Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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

Guest present were Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer, Tim Furlong, Dave Quarry, Betty Quarry and Joe Thompson.

President James Bair called the Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Thomas Yoder gave the invocation.

President James Bair presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Richard King and the following were present: President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman David Wessels, Councilwoman DeeDee Brown, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Borough Engineer Andy Glitzer, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

President James Bair called on the Sharon L. Gutshall Award.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that due to circumstances we will not have one tonight and will be doing 2 next month.

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

There were no comments made by the guest present.

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

* Borough Council Meeting – January 16, 2024
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024
* Community Development Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024
* Administrative Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024

**Motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to approve the above meeting minutes and second was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair said we will now approve the payment of the February 2024 bills.

**Motion was made by Councilman David Wessels to approve the payment of the February 2024 bills and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair said we will now approve the January 2024 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

**Motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to approve the January 2024 Financial Statements for all borough accounts and second was made by Councilman David Wessels.**

President James Bair said we will now have the committee reports.

President James Bair called on the Maintenance Committee report.

In Terry Green’s absence, President James Bair said the Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to approve the payment #2 to KLA in the amount of $48,770.04 for the amphitheater project.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to approve payment #2 to KLA in the amount of $48,770.04 for the amphitheater project and second was made by Vice-President David Fortson. Motion Carried.**

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

Chairman Robert Jackson asked Borough Manager Chris Stevens if he was going to talk about the Supervisors job at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that you can or he will.

President James Bair called on the Community Development Committee report.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell said there is a motion on the agenda, that she would like to table until we get the official contract for the FM Radio Station.

**Motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to table the motion on the agenda until we receive the official contract for the FM Radion Station and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Chairwoman DeeDee Brown said that she had nothing to report on.

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 sign a Resolution for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant for the Rehabilitation of Weaver Community Park Project.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to sign the Resolution for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant for the Rehabilitation of Weaver Community Park Project and second was made by Councilwoman Jennifer Powell. Motion Carried.**

Jennifer Clark asked what will this grant be spent on for the Rehabilitation of Weaver Community Park Project.

Vice-President David Fortson said it will be used to update the playground equipment at the park.

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

Chairman James Bair said that he wants to thank the borough employee’s, police department, fire department and EMS personnel for the job they are doing and helping keep the borough safe.

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 Presidents report.

James Bair said that he wants to thank everyone that comes to a Borough Council meeting.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff said that he had nothing new to report on.

President James Bair called on the Mayors report.

Thomas Yoder then gave his report.

1. The Borough accompanied Juniata College to the state capital to seek support for the Moore Street / Cold Springs road realignment project, as well as a large sidewalk installation project near the stadium and Weaver Park. Tom said we met with PennDOT, DCED, and the Governor’s office.
2. Attended the Huntingdon County Visitors’ Bureau strategic planning retreat at Raystown Lake. It was a great opportunity to connect and plan for the future. A lot of very helpful information was disseminated.
3. The Chamber of Commerce held an after-hours event at the Buffalo Skills business downtown. It was very well attended and a great addition to our business district.
4. Spoke to two Juniata College classes recently. One class was focused on borough/borough police relations and the other was a discussion on effective leadership.
5. An information video on the Huntingdon County 911 Center, created by Jay Shuck, is now available for viewing on the Borough Website.
6. Attended the Huntingdon Landmarks annual retreat to do strategic planning and to refocus our efforts. It was a very productive afternoon.
7. Appointed to the marketing committee of HCB&I.
8. Borough met with Dr. Chris Grant and his students from Juniata College who are working on a project to label stormwater drains in the borough, with a fish stencil, indicating that this drains directly into waterways like the Muddy Run or the Juniata River.
9. Jim Bair, DeeDee Brown and I attended the ribbon cutting at Jake’s Restaurant on 9th Street last Thursday. The food is excellent, please give them a try.

President James Bair called on the Borough Engineers report.

Andy Glitzer said he had nothing new to report on.

President James Bair called on the Borough Solicitors report.

Richard Wilson said he had nothing to report on.

President James Bair called on the Borough Managers report

Chris Stevens said that what Robert Jackson was talking about, is that Roger Shaffer is going to retire, and Bryan Borger will be the new supervisor.

Chris Stevens said that we had posted applications for 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant positions and the last day to receive these were last Friday and these applications are being reviewed.

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 7:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary