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

Guest present were Linda Goodman, Gary Cramer, Daniel Peightal, Cloyd Honstine, Sherri Honstine, Joseph Thompson, James Grissinger, Tim Furlong, Linda DeArmitt, 2 Juniata College Students and John Kenyon.

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.

Members present were 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, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Mayor Thomas Yoder presented the Sharon L. Gutshall Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award for February 2023 to Mr. John Kenyon.

Mayor Thomas Yoder reported John has served on the Borough Water & Sewer Authority for over 40 years.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said the John retired a Huntingdon businessman and has served his community well. John’s dedication and commitment to Huntingdon Borough is commendable.

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

Linda Goodman said she was a homeowner at 15th & Moore for years and the changing of 15th Street to a one-way was because of accidents.

Sherri Honstine said she was going to say about the accidents also.

Cloyd Honstine said there needs to be better lighting on these streets or kids are going to get hit.

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

* Borough Council Meeting – January 17, 2023
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023
* Community Development Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023
* Administrative Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023

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

President James Bair called for the approval of payment of the February 2023 bills.

**A motion was made to approve the payment of the February 2023 bills and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the approval of the January 2023 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to approve the January 2023 Financial Statements for all borough accounts and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Committee reports.

Maintenance Committee

Chairman Terry Green reported the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to have Spring Clean-up in April, with the setting of items out, Friday, April 14th thru Sunday, April 16th, with pickup of items Monday, April 17th thru Friday, April 23rd.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to have Spring Clean-up in April, with the setting of items out, Friday, April 14th thru Sunday, April 16th, with pickup of items Monday, April 17th thru Friday, April 23rd and second was made by Councilwoman Jennifer Powell. Motion Carried.**

Water & Sewer Committee

Chairman David Quarry reported the Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve Jaime Catanese as Huntingdon Borough Sewage Enforcement Officer.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown to approve Jaime Catanese as Huntingdon Borough Sewage Enforcement Officer and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman David Quarry reported the Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve the reimbursement to a resident at 1330 Mifflin Street for their washer & dryer that was ruined by the water main break on 14th Street.

**A motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to reimburse the residents of 1330 Mifflin Street for their washer & dryer that was ruined by the water main break on 14th Street and second was made by Councilwoman Jennifer Powell. Motion Carried.**

Community Development

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve the closing of the streets on Washington Street for Mayfest on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

**A motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to approve the closing of the streets on Washington Street for Mayfest and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Community Development Committee recommends a motion to get rid of the bikes in the basement of the Borough Building to someone that can fix them up or trash them.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to get rid of the bikes in the basement of the Borough Building to someone that can fix them up or trash them and second was made by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Robert Jackson ask Linda DeArmitt if she wanted to talk about St. Patrick’s Day.

Linda DeArmitt said this is not until Friday, March 17th, and they are still working on it.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said they have a meeting with the merchants tomorrow at 1:00 PM to discuss this and to set this up and will have information for the next committee meeting day.

Chairman Robert Jackson reported the Huntingdon County Planning and Development is planning a movie night at Bryan Park with food on Friday, June 16th.

Chairman Robert Jackson said we have 2 Juniata College students here and they are working on a glass recycling project. These students will be gather results and want to apply for a grant.

Public Safety

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown reported the Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to approve Ordinance No.2023-980 to amend sections 15-903 and 15-907 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon to designate Fifteenth Street from Mifflin Street to Oneida Street as a two-way street, and, designate stop signs intersections along Fifteenth Street.

Gary Cramer questioned the reason for this change.

President James Bair said we have been talking about this for a while. James said this will relieve pressure off of 14th Street. James said there are accidents on every block in town.

Gary Cramer ask if we were going to paint back further for vehicles to see.

President James Bair said yes, we were going to paint back further so people can see at the corners.

Linda DeArmitt said that trucks can now make the turn off of Mifflin Street and go straight to the Weis Market.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said we have been discussing this and it was not just a decision, and there are people happy to see this.

Vice-President David Fortson said to look at the statistics on accidents from 12th Street to 14th Street.

President James Bair said we will be looking at the lighting situation on 15th Street.

**A motion was made by Councilman Robert Jackson to approve Ordinance No. 2023-980 to amend sections 15-903 and 15-907 of the code of the Borough of Huntingdon to designate Fifteenth Street from Mifflin Street to Oneida Street as a two-way street, and, designate stop signs intersections along Fifteenth Street and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson.**

**President James Bair called for a roll call vote on this.**

 **President James Bair Yes
 Vice-President David Fortson Yes
 Councilman Robert Jackson Yes
 Councilman David Quarry No
 Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown Yes
 Councilman Terry Green Yes
 Councilwoman Jennifer Powell Yes**

**Borough Secretary Richard King reported the roll call vote was 6 Yes and 1 No. Motion Carried.**

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said we need to inform the people that this is going to happen and there will be new stop signs in place.

Parks, Recreation & Public Property

Chairman David Fortson had nothing to report.

Administrative

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to allow the Huntingdon County Courthouse, during their courthouse roof renovation project to use the Borough Council Room and Borough Conference Room for their Tax Sale on May 22nd, and, Criminal Trial dates of July 11th thru July 18th; and September 12th thru September 19th.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to allow the Huntingdon County Courthouse, during their courthouse roof renovation project to use the Borough Council Room and Borough Conference Room for their Tax Sale on May 22nd, Criminal Trials dates of July 11th thru July 18th; and September 12th thru September 19th and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

Chairman James Bair reported the Administrative Committee recommends a motion to change the Tuesday, July 4th committee meeting date to Monday, July 10th.

**A motion was made by Councilman David Quarry to change the July 4th committee meeting date to Monday, July 10th and second by Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown. Motion Carried.**

Executive Session was not called for.

President James Bair called on old business.

Nothing was reported under old business.

President James Bair called on new business.

Nothing was reported under new business.

President James Bair called on the President’s report.

President James Bair thanked all of the Borough employee’s, EMS, Fire Department, Police, and 1st responders.

President James Bair said everyone was busy with fire’s last week in Huntingdon, Oneida Township and the southern end of the county.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police Report.

Chief Charles Streightiff said he has been in touch with the PCCD grant and wanting clarity on this. Charles said he will have a full report for next month committee meeting.

Chief Charles Streightiff said February 15th, was National School Resource Officers day and wanted to commend Adam McBride on this.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder said the Huntingdon Borough Website now includes an interactive map of the downtown business district which includes businesses throughout the Borough as well. Thomas said it provides links to business websites, Facebook pages, and offers directions to the business location.

Thomas Yoder reported the Vice-President David Fortson, events coordinator Linda DeArmitt and he attended the ribbon cutting at the new “Love It” business in the former Laney’s Feed Mill.

Thomas Yoder reported the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau has begun distributing the 2023 Visitors guide.

Thomas Yoder said he has been attending the Huntingdon County History & Heritage Roundtable meetings.

Thomas Yoder reported he has spoken at a political science class at Juniata College a couple weeks ago. Thomas said the class is working on a project to encourage students to venture downtown and better utilize the business district. Thomas said they are examining transportation issues, possible incentives, and innovate ways to encourage students to Discover our Historic Downtown.

Thomas Yoder said as an HCB&I Board member, he had the opportunity to take a ride on the East Broad Top Railroad last Friday morning. Thomas said the #16 steam engine is back on track and drawing large crowds.

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 Solicitor’s report.

Richard Wilson said he had nothing new to report on.

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

Chris Stevens said if you go up to where the Amphitheater will be, you will see 2 rows of seating in place.

Chris Stevens said we should be receiving drawings on the Amphitheater and will be pouring concrete for this in a couple of weeks.

Chris Stevens spoke on the timeline for the 6th Street Parking Lot CDBG project and are as follows:

* Design and Bid Documents 3/6/2023
* Out to bid 3/7/2023
* Advertisement 3/7/2023 & 3/14/2023
* Prebid Meeting 3/16/2023 @ 10:00 AM
* Receive and open bids 3/30/2023
* Award bid at Commissioners meeting 4/4/2023
* Notice to proceed 5/2/2023
* Start Construction 5/15/2023
* Finish Construction 8/15/2023

President James Bair called on any other business.

Vice-President David Fortson thanked all of the visitors that came here to talk about their issues.

Linda Goodman, speaking about the Blair Building, said there are residents that were in the Blair Building that would like to have a brick from this building.

President James Bair said that we have 2 loads of bricks and we will be talking about this next month about what we want to do with these and how to handle them.

President James Bair said he would like to use some of these bricks for a memorial item placed by the Blair Building property.

A Juniata College student said they are doing a survey on biking and getting downtown.

President James Bair said we have a bike route on Susquehanna Avenue that we just paved and will be placing lines, stop signs etc.

After no further business, President James Bair adjourned the Borough Council meeting at 7:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary