

Minutes and proceedings of the meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana.

Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a public hearing at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:30 p.m. on October 17, 2016.

#### **2017 BUDGET ADOPTION – ORDINANCE 2016-13**

Diane Burton stated tonight I would like to recommend that we adopt the ordinance from what was presented last month. Ordinance 2016-13 states: Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates. Be it ordained by the Hope Town Council that for the expenses of Hope Civil Town for the year ending December 31, 2017 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Hope Civil Town, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. The adoption date will be tonight, October 17, 2016. The breakdown of the funds are: Rainy Day \$29,450. General Fund is \$557,116. The adopted tax levy is \$290,018. The adopted tax rate is .8588. Local Roads and Streets is \$65,835. Motor Vehicle Highway is \$157,200. Cumulative Capital Improvements is \$63,500, Cumulative Capital Development is \$69,872. The adopted tax levy is \$19,866. The adopted tax rate is .05. Economic Develop Income Tax is \$249,300 for a total of 1,192.273. The Home-Ruled Funds will be the Riverboat is \$35,000. **Greg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-13 for the 2017 Budget Adoption. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

The public hearing adjourned at 5:37.

Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a called meeting at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:37 p.m. on October 17, 2016.

A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following council members: Clyde Compton (President), Jonathan Titus (Vice-President), Jerry Bragg, Greg Sims and Ohmer Miller. Clerk Treasurer, Diane Burton was also present.

The prayer was given by Jonathan Titus.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Clyde Compton.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Minutes 8/15/16**

**Jonathan made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 4/0. 1 abstain.**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS**

**Greg made a motion for the approval of the claims. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Diane Burton stated I also have a claim that needs to have a separate motion for Strand and Associates because it is disbursed from SRF Funds. The total amount is \$32,227.96. Contract administration is \$7,476.00 of that and Professional Personnel is \$24,751.96. It is for August service. **Jonathan made a motion for the approval of the Strand claim. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

##### **Town Hall**

Eric Frey, ARA, stated there is a meeting that is tentatively scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> with the architect from RQAW at 10:00 a.m. with town personnel. The hope is still that we will be able to work through the process of trying to secure some loan and grant funding for this. I know Trena is looking at USDA Rural Development funding for that.

##### **Hope Main Street**

Eric Frey stated the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant was submitted September 30<sup>th</sup>. It passed threshold review. The Initial review of whether all the documents were complete and sent in in a timely manner, those met the threshold. Now they will be reviewing it for scoring card and how it competes from that aspect. Hopefully we will hear something in the next thirty or so days.

##### **Hope Volunteer Fire Department**

Eric Frey stated Trena has been working with the Hope Volunteer Fire Department, working with Chad Emmitt, reapplying for a grant to purchase some protective equipment. The grant cycle just opened so it doesn't close until November 18<sup>th</sup>. She will be working on it probably up to that point. Clyde asked for clarification on protective equipment. Randy Wood answered SCBA equipment. Ours are ancient and outdated. Eric stated the nice thing is because of your size I think the match is only 5%. It's a heck of an opportunity to go after these dollars. It's really competitive, I know. A lot of our communities go for it and don't get it. In this case I think it's worth trying. Clyde asked about the Owner Occupied Rehab grant. Clyde asked if that is something we still qualify for. Eric confirmed. Eric stated another grant round is May or June of 2017. We would love to do that program. It's such a feel good program. It's the Owner Occupied Rehab Program. If you own your home and income qualify, we can do things such as roof, air conditioning. We've also included some aging in place so we can do ramps, walk-in showers or grab bars. The hope is that if we do some of those amenities, those improvements, you can stay in your house a little bit longer as you age in place. If you are interested, we will definitely put something together and I'll have a timeline laid out so we can look at doing that. Clyde stated we are interested.

#### **WATER PROJECT UPDATE**

Steve Robertson with Strand stated the water project is still ongoing. I know you haven't seen equipment running around town but we are working through the final plot of these as built. We're waiting on one control valve to come in to finish up the 600 north. There will be a crew here tomorrow to fix the pavement striping, the handicapped parking stuff here at the intersection of Main Street and Jackson Street. We do know they have been told about coming back to do some asphalt repair work. According to the contract, they have until mid-November before the first completion milestone so they are still within the limits of the contract at this time. Ohmer asked Steve if they have identified any particular areas that need repaired. Steve confirmed and went through the list of streets scheduled to



be repaired. Ohmer asked how long it will take for the repair work to be done. Steve answered all of that work can probably be done in one or two days. They have not submitted for substantial completion yet. The punch list or the clock hasn't started. They are still under the contract terms. Ryan Mackos stated Lykins has submitted a pay application for work that is completed as of the end of September. They are asking for \$174,532.90. **Jonathan made motion that we approve that pay application as presented. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **SEWER LINING PROJECT**

Ryan Mackos stated Insituform has gotten started. They have their investigation subcontractors on site over the last month or so. They got their preconstruction video completed. Everything above ground in the event that they would be impacting anything above ground. They have also done the investigation of the sewers themselves at this point. They are now starting to figure out point repairs and basically know what is going on there. Once the point repairs have been completed that's when they will be ready to come in and do the lining. We don't know when the lining will be occurring at this point in time. By contract they have until April but that was just set up basically allowing them to be able to fit things in whenever would be easiest for them to be able to get a better price on the project. I know they submitted a pay application for the preconstruction video at this point in time, for everything that was done above ground. That was with your claims. David asked what is the date for point repair. Ryan answered in the contract it is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **154 ELM STREET**

JT Doane stated we opened up the bidding process on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We had one bid come in on the property. That bid had a threshold number of \$4,800.00. That was the only bid we received. There were some other phone calls and some others that indicated interest but that was the only bid that came in. Based on that bid and looking over some of the other figures, the cost to remove the house and any other out buildings was about \$5,000. Obviously since that time we have done mowing to maintain the property. It would my recommendation, I would ask the council to authorize me to proceed forward to at least looking at the potential to have a broker to formally list the property to see if there is a likelihood that we could receive some other interest and perhaps cover our expense of removing the property and also to take into account the mowing that we've done. **Greg made a motion to proceed with JT recommendation. Ohmer seconded.** Greg asked if we got an appraisal on the property. JT answered Cindy and I worked very diligently through the statute and what we need to do, we got two comparative analysis. We did not have to incur cost of having an appraisal done. Interestingly one was on a lower end. It was around \$4500 to \$4800 on the property. The other one was all the way up to \$11,000. We definitely had a wide range based on that comparative analysis. I feel we should at least go through the efforts to see if by chance we can get some other interest and cover more of our costs. Jonathan requested JT be in contact with the bidder so he is aware of the status. JT confirmed. **Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **INDOT COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT**

JT Doane stated yet this week I have three paving companies coming out to give some bids. I have O'Mara Paving, Robertson Paving and also Milestone coming out this week to give us a quote on both of those two grant applications that we were awarded with INDOT back in August. Based on those quotes then obviously that will be a topic at the next meeting. Two of the paving companies have said that they



feel like they could potentially get this paving completed yet this year. INDOT understood that given the fact that the grant wasn't approved until August, they obviously knew that there could be a likelihood that it will be something to be on next year's completion. The one thing that came up when our Clerk Treasurer and I attended a meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at INDOT, there is a process that we have to go through to initiate this. After we get these quotes in, this week I will be submitting a letter to INDOT basically indicating that we are ready to proceed forward. One thing that they mentioned was that after this project is completed, they will also be sending someone out to various communities to be sure the work was done and that it is also done up to an appropriate standard. Something that I spoke to Strand about was their willingness to be involved with that much like how involved Steve Robertson has been with the water project. The one thing I will comment to the council and potentially ask for a motion from you is to authorize Strand to be involved in this paving. One of their associates, Mark Rape indicated just from looking at the initial figures with the plan, he feels it would not exceed a cost of \$6,600. It will be a part of our general services agreement. He felt it would be less. I feel it would be advantageous for us to have Strand conduct this. Ohmer asked so bottom line JT if we have Strand involved in this and there is a problem, Strand is on the hook. Steve answered we will be out in front. Everything has to be ADA compliant. So we do an evaluation of the areas where the paving is going to occur. If we needed to, develop plans. Steve went through the process. Steve stated they will be designed according to INDOT's standards. In that quote someone from our company will come up and meet with the contractor at the beginning, make sure they are using the proper materials and they understand the limits of what they are doing. We'll talk to them about traffic control. Kind of have a little preconstruction meeting with them. Then occasionally check in to make sure they're doing what they said they were going to do. That they are using the material they said they were going to use. JT is correct in the fact that if INDOT comes back in and says you didn't do ramps, now you have to fix everything or we're going to take your money away. You don't want that to happen. Some of this is a little bit of preventative engineering upfront. Ohmer stated you will make sure it's compliant. Steve stated we are going to design something that will be compliant and the contractor will build what we design. That is something we will need to get to working on right away with those contractors because if it's two ramps or if it's twenty, we don't know until we go out and look at it. Discussion. JT stated that Strand's cost will be a separate cost. I would rather be proactive and have Strand come out and be a part of this process from beginning to completion to make sure when INDOT comes out to observe the project, that they're happy when they leave Hope. We want to apply for 17 and 18 as well so that will show them the due diligence on our part. I want to make sure this is done right. Clyde asked if this cost will be covered with the grant. JT stated it will not. Diane added it should be able to be disbursed from the LOIT funds we received or we can pay Strand's fee from Local Roads and Streets. **Greg made a motion to approve Strands services. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **PAULA POLLITT ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATES**

JT Doane stated I just want to give an update from our last council meeting. I made a recommendation to the council to make the old well house that we have on Jackson Street the new Town of Hope Paula A. Pollitt Memorial Animal Shelter. I know David and his utilities team has done extensive work getting the ground work prepared around the building. We had an electrician out to get the electrical boxes up to date. They took out some old lights. Robin and Lisa Hughes painted the building. It looks great. They put gray paint on it. The outside has been painted. The floor has been painted. The next step is the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>, Brian Greenlee will be here to actually start the build out process which will be



laying some concrete pads on the outside, cutting out some areas for some dog doors, the fencing for the kennels and the building will also get a new roof. It will have air conditioning and a heating unit all inside as well. I am also pleased to report that our Clerk Treasurer, Diane Burton, has spoken with a member of Ms. Pollitt's family. There was obviously an excitement that we were doing this. Once we reach the point, the unveiling of this, has indicated she will be here as well. We also confirmed what Ms. Pollitt's favorite color was so the sign we put on the shelter, we are going to try to outline the sign or the letters with her favorite color. Definitely we plan on having a nice ceremony once we reach that point.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **SALARY ORDINANCE**

Diane Burton stated I wanted to get a little bit earlier start on the salary ordinance because there are more changes to it this year than we have done in the past. I did make the changes on the ranges to reflect the information that we received from the market analysis done by New Focus HR. I highlighted on the ordinance the spots where I need additional information. The first one is the council pay to see if you want to go with what was recommended by New Focus HR. I know Clyde has previously asked me if it was included in the 2017 Budget. Yes, it has been. I think there was only one town that allowed extra for the council president. Personally, I feel like that is a good thing to have in there. Greg asked what the timeframe was for the salary ordinance for approval. Diane answered it will need to be passed by December. We will need to do a first and second reading. Greg recommended we have a working session rather than tie up the normal scheduled meeting. The council agreed. The working session was scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>. Clyde asked Diane to summarize the survey for the public present at the meeting. Diane stated we did hire New Focus HR to do an analysis to see where the town of Hope fell in comparison to other towns that are about our size in population as well as our net assessed value. She did the comparison based on World at Work and with that came up with a minimum, a maximum and a midpoint for the town. I feel this was very helpful for us and for the council to be able to see with the salary ordinance where salaries may need to be adjusted. Diane continued to review the rest of the ordinance of the sections that needed to be considered at the working session. Diane stated for the Clerk Treasurer, something that is different is they actually have a range on the market analysis. In the past you have always just set that amount. Do you want to include the range and just make a motion for the amount or just keep it as it is? On the Town Manager, Clyde requested it be changed back to what the council put in place as far as the maximum. That did reflect in this salary ordinance. Something that needs clarified is with the Superintendent and the Marshal position, who do you want to actually set that salary. You guys will obviously set the range with the salary ordinance. Do you want to JT to actually set those salaries? The Animal Control Officer is a big change in the fact that we are changing that position to an hourly. The budget reflected an \$8.00 per hour. Do you guys want this to be listed as a range or since this is such a big change, do you want to just set an amount? The budget was based on that amount and averaging six months at eighteen hours per week and six months an average of ten hours per week. The only other thing is what you want to do with the Building and Zoning and if you want that to be a recommendation from JT or how do you want to handle that.

##### **METER INSTALLATION AGREEMENT**

Diane Burton stated I do have a meter installation agreement between the town of Hope and the Hope Volunteer Fire Department for a sewer tap in the amount of \$750.00. That is for the new fire



department on Aiken Street. Jonathan made a motion to approve the meter installation agreement. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

#### **EDIT REQUESTS**

Clyde Compton stated we had two EDIT requests. The first one is from Barb Johnson with the Yellow Trail Museum pertaining to Christmas of Yesteryear. The request is for additional decorations, additional lights. Their initial requests was for \$500. The EDIT Committee approved \$750 with the understanding that the lights and stuff will be taken down in a proper frame of time this year. It was not done last year. We have approved \$750 unanimously to the Christmas of Yesteryear. Jonathan agreed and stated as he looked through their paperwork, he also felt more should be given to them. Clyde stated it is a very important event to this community, to the children. Motion carries 5/0.

Clyde stated the second request we had is from Dave Miller for the Goodies Goblins and Ghosts Stories event. The request is for pumpkins, decorations, tent rental and miscellaneous. They are going to have story tellers come in and talk to children this Friday. They are going to have Trunk or Treat. There is going to be a parade of the children dressed up. It used to be done by another group. He's taking this on himself. He requested \$700.00. We unanimously granted him \$750. Motion carries 5/0.

#### **HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**

Matt Tallent stated Halloween is going to be in a couple of weeks. I wanted to inform the council we are setting our trick treat hours from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Columbus and Edinburgh's trick or treat hours are on the same day. Clyde asked if we still pass out candy here. Matt confirmed.

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

JT Doane stated the Emergency Services committee is one we have had here for quite some time. A discussion that I had with our Council President, when we started looking at this committee and what its platform is, I made a recommendation. I am going to ask the council to dissolve the committee as it was. I have spoken to those who were on the committee about this new platform going forward. This new Emergency Services Committee would consist of many local, surrounding communities. Not only fire departments but our local marshal offices as well. Last Wednesday, and I appreciate our Fire Chief Randy Woods for bringing me to Columbus, I attended the Fire Chief's meeting to make a presentation for this potential committee that I will be recommending to you this evening. I am pleased to report that we got roughly fourteen members that have confirmed. Of those I have: Harrison Township Fire Department, Wayne Township Fire Department, SWFD, Elizabethtown Fire, Hartsville Fire, Clay Township, another member from Elizabethtown, a Bartholomew County Fire Inspector, obviously our own Hope Fire Department, German Township, Wayne Township. There are a couple that I haven't had a chance to get ahold of. Our Hartsville Town Marshal's office, our Clifford's Town Marshal's office, our Elizabeth's Town Marshal's office have all confirmed as well. Right now we have fourteen surrounding groups that have committed to this committee and think it's a great idea. What this committee will do is one, many may not know but Bartholomew County has an emergency plan. Some of these individuals that I have spoken to knew it was out there but they didn't have a copy of it. I feel that is something that is important for us all to have. JT gave some examples of situations that would need a plan of action. JT stated one thing I plan on doing is to have an initial meeting yet this year. Make sure everyone has a copy of the emergency plan that our county has devised. The other would be to sit down as a group and



discuss and develop a plan where we all can unify as one to help. The other special part of this is, serving on the Advisory Council for the Emergency Operations Group in Bartholomew County, one thing they have asked me to do is put together a spreadsheet and submit needs that we have here in town so when monies come in and are available or potential grants would come up that an area could utilize, they are aware of the needs. I will be willing to submit this not only for the Town of Hope but also surrounding towns. It would be on a spreadsheet to where I could somewhat be the conduit between these areas and the county with this Emergency Operations Group. I recommend to our Council President that we dissolve the Emergency Services Committee as it was and create an Emergency Services Committee going forward with the platform that I discussed. Clyde suggested David Clouse, our Utility Superintendent, be added to the committee. Clyde stated I went to the meeting with JT. They totally have it together. Their Utility Superintendent was part of it and should be. I think this is a tremendous situation. It not only brings all these small townships together and gives them some help if needed, it will draw everybody closer together and working together. Once this gets going if it saves one life down the line, it's worth it. Clyde stated I dissolve the membership of the original Emergency Safety Board. I am going to appoint JT to head this up and then you will be the liaison to the county.

#### **EXCESSIVE WATER LEAK – ORDINANCE 2016-14**

JT Doane stated I emailed a copy of the ordinance. This is moving forward from our last council meeting where we had an issue arise with an excessive water bill that was based on an excessive leak that someone was not aware of for quite some time. In our discussions in our last council meeting, you wanted to make sure we were consistent and so from that meeting you authorized David and I to give this some thought and develop a plan going forward. From that came this ordinance regarding an excessive water bill. Under section 9-95 Excessive Water Leaks states: Any adjustment is discretionary from the Utilities Superintendent, Clerk Treasurer and/or Town Manager based on circumstances pertinent to origin and duration of water leak. In the event there is a determination made to allow an adjustment, said adjustment to bill will be extended and payments allotted over a twelve month period. In an event that there is a determination made to not allow an adjustment, there is an opportunity to present the matter to the Town Council. This language is consistent with not only what we determined at the last council meeting but it is my understanding it is consistent with what you have done in the past as well. In an event a bill comes in that meets that criteria, the determination can be made by Utility Superintendent, Clerk Treasurer or Town Manager and as a result of that, payments can be divided over a twelve month period or in an event that it is determined that it does not meet that criteria, the residents still have the opportunity to come before you as a council to present their claim as to why they feel it should be. I present this to the council and ask that we proceed forward with this amendment to the ordinance to add this portion. Ohmer asked do you have some sort of calculation to determine what you feel like is an excessive water leak. JT stated no because each circumstance whether it be a home or a business could be different based on when it's found, based on the amount of usage. No, I do not have a set calculation. Ohmer stated I think there should be some sort of calculation in place so there will be some consistency in valuing that. I'm not sure how you would determine that. Discussion. Clyde stated to me we are leaving to David's discretion. It goes to David and JT. If they both agree it's a legitimate water leak, then they grant. If they don't and they still don't like it, they can come before the council before they shut their water off. Jonathan questioned including the Clerk Treasurer. David stated he requested the Clerk Treasurer be listed and Debbie works for Diane. That splits the decision between financial and operations. Jonathan stated he likes splitting it up because people



change in positions. **Jonathan made a motion to treat this as first reading of the ordinance as presented. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **IPEP GRANT**

JT stated before you is this IPEP Grant which I will refer to David momentarily to articulate further but this grant is for this box which will help us be compliant with OSHA regulations and trenches deeper than four feet. This grant stands the potential to be up to an 80% grant. The application is due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. David has prepared this application. We will submit it. The target listed in the application states we will know by December 31<sup>st</sup> whether we receive the 80% or a portion therein. If we receive the 80%, our funds that we will have to put toward this box will be the \$1,946.00. David stated we are talking about a trench box. If we are digging deeper than four feet, we have to have something like this to be compliant with OSHA regulations. David expanded on the need and use of the trench box. David stated this grant is something new where they put out grants for safety equipment. Not too many grants are up to an 80% match. The only question I don't have filled out is does applicant have approved or appropriate funds for the match. Ohmer questioned about the quality of the trench box. David stated I sent an email to the salesman asking what the warranty is. It is heavy duty. It's a rubberized canvas. Jonathan asked where our match will come from. David answered half water and half sewer. **Jonathan made a motion that we approve the match at 20%. Greg seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** David stated if it ends up getting approved for an amount which requires a higher match, he will present that to the council. Discussion.

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT SUBMITTED REPORTS**

\*A Police, Animal Control, Utilities and Town Manager's report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Greg asked do we have a Building and Zoning Administrator. Clyde confirmed. Greg stated he has not received a report. JT answered Greg was going to come tonight but he is ill. He is doing a great job. He is working diligently to get some properties attended to and is responding to complaints. I know I personally see Greg quite a bit. He has regular hours.

Shirley Robertson stated I have a comment in regards to the water leak ordinance. I want to make sure that everyone realizes that we have a real treasure in Debbie Hatton and there is no one that is a customer of the utility that has a leak that has not been notified within just a few days of when it shows up on their billing. Even before their billing goes out, they are notified that they have a leak and they have an opportunity right then to start the process. Anybody who lets it go, has ignored the notice. She is just a treasure and I think she gets overlooked a whole lot. I just want you all to be aware of her. Clyde stated actually she don't, Shirley. We all love her to death. Shirley stated I'm not sure the whole community knows her conscientious effort to keep their bills reasonable. Clyde stated thank you.

JoEllen Seright stated last month we had the Thayer girl about the animal control. I was told after the meeting that things like that you guys always check into it. I just wondered if anyone has checked into what is going on. Clyde answered we look at that stuff, yes. It changes nothing.



Randy Sims with Heritage of Hope stated I want to thank the council for allowing us to have our 49<sup>th</sup> annual Hope Heritage Days. It went pretty good. We got a lot of comments on the stage getting moved to the west end. We will try to keep improving. Jonathan stated I know some people worked some really long hours to make sure that everything was ready for the parade that morning. Mr. Beeker and family deserve some kudos for that. They have done it for years. I think now a few people know after what was said that day, what they do. I know for a fact that they didn't get a lot of sleep that night, that morning. We just kind of assume it is going to be ready when the time comes.

Jonathan asked David on your report, Parks and Miscellaneous, number three. It states donated. David answered yes. It's the same organization that donates it every time we need one. They wish to remain anonymous. Clyde stated David these poles out here that carry our flags, they definitely need repainted. I got the former Town Manager, Mel, a quote on new flag poles. Clyde asked JT to look into that.

JT stated I am pleased to report that the property at 325 Aiken that has been problematic for quite some time, on October 6<sup>th</sup> the Department of Health formally issued a complaint against that property. Pretty soon as the water project comes to completion we will be getting some figures from Strand. Based on what we have left with SRF, David, Diane and I have met to discuss what other ways we can utilize that funding that is there. I anticipate at the next council meeting in November to have a recommendation for that. I want to thank both of them on their diligent efforts and thoughts as we work towards that. We had our first Hope Student Enrichment Committee Meeting. It went extremely well. It was well attended. We had all ten members there. I also had the opportunity to lecture to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class about the presidency election as well as our governor's election. I had a chance to have lunch with our Windrose Health Clinic. It went very well. I had the opportunity to have lunch with our Community Center Executive Director and the President of the board. We discussed some plans going forth with our community. The Fire Department is nearing moving in. WCSI radio show Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will be in the radio station to give our town of Hope report. Tune in to WCSI, John Foster. I will be meeting soon with the Columbus Visitors Center to discuss the Hope Visitor's Center and some plans going forward. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October our Clerk Treasurer Burton and I will be attending the Main Street Community Exchange in Greensburg to get some other ideas. I had an opportunity to meet with some of the Hartsville council. They stopped by and I am having discussions with them about potentially helping on animal control related issues they are having.

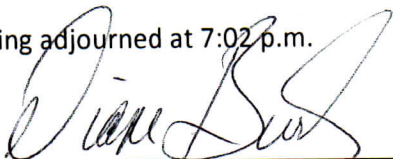
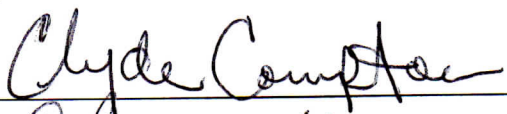
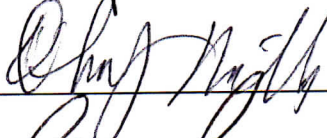
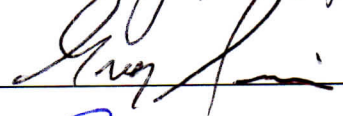
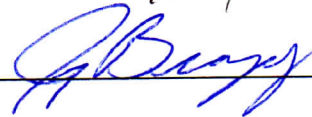
Clyde asked Steve do you have any idea yet on the amount we'll have left over from the water project. Steve stated as of right now we are right at the bid amount. We don't anticipate going over. As far as giving you a hard number, there is going to be what I would consider a substantial amount left. SRF though has some specific things you can use that for. We have some more water project expenses. David has some reimbursables that we want to get taken care of. The final numbers are not in yet. We have talked to JT. The water tower, we have brought this project up before. Until we have a number, we can't go to SRF and say what can we use this for. There is also typically a timeframe built into what they will allow me to do. I should be able to give you a dollar amount by the next meeting. Clyde asked about the valve at 600. Steve stated it's scheduled to come in by the end of this month. It's about a one day installation. We're still waiting for Eastern Bartholomew. David added we were out there Friday and they made up a list. They are going to just try to repair to that point for now to get us up and going.



Steve stated we are still working on the connection out at Millers Merry Manor. Hopefully within the next month, we will be back to the normal connection on 600.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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