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

Visitor’s present were Gary Cramer, Betty Quarry, Jennifer Clark, Dean Harris, Joe Thompson, Darlene Shope, Jason Stolkovich, Tim Furlong, Joy Martin, Bob Baldwin, Greg Gutshall, Chris Mills and Connie Mills.

Police Officers present were Corporal Shaun McCready, Detective Brent Kagarise, Detective Christopher Malliband, Officer Corey Stuller and Officer Rhett Stetchock.

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 presented by President James Bair.

Roll call was taken by Borough Secretary Richard King and the following members were present.

* 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
* Borough Secretary Richard King

**President James Bair called for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues at 7:32.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:43 PM.**

President James Bair then called on Chief of Police Charles Streightiff.

Chief of Police Charles Streightiff called on Mayor Thomas Yoder to read the Proclamation.

Mayor Thomas Yoder then read the Proclamation.

To recognize National Police Week 2022 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Huntingdon Borough Police Department;

**WHEREAS,** since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

**WHEREAS,** the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

**WHEREAS,** 619 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 472 officers killed in 2021 and 147 officers killed in previous years;

**WHEREAS,** the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund’s 34th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2022;

**WHEREAS,** the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11-17;

**WHEREAS,** May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Huntingdon will observe May 11-17, 2022, as National Police Week in Huntingdon Borough, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Thomas Yoder, Mayor Charles T. Streightiff, Chief of Police

Chief Charles Streightiff said we take this opportunity to recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to commit their lives to the safety and protection of our communities. Chief said that he is extremely proud of the officers from my Department, ( presented the names of the officers) as well as, all law enforcement officers throughout the county, state and nation. Chief said the Borough of Huntingdon will observe may 11-17, 2022 as National Police Week in Huntingdon Borough, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

President James Bair welcomed the visitors present and ask for their comments, limiting them to 5 minutes.

Chris Mills talked about the one-way street on 4th Street from Church Street to Mifflin Street and said we need to reconsider this.

President James Bair said you are welcome to come to the Public Safety Committee meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month to voice your concerns.

Darlene Shope and Jason Stolkovich was there to talk about the volleyball court at Weaver Park and said they like it where it is at. Jason said they will pull the weeks and even get the sand. Jason said the reason sand gets on the basketball court is from kids throwing it and dumping it on the court. Jason said the volleyball court to the basketball court is 37.5 feet away.

Councilman David Fortson said we were looking at moving the volleyball court to a different location beside the Weis Store.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that we have sand and when you want it to give him a call.

Greg Gutshall said he was at the Public Safety Committee meeting and wanted to thank the fire company members for introducing themselves.

Greg Gutshall ask when are we going to talk about the fire boxes and garages again.

President James Bair said June 7th will be our next committee meeting date.

Greg Gutshall said he would like to see the Chief of Police give an update on the vehicles on Susquehanna Avenue.

Greg Gutshall spoke on the paving that was done on Susquehanna Avenue and said at the garage when it rains there is like a dam and wants to avoid damages to his home.

Dean Harris said the sidewalk on 9th Street is so high and wondered why.

President James Bair said this is where the ADA Ramp is.

Dean Harris suggest that when we do curbs at the corner, to reinforce them by having 6 to 8 inches of concrete so when big trucks run over them, they do not break up.

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

* Borough Council Meeting – April 19, 2022
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022
* Community Development Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022
* Administrative Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022

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

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

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

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

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to approve the April 2022 Financial Statements for all borough accounts and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the committee reports.

President James Bair called on the Maintenance Committee report.

Chairman Terry Green reported the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to accept the bid from Foster F. Wineland, Inc., for a 2018 John Deere 135 G Ft4 Excavator in the amount of $136,000.00.

**A motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to accept the bid from Foster F. Wineland, Inc., for a 2018 John Deere 135 G Ft4 Excavator in the amount of $136,000.00 and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

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

Chairman David Quarry had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Community Development Committee report.

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to hire an independent contractor to assist with festivals and events in the borough with funding up to $8,500.00.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to hire an independent contractor to assist with festivals and events in the borough with funding up to $8,500.00 and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson thanked everyone that had helped with the Mayfest and said that we are discussing the possibility of getting a shuttle bus to haul people to their vehicles.

Chairman Robert Jackson reported that on June 3rd at Bryan Park, we will be having Backlash there, playing from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and food trucks

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown reported the Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-974 revising Chapter 21, Section 21-301 through 21-309 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon regarding the regulations of sidewalks and curb construction and assessing penalties and damages for violations.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve Ordinance No. 2022-974 revising Chapter 21, Section 21-301 through 21-309 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon regarding the regulations of sidewalks and curb construction and assessing penalties and damages for violations and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

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

Chairman David Fortson said that he liked hearing someone wanted to fix up the volleyball court.

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to appoint Mark S. Bernheim to the Planning Commission with term to expire January 2025.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to appoint Mark S. Bernheim to the Planning Commission with term to expire January 2025 and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to amend Resolution No. 2022-08 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Recycling Facility of $549,000.00 to approve Resolution No. 2022-09 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Recycling Facility of $558,000.18.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to amend Resolution No. 2022-08 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Recycling Facility of $549,000.00 to approve Resolution No. 2022-09 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Recycling Facility of $558,000.18 and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-975, amending Chapter 15, Section 15-903 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon to designate the one-way direction of traffic on 4th Street, extending south from the intersection of Church Street to the intersection of Mifflin Street.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve** **Ordinance No. 2022-975, amending Chapter 15, Section 15-903 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon to designate the one-way direction of traffic on 4th Street, extending south from the intersection of Church Street to the intersection of Mifflin Street and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson.** Vice-President David Fortson called for a roll call vote.

Borough Secretary Richard King then took a roll call vote.

President James Bair Yes

Vice-President David Fortson Yes

Councilman Robert Jackson No

Councilman David Quarry Yes

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown Yes

Councilman Terry Green Yes

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell Yes

Borough Secretary Richard King reported there were 6 yes and 1 no. Motion Carried.

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 first responders (fire, police, ambulance, dispatch) and all the borough employee’s.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff reported the school district had approved the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract for 2022-2023 school year and when it is signed he will present to council.

Jennifer Clark ask what happens when the SRO is not there.

Charles Streightiff said the SRO was covered with other officers.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder said that Mayfest was a great success for downtown Huntingdon.

Thomas Yoder reported that he is working with Linda DeArmitt on event planning’s such as the 3rd of July, Octoberfest, Christmas Tree Lighting and First Night.

Thomas Yoder reported that volunteers have been pulling weeds and preparing to plant flowers for the summer, both downtown and in the parks.

Thomas Yoder reported he had participated in high school senior mock interviews and will be the commencement speaker at graduation this year.

Thomas Yoder reported he had participated in the middle school career fair representing government officials.

Thomas Yoder reported he attended the hospital foundation board and Huntingdon Landmark’s board meetings.

Thomas Yoder said he will be performing his first wedding next Monday.

Thomas Yoder reported that Borough Manager Chris Stevens and he will be meeting with Dr. Troha to discuss partnership with Juniata College.

Thomas Yoder said he will be starting the “Sharon L. Gutshall Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award” in June.

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 Manager’s report.

Chris Stevens said the Isett Community Swimming Pool will be opened on May 27th for the Memorial Day weekend.

Chris Stevens thanked Attorney Wilson for his help in closing the 912 Washington Street property to Habitat.

Chris Stevens reported they have started on the Blair Building and the roof will be done late summer or early fall. Chris said they will be working on the interior of the building also.

President James Bair called on the Fire Companies report.

Tim Furlong said he had nothing to report.

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 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary