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

Guest present were Joe Thompson, Linda DeArmitt, Betty Quarry, Stephen Jackson, Katelyn Oser, Keri Aurand, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Aurand and Gary Cramer.

The Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President James Bair at 7:00 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 were present:

President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman David Quarry, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilman Terry Green, Borough Engineer Qian Zhang, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Mayor Thomas Yoder called on Vice-President David Fortson to present the October 2022, Sharon L. Gutshall Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award.

Vice-President David Fortson presented the Sharon L. Gutshall Outstanding Citizen Award Plaque after his speech to Ted Aurand.

Ted Aurand then gave kind words of the people that has helped him throughout the years and how great it was to work with the kids.

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

There were no comments made by the guest present.

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

* Borough Council Meeting – September 20, 2022
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – October 4, 2022
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – October 4, 2022
* Community Development Committee Meeting – October 4, 2022
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – October 4, 2022
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – October 4, 2022
* Administrative Committee Meeting – October 4, 2022

**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 the October 2022 bills.

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the September 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.

Chairman Terry Green had nothing to report.

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

Chairman David Quarry reported the Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to sell 11,694 Nitrogen Credits currently from the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of $2.75 per credit.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens explained the Nitrogen Credits to everyone and said that our plant was doing great. Chris said there are plants that are over their permits on Nitrogen Credits and can buy these from other plants to offset this so not to get a fine from DEP.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to sell the Nitrogen Credits at a cost of $2.75 per credit and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

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 to take place on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to allow the Wine Down Weekend to take place on Saturday, September 2, 2023 and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-15 pertaining to Fair Housing.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-15 pertaining to Fair Housing and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-16 pertaining to the Section 3 Plan.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-16 pertaining to the Section 3 Plan and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-17 pertaining to Statement of Goals, National Program for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Executive Order 11625.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-17 pertaining to Statement of Goals, National Program for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Executive Order 11625. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-18 authorizing the submission of the 2022 CDBG Grant application.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve and sign Resolution No.: 2022-18 authorizing the submission of the 2022 CDBG Grant application and second was made by Vide-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson said the Mental Health Training at the Community Center will be held on December 9, 2022 from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM.

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 reported the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommends a motion to all Jill Palmer to build and place a Little Free Library at Bryan Park.

Linda DeArmitt ask where was this going to be placed.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said it will be behind the right side food truck area.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to allow Jill Palmer to build and place a Little Free Library at Bryan Park and second was made by Councilman David Quarry. Motion Carried.**

Chairman David Fortson reported the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommends a motion to give the Isett Community Swimming Pool employees an incentive of $4,000.00 to be split amount themselves for a great year.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to give the Isett Community Swimming Pool employees and incentive of $4,000.00 to be split among themselves for a great year 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 dissolve, terminate, seek tax clearances, check on liens, file documents and to open a separate checking account for Mayfest.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to dissolve, terminate, seek tax clearances, check on liens, file documents and to open a separate checking account for Mayfest and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. 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 thank all the borough employees, Fire, Police and Ambulance personnel.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff reported we have received the Body Armor.

Charles Streightiff commended the 911 Dispatchers, Officer Kagarise and Officer Franks on an incident that happened here in the Borough with a person. Charles said they were quick and efficient in their response. Charles said this person was involved in a crash and is being brought back here.

Charles Streightiff said he has completed the grant and was submitted on the 12th of October.

Charles Streightiff introduced Brandon McGrath as our co-respondent person on Mental Health cases and said he has saved us valuable time already.

Brandon McGraft then spoke about himself and what he does.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder said the United Way Day of Caring projects in the borough made such a big difference. Thomas said the students did an outstanding job and got to experience the rewards of doing community service and giving back to their community.

Thomas Yoder reported the CMA Church over this past weekend, had spread mulch in the parks and cleaned up and weeded the 7th Street parking lot. Thomas said their willingness to do community service projected is much appreciated.

Thomas Yoder said a few of us had attended the HCB&I dinner where they had showcased the new “Discover Downtown Huntingdon” map. Thomas said this map will be shared throughout the region.

Thomas Yoder said we continue to work on the Borough’s website, making it more user friendly and helpful to visitors to our town.

Thomas Yoder said he and Borough Manager Chris Stevens has met with PennDOT in an effort to get more appropriate directional signage to the borough and specifically to our historic downtown.

Thomas Yoder said he attended the HCB&I marketing meeting where they discussed strategies to fully implement “Discover Downtown Huntingdon” and other upcoming local projects.

Thomas Yoder said h attended a breakfast at the Visitor’s Center where they had met travel writers and other regional tourist promoters to share information about Huntingdon Borough and this beautiful region.

Thomas Yoder said he was sad to say the Octoberfest downtown was a washout with lots of rain, yet lots of fun was had by those who attended.

Thomas Yoder called on Linda DeArmitt for her comments on this.

Linda DeArmitt said that even thou it rained, there were more people this year than last year.

Linda DeArmitt said she will be meeting with business downtown to see what events they would like to see.

Linda DeArmitt said she wants to bring back the Merchants group.

Linda DeArmitt said she will be working on decorating the meters outside the stores.

Linda DeArmitt said she want to work on having an Ice Festival.

Linda DeArmitt said she has spent a lot of time speaking to the business owners.

President James Bair called on the Borough Engineers report.

Qian Zhang went over the report with the committee, talking about the outfall at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Bulk Water Station, Amphitheater, Traffic Signal Modernization.

Qian Zhang said they will be working on deciding the next Combined Sewer replacement project.

Qian Zhang said that Kevin Johnston is working on the Drought Contingency Plan.

President James Bair called on the Borough Solicitors report.

Richard Wilson said there will be 13 Judicial sales in the borough.

Richard Wilson said he has sent a letter to the owner of Walmart to flush their fire hydrants because of water pressure concerns.

President James Bair called on the Borough Managers report.

Chris Stevens spoke on the CDBG-CV (Covid) of $60,100.00 and will be placing a park set for 12 years and under at Portstown Park and Exercise equipment for older kids.

Chris Stevens reported we have received the Phase 2 Traffic Signal Modernization grant of $256,800.00 for the 6 other traffic signal areas. Chris said when this is done, all the traffic signals will be new.

Chris Stevens then spoke about Ted Aurand saying he knew him when he had lived in the area. Chris said that Ted has changed more kids minds then we know of.

President James Bair called on Any Other Business.

Councilman David Fortson said he wanted to thank the CMA Church for the wonderful job they done at the Weaver Park. David said it is beautiful.

President James Bair then read over the upcoming events.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary