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, D. Greg Gutshall, Mike Smith, Betty Quarry, James Grissinger, Joe Thompson, Linda Chambers, Tim Furlong and Dean Harris.

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 or excused:

* 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 (Excused)
* Mayor Thomas Yoder
* Chief of Police Charles Streightiff
* Borough Manager Chris Stevens
* Borough Secretary Richard King

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

Linda Chambers of 1503 Mifflin Street was present to talk about the traffic safety concerns on the corner of 15th & Mifflin Street. Linda went over problems and concerns, goals to make this intersection as safe as possible for everyone, objectives and action steps that need to be taken.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said that she would bring these concerns up at the next public safety committee meeting.

Chief Charles Streightiff said the officers have been up there enforcing the laws.

Mike Smith of 315 11th Street was present to talk about the curb painting not being done at the 11th Street intersection and people parking up to the end and you cannot see when trying to pull out.

Chief Charles Streightiff said that 25% of his report is on enforcement of this situation.

Greg Gutshall was present to talk about support animals and just animals.

Councilman Robert Jackson said that for support animals, there needs to be a doctors slip stating this.

Greg Gutshall talked about his renters and said that animals can do damage to his apartments and if he evicts them they will take him to court.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that so what you are saying is that you want us to change the ordinance to not allow emotional support animals!

Greg Gutshall said he has been coming to the meetings for a follow up on items every month.

Councilman David Fortson said we talk about your items every month and we give you an answer.

President James Bair said we will send you an email or letter on wood burning in the borough.

Greg Gutshall said that he would like to have a copy of the letter sent to the owners of the illegal parked cars.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the owners have 7 days to move the vehicles or they will be cited.

Chief of Police Charles Streightiff said the owners have been notified and are working on this.

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

* Borough Council Meeting – July 19, 2022
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – August 2, 2022
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – August 2, 2022
* Community Development Committee Meeting – August 2, 2022
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – August 2, 2022
* Parks, Recreation & Public Safety Committee Meeting – August 2, 2022
* Administrative Committee Meeting – August 2, 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 on the approval of payment of the August 2022 bills.

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

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

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the July 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.

Chairman Terry Green said the Maintenance Department are doing a wonderful job.

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

Chairman David Quarry said he also wanted to thank the Maintenance Department on the job they are doing.

President James Bair called on the Community Development Committee report.

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to allow the Wine Down Weekend Committee to host their event on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 11:00 AM till 5:00 PM and to close down Washington Street from 8th to 5th Street from 6:00 AM till 6:00 PM.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to all the Wine Down Weekend Committee to host their event on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 11:00 AM till 5:00 PM and to close down Washington Street from 8th to 5th Street from 6:00 AM till 6:00 PM and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to take $1,500.00 from the ARP funds for the Community Center to host a Mental Health Awareness Training Program.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to take $1,500.00 from the ARP funds for the Community Center to host a Mental Health Awareness Training Program and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson said we have received the permits for the Amphitheater and we will be starting on this.

Chairman Robert Jackson said we will be starting on the soft boat launch, and the bulk water station.

Chairman Robert Jackson said we have applied for a grant to make a pathway between Portstown Park and the Dog Park for safety.

Chairman Robert Jackson said we will be having an inspection meeting on the town clock, August 30, 2022.

Chairman Robert Jackson said the second public hearing on CDBG will be held on September 13, 2022.

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown had nothing to report.

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

Chairman David Fortson thanked the borough employees and the public.

Chairman David Fortson said we will be doing some upgrades to the Dog Park.

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to change the Borough Council meeting starting time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM starting in September 2022.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to change the Borough Council meeting starting time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM starting in September and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to increase the current credit card with First National Bank $10,000.00, to get a second credit card for the Isett Community Swimming Pool and to approve a resolution of the above and to have Borough Manager Chris Stevens sign for this.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to increase the current credit card with First National Bank $10,000.00, to get a second credit card for the Isett Community Swimming Pool and to approve a resolution of the above and to have Borough Manager Chris Stevens sign for this. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to approve the Non-Uniform AFSCME Union Contract to run from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2025.

**A motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to approve the Non-Uniform AFSCME Union Contract to run from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2025 and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on Old Business.

Greg Gutshall said that the email address for Councilwoman Brown is wrong on the Borough Website.

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 employee’s and said they are an excellent group and are saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars. James thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff said there were no salvers around this area for junk vehicles. Charles said we have one now. Charles said that some of the vehicles deal with businesses and some have agreements.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder reported that many volunteers continue to care for the flowers throughout town.

Thomas Yoder reported that Susan Penning & Liza Gutshall from the Visitors Bureau have been working with Linda DeArmitt and he to develop a Downtown Huntingdon Marketing plan

Thomas Yoder reported that he is now serving on the Marketing Committee for the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau.

Thomas Yoder said he continues to attend the Wake-up receptions at the visitors center at the lake to promote downtown Huntingdon.

Thomas Yoder said that National Night Out was a great success thanks to Chief Streightiff and Linda DeArmitt. Thomas said we had more vendors and a record crowd in attendance.

Thomas Yoder reported he had “Coffee with the Mayor” event at the Wildflower Café. Thomas said it was good to talk with people and hear their concerns and compliments.

Thomas Yoder said the morning walking tours sponsored by Huntingdon Landmarks continue to be very popular and this Thursday is the last one for the summer.

Thomas Yoder said he attended the Huntingdon Landmarks Board Meeting on Friday, and the painting of the building at 400 Penn Street is pretty much completed. Thomas said they have also renewed the Downtown Huntingdon billboards.

Thomas Yoder reported that “Pack the Park” is this Friday night at Bryan Park with two bands and food trucks. Thomas said the street will be closed.

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

Kevin Nester said he had nothing new to report on.

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

Chris Stevens reported that PennDOT will start their resurfacing project from Route 26 thru Huntingdon to Oneida Township on Monday. Chris said they will start Monday on the ADA curb ramps, then drainage upgrades, then milling and resurfacing. Chris said this project is expected to be completed by mid-October 2022.

Chris Stevens said we have received the 2nd Green Light Go Project Grant and will be replacing the other traffic control signals with radar, LED Lights and controllers.

Chris Stevens reported that the Huntingdon County Conservation District Notice of Termination Approval Letter for the Fourth Street Sewer Separation Permit. Chris said this project is complete.

President James Bair called on Any Other Business.

Jennifer Clark what work is being done on the Blair Building.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said they are in Phase 1, where they will be working on the roof and cleaning out.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary