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, Linda DeArmitt, Betty Quarry, Greg Gutshall, Joe Thompson, Dean Harris, Tim Furlong and Mike Smith.

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
* Councilman Terry Green
* Councilwoman Jennifer Powell
* Borough Engineer Kevin Nester
* Mayor Thomas Yoder
* Chief of Police Charles Streightiff
* Borough Manager Chris Stevens
* Borough Secretary Richard King

President James Bair said we will now have the swearing in of Officer Austin Pheasant.

Chief Streightiff said that Officer Pheasant was a 2020 graduate of Juniata Valley High School.

Chief Streightiff said that Officer Pheasant graduated from IUP Police Academy in 2022.

Chief Streightiff said that with Officer Pheasant here tonight, was his parents Joel and Julie Pheasant, sister Aylee, grandparents Judy & Clay Pheasant and Connie and Don Reihart.

Chief Streightiff said that now his father Joel, will pin his badge on him.

Chief Streightiff read a letter by Austin

I’m 19 year old and has lived in this area his entire life. I hope that I can have a long and successful career and continue to keep this community safe and help it grow. I couldn’t have made it where I am without the support of my family and friends. I’d also like to ask if everyone could keep the family of Chuck Stipetich, who was a member of my academy class, was killed in an off duty shooting and to keep them in your prayers.

Mayor Thomas Yoder then gave Officer Pheasant his Oath of Office.

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

Greg Gutshall said he was there for an update on the parking situation and the wood burning stoves.

Greg Gutshall said that he was against the 5-minute talking rule.

Greg Gutshall spoke on parades and vehicles stopped outside of his place and revving their engines.

Greg Gutshall said that his mirror was knocked off by a vehicle hit and run.

Mike Smith said that he has been out walking and has seen where people are driving looking at their phones and swerve to miss hitting vehicles. Mike said that the officers should park and stand and watch.

Mike Smith said that he had seen where they have painted the curbs yellow downtown but not uptown. Mike said that people are parking up to the corner, where it is hard to see and to get out into the lane of traffic.

Roger Weir said he was there to see what the borough could do to retrieve his items from the Blair Building or to allow them to go in.

President James Bair said that this will not happen. James said that the items in the Blair Building is an infectious contaminated hazard and needs to go into a dumpster.

President James Bair told Roger Weir to come to a Committee meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

President James Bair said we will now review and act on the minutes of the following meetings:

* Borough Council Meeting – June 21, 2022
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – July 5, 2022
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – July 5, 2022
* Community Development Committee Meeting – July 5, 2022
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 5, 2022
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – July 5, 2022
* Administrative Committee Meeting – July 5, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

President James Bair called on the committee reports.

President James Bair called on the Maintenance Committee report.

Chairman Terry Green had nothing to report.

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 that the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve the request for proposal from Seiler & Drury for the restoration of the town clock CDBG project and to have John Chris Stevens sign the proposals.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the request for proposal from Seiler & Drury for the restoration of the town clock CDBG project and to have John Chris Stevens sign the proposals and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson said the car cruise was a success.

Chairman Robert Jackson said to Greg Gutshall, that they were pursuing painting murals coming into town.

Chairman Robert Jackson said the next CDBG public hearing for projects will be held on September 13, 2022 and the public can attend and give their ideas.

Chairman Robert Jackson said the borough will be renting porta-potties for events, and to not use businesses restrooms. Robert said the borough building restrooms will be open.

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Due to Dee Dee Brown being excused, President James Bair presented the Public Safety Committee report.

President James Bair reported the Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to remove Officer Stetchock from probationary status to full-time status.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to remove Officer Stetchock from probationary status to full-time status and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to remove Dispatcher Luke Morningstar from probationary status to full-time status.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to remove Dispatcher Luke Morningstar from probationary status to full-time status and second was made by Councilwoman Jennifer Powell. Motion Carried.**

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

Chairman David Fortson reported the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommends a motion to reseal the Skate Park in Portstown Park.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to reseal the Skate Park in Portstown Park and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to give each full-time employee $2,000.00 from the ARP funds for Premium Pay during COVID.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to give each full-time employee $2,000.00 from the ARP funds for Premium Pay during COVID and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Jennifer Clark ask how many employees were paid.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said 52 employees.

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve the police contract to end December 31, 2026.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the police contract to end December 31, 2026 and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. #2022-10 to appoint Chery Shope to the position of Borough Treasurer due to the retirement of Robert Ritchey.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve Resolution No. #2022-10 to appoint Cheryl Shope to the position of Borough Treasurer due to the retirement of Robert Ritchey and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. #2022-11 to apply for a $294,800.00 Commonwealth Financing Authority Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant for a pathway between Portstown Park & the Dog Park.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Fortson to approve Resolution No. #2022-11 to apply for a $294,800.00 Commonwealth Financing Authority Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant for a pathway between Portstown Park & the Dog Park and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

Executive Session was not call for.

President James Bair call on Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

President James Bair call on New Business.

There was nothing reported under New Business.

President James Bair called on the President’s report.

President James Bair thanked all of the borough employees for a job well done and said to show we appreciate them, we gave them a Premium Pay to show this. James said he wanted to thank the police department, fire department and EMS and the volunteers.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff said he had nothing new to report on.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder reported on the following:

1. Volunteers continue to water flowers, pull weeds and mulch at different places in the borough.
2. The 37th Annual Car Cruise was a hugh success and said he was standing at 8th Street and looking down thru the streets, thought it was Mayfest.
3. A lot of positive feedback from people about Bryan Park and the mural done by Matt Speck.
4. Attended the last two Wake-up receptions at the visitors center at the lake to promote downtown Huntingdon. Provided copies of restaurant menus and the events and walking tour calendar.
5. The visitors center is going to produce some advertising materials for the Borough to use at events as part of our membership with them.
6. Held a Coffee with the Mayor event at Wildflower Café and said it was good to talk with people and hear their concerns and compliments.
7. Met with Celine from the conservation district and talked about Lantern Flies and rain barrels.
8. The Thursday morning walking tours sponsored by Huntingdon Landmarks continue to be very popular. This Thursday is urban gardens and will include the private garden at Mutual Benefit Insurance.
9. The painting at the 400 Penn Street building is coming along well. The historic colors look amazing!

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

Kevin Nester had nothing new to report on.

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

Richard Wilson said he will wait until the next Administrative Committee meeting.

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

Chris Stevens said that the Maintenance Department is finishing up on the water line replace on Penn Street.

Chris Stevens said we should be seeing Hawbaker coming in and doing curb-cuts and ADA ramps.

Chris Stevens said that we have received another grant to replace the traffic control signals on Washington Street, Mifflin Street and Moore Street. Chris said we have not received notification to this, but was on the news.

President James Bair called on the Fire Companies report.

Tim Furlong said the expenses for June amounted to $32,589.80 and there were 32 calls.

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 8:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary