Penn Street water line replacement.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Fortson giving authorization for John Chris Stevens, Borough Manager and Richard S. King, Borough Secretary to sign the letter of credit of $76,000.00 for the HOP permit for the 200 block of Penn Street water line replacement and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the agreement with PennDOT for the 200 block of Penn Street water line replacement and the Borough Secretary to attest the same.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown authorizing the Borough Manager to sign the agreement with PennDOT for the 200 block of Penn Street water line replacement and the Borough Secretary to attest the same and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to appoint Dr. Bruce Thomas to serve on the Zoning Board with voting rights and term to expire January 2025.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown Dr. Bruce Thomas to serve on the Zoning Board with voting rights and term to expire January 2025 and second was made by Councilman David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to appoint Robert “Bob” Gentry and James Hudack to serve on the Planning Commission with term to expire January 2025.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to appoint Robert “Bob” Gentry and James Hudack to serve on the Planning Commission with term to expire January 2025 and second was made by Councilman David Fortson. 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 everyone that works for the borough and the hard work they do.

President James Bair thanked the Police Department, Ambulance Division and Huntingdon Regional Fire & Rescue for the job they do.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder said he continues to receive phone calls and have meetings with citizens with various concerns and ideas for the borough.

Thomas Yoder said he is working with Chris Stevens and Linda Dearmitt on Mayfest and the development of additional events downtown.

Thomas Yoder said he attended the Landmarks Board meeting, and the building at 400 Penn Street will be getting painted in historic colors soon, which will be a great improvement to this block.

Thomas Yoder said he worked with volunteers over the weekend to clean off the bank next to the arch, removing brush and small trees.

Thomas Yoder said he attended the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau’s 2022 Tourism Summit and Bryan Park had an honorable mention as being a great new venue for downtown.

Thomas Yoder said he plans to attend the Summer Wakeup Reception at the Visitors Center to promote downtown and the businesses in the borough and stated that we need to make more connections with the many visitors coming to our area.

Thomas Yoder reported that on Thursday, employees of Giant Food will be working to cleanup Portstown Park in honor of Earth Day.

Thomas Yoder reported that Juniata College will be hosting dignitaries from Mexico on Thursday and will be meeting with Chief Streightiff and him to discuss community and community safety.

Thomas Yoder said he will be attending an elected officials reception at the Gage Mansion on Thursday evening.

Thomas Yoder reported that there is a lot going on in Huntingdon and his article with borough updates will appear in this Saturday’s newspaper.

Thomas Yoder gave his official proclamation on Arbor Day and he proclaimed April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in Huntingdon Borough.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown ask if the Tree Commission was going to plant a tree at Portstown Park.

Thomas Yoder said he was not sure.

President James Bair reminded everyone that Mayfest is on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM.

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

Kevin Nester had nothing to report.

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

Richard Wilson had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Borough Managers report.

Chris Stevens said that GHD had submitted the HOP to PennDOT and they sent it back needing more information.

Chris Stevens said the Traffic Lights on Penn Street is ready to submit to PennDOT.

Chris Stevens reported that the bike route on Susquehanna Avenue is included in the paving bid.

Chris Stevens said the Bulk Water Station has been ordered.

Chris Stevens said that Maintenance will be working on the soft boat launch soon.

President James Bair called on Any Other Business.

There was nothing reported under Any Other Business.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary