

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 called meeting at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2014.

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Paula Pollitt and a prayer by Jonathan Titus.

The public hearing for the budget adoption was called to order by Paula Pollitt.

Diane Burton asked that the budget presented on September 15, 2014 regarding Ordinance Number: 2014-03 be approved regarding the Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rate. Budget Appropriations are as follows:

Rainy Day	\$ 9,727
General	\$540,285
Local Road and Street	\$ 83,735
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$158,500
Cumulative Capital IMP	\$ 58,500
Cumulative Capital Dev.	\$ 46,372
Riverboat	\$ 60,000
Economic Dev. Income Tax	\$232,000
 TOTAL	 \$1,189,119

Diane then asked the council and the public if they had any questions. Jonathan questioned the change in the form. Diane confirmed that the form was pulled from gateway. There were no other questions.

Jonathan Titus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-03. Jerry Bragg seconded the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

Adjourned 6:40 p.m.

The public hearing for the Drinking Water System Improvements Study was called to order by Trena Carter at 6:45 p.m.

Trena stated as Public Hearing Officer for the town of Hope for this project what we are doing now is have a presentation by Strand on the plan that they have developed. He will do a summary and add more specific information. Ryan and Tony compiled most of the report. Ryan stated we're going to be completing the public hearing portion requirements of the Indiana OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) Study, a drinking water improvement study, tonight. This study is just about complete. We

need to gather information regarding your water loss which is the difference between what you are buying from Eastern Bartholomew Water and amount you are selling to your customers. Ryan shared information on water loss starting in 2006 to our current date. Our current water loss is approximately 42%.

Our options are:

No. 1 - No Action

No. 2 - High Priority Projects – SR 9 Water Main

No. 3 - System Redundancy and Fire Flow Improvements, SR 9 Water Main, South Zone Water Main, EBWC Interconnect, West Side Water Main and Walnut Street Water Main

No. 4 - All Projects – SR 9 Water Main, South Zone Water Main, EBWC Interconnect, West Side Water Main, Walnut Street Water Main, Seminary Street Water Main, Mill Street Water Main, Elm Street Water Main, Replacement of Water Main 3" or less

Once alternatives were developed we went through and looked at different options for funding. Rural development, state revolving fund and this first table is if you went and looked at rural development as a source of funding on top of OCRA. Basically, the main thing to take away from this is probably going with alternative #3, engineering wise this is probably what we would recommend right now. The percent increase in rates per month is less however your total payment is going to be \$1.7 million for borrowing about \$1 million dollars. Because it is a 39-year loan your percent increase is going to be about 15.4 for just this project.

For the state revolving fund, you would be taking out the same size loan but the percent increase is going to be larger on your monthly rates, however the total payment, because it's a shorter loan, will end up costing you about \$1.2 million dollars. Some other things they would be helping with is improving your fire protection by increasing some line size and also just making a stronger infrastructure.

Alternative #3 is any one of these projects that has 2 of these things addressed is what we looked at. Alternative #3 regarding SR 9 we are talking about just north of Jackson Street and going across SR 9. Your West Side project is where the cemetery is. Walnut Street goes down Walnut Street and ties in a few other areas that are close to Walnut Street. EBW connection points are adding a new line down near Millers and then revamping the one we currently have. The south zone water projects are adding water mains.

The question was asked regarding time frame of getting a loan and then getting plans and bids for project due to the 18-month time frame for repayment of loan. This would be a very tight time frame.

The question was raised regarding getting easements to complete the work at Millers and it was confirmed that an easement would probably need to be obtained. An easement would potentially also have to be obtained for the school to put a water main on the East side of the property. These are the only two easements that would need to be obtained. No easements would need to be obtained regarding the work that needs to be done within the city streets of Hope.

The rates based on what customers are paying in surrounding communities would be proposed at no less than \$35. Based on Alternative #3 you get up into the low \$40 which is where the surrounding communities are at that have made these improvements.

Tim asked a question as to where the most leaks were and where the most money could be saved in fixing the leaks. The leaks in the Alternative #4 area registered the least amount of water loss based on water losses during dry spells and the number of times the leaks were fixed.

There is evidence of a larger leak on SR 9 but you can't go in and start digging up a highway so we are identifying a way to eliminate that leak and make it easier in the future if something were to go wrong. By putting in casing pipes now if there is something that happens under SR 9 you can do work on either side of SR 9 and you don't have to dig down into it.

Steve stated that one thing we need to consider is the maintenance on the water tower. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$250,000. Money needs to be generated/saved in order to maintain the entire system and that includes the tower. Tony stated RD is a lender of last resort. You need to first approach SRF then go to private banks. The question was asked about how much money was lost last year regarding the leaks in the waterlines and it was estimated to be around \$35 - \$40,000. Diane confirmed that water operating did lose around \$30,000.

Some of the criteria that we looked that contribute to the water leaks is the age of the waterlines. Some of these were put in back in the 30's. Some areas are not quite as old or maybe it doesn't serve as many people. Some of the criteria we looked at was the redundancy. That's what OCRA likes to see, not just fixing leaks. What other things are you doing as far as improving the system – are you looping it? One line that serves the whole area.

The option was made that we can tweak the options. You can take some from Alternative #3 and some from Alternative #4. These were just suggestions. Tim asked for timeline on when remaining repairs would need to be made. Tony said it would be a guess at best but probably within twenty years. David stated everything is eighty year old pipe. Tim stated I don't think people realize, when was the last time we did a legitimate rate increase. Steve stated last rate increase was in 2005. Tony stated this is just rate increase for the project. If increase is made, then we need to educate everyone as to why we are having an increase. A Rate Consultant can look at everything and see if we are actually operating in the black right now. The rate increases they are showing are just the increases for this project alone. It may need to be a little bit more than that. Construction grant due date is a guestimate as they are hiring a new director so the proposal will be due in February and the full application due in April. The environmental requirements need to be completed by then.

Trena stated guestimate is the proposal will be due in February with the full application due in April. That means environmental requirements will need to be met by then. Tim asked if they could project a dollar savings if we reduce that 25%, between three and four. Tony stated yes but it will be a guess.

No public comments. Trena stated we can discuss this in the council meeting as far as any recommendations that the council might have.

Randy Sims asked what the town's fire rate was. Bruce Neal stated I believe six. Tony stated if recommended work is done, then the fire hydrants should run at the 750,000 gallon range whereas a couple are only running at 500,000 gallons/minute.

Adjourned 7:23 p.m.

The Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

8/4 & 8/18 Minutes

Greg made a motion for the approval 8/4 minutes. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/0. 1 Abstain.

Greg made a motion for approval of the 8/18 minutes. Jonathon seconded. Motion carried 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 indicated that she had a correction to the last month's claims. On the Notice to Taxpayers Invoice from The Republic, they sent two copies of the same in voice and it was mistaken as two invoices. I called and confirmed it was just one invoice. It went through on last month's claims as \$191.18. It was reentered on this month's claims as \$95.59. The other one was voided. It was caught before the check went out.

PROJECT REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS

Sealant for Town Square Streets & Paint Parking Lines

David talked to Eric Robertson of Robertson Paving. Eric Robertson recommended adding sand to the sealer and felt like that would give enough traction. After speaking to the manufacturer, they highly recommended against doing that and if the town was insistent on doing it and he did it, the town would have to sign a waiver of liability because they do not want their product used like that because it's too slick. David asked about continuing to get a price on restriping. Greg suggested waiting until spring.

Golf Carts and/or UTV Ordinance

Cindy stated that the ordinance that was sent out for tonight's meeting is the same one presented at previous meeting but the preamble and the ending were added to make it serve our format. Jonathan stated on page 3 section 9 number 2 on the second line says "motor vehicles".

Tim made motion to accept the ordinance but to read only golf cart and to omit the UTV. Greg seconded.

Greg stated I spoke to the town marshal to get clarification on their ordinance and they do not allow UTVs on the road. Even though they do not have an ordinance saying that UTV's are not allowed on the

road, they enforce it by saying that the vehicle cannot be capable of exceeding 25 miles per hour. Mel stated our speed limit is 25. It does include vehicles such as mules. Tim declared tonight can be the first reading of the ordinance. Michael questioned ordinance regarding Heritage Days and festivals. Greg stated it was discussed that these would be exceptions. Michael stated all those golf carts can be made to go faster. All it takes is a screwdriver to increase their speed up to 45 mph. The clientele that use these golf carts in the Town of Hope would not be the kind of people we would expect to do this to their golf carts. Mark Cornett questioned why the HPD is not enforcing this. Tim stated there hasn't been a clarity on it yet. Paula said there has been a complaint. **Motion denied 2/3.**

Paula made a motion to accept the ordinance as written to include golf and UTV. Jerry seconded. Tim stated that the reason this was brought up was because there were complaints about a UTV flying around town. We have never had a complaint regarding a golf cart. My big concern is that when you look around the town, count, you have a lot of young adults with UTV's that are made to go fast and rip it up, hauling them around in trucks and stuff. If you make it legal in the Town of Hope and they are supposed to adhere to the laws of the town but that is not going to keep them from ripping yards and alleys up and creating havoc for the police to try to police it. At this time we have minimal amount on the roads and of the minimal amount, we have complaints on them. I just find it very ironic that the reason we are in here is because of complaints on UTVs being operated recklessly in the Town of Hope. People have been riding around in golf carts, even though it was illegal, but we have had no complaints until we had a UTV ripping around town and it gets brought up that we need an ordinance for it and now we are spending countless hours and dollars to pay attorneys to bring a law in to allow what started the problem to start with. You are opening up a can of worms. Cindy Boll stated whatever you choose to adopt, if it doesn't work out, it can be changed. Tim stated you pass it and then you go out and purchase one and then the ordinance changes then people are going to be upset. You need to think ahead. Sometimes you have a senior citizen who can't drive so well but they can take a golf cart to the cemetery to see their deceased if they want to. Jim Rudicel stated I am a senior citizen and I could drive my vehicles anywhere I wanted to go but I found it more economical to get my mule out of the trailer and ride around town and take my dog to the park to walk around and go get ice cream, we would go out to the Dollar Store and get some groceries. I would take my dog who likes to ride along with me. It was a nice evening, afternoon ride. I had a golf cart when there was no ordinance in the town. Nobody said a word. Me and the dog went everywhere. The problem was that I couldn't take it in the woods, so I bought a mule. It runs 22 mph. I was told, and I won't say by who, that if it had a bench seat and steering wheel then it's classified like a golf cart. Even though I can't turn the speed up on the mule, it's not safe to run it that fast. Jonathan stated he wanted to stay away from government regulations as much as possible. I want more freedom and so I prefer that we don't have something, but we need to have something. So, I have to decide, am I going to restrict someone else's freedom for some of the reasons Tim's saying or am I going to hope, and maybe I'm being naïve because I know the world has changed, but I was raised to respect your neighbors. I know we don't always get that now. I struggle with this but I'm with you that it's either all or nothing.

Mark Cornett stated this must be amount me. HPD has not seen me. I deliver to elderly people. I drive to the grave yard to see my deceased love ones. Regardless of age. It is about respect. There are plenty of people around here who will drive the UTVs responsibly if given the chance. Tim stated is was you. It was reported. Randy Sims asked is there a horse power limit in the ordinance. It was answered no. Tim

stated why when there is not a need. **Motion carries 3/2.** There will be a second reading and a final vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Hope Haunted Hallows

Anna Barnett apologized for the lateness of this request but she already thought she had permission. She is asking for permission to use the Town Square this Saturday, October 25, for a free public program called Hope Haunted Hallows. Flyers were distributed. It is for the Bartholomew County Historical Society. The Yellow Trail Museum will be involved as well. The public will be from 5:00 to 8:30. They would like to start setting up around 2:00. They will be setting up pop up tents. Anna stated we would like to use the bandstand and shelter house and we would also like to use some of the tables if we can take them out and we would put them back. We would also like to use the electricity. It was noted that the Square is available that weekend. You can pick up key at the dispatch. There is a refundable \$5 deposit when you pick up the key. Paula stated trash need to be removed as well. Anna requested to use the sound system. Randy indicated that to replace the microphone would cost \$600. Anna stated we will bring our own sound system. Anna asked who she needed to talk to help her pipe music through the speakers in the Town Square. Michael agreed to show Anna how to do that. Anna stated for the trick or treating, we are going to have everybody that comes in a costume line up. We're just going to walk on the sidewalks. We do not need any streets closed. They will have staff to watch the kids. Adults will pass out candy. Anna stated if anybody wants to come over and pass out candy, you're welcome to do that. They will not need any parking blocked off. They will not be having hayrides. The Council agreed.

Christmas of Yesteryear

Barb requested use of the square on November 21st. Barb stated right now we have plans to do usual activities of Christmas of Yesteryear which means they are asking the stores to stay open late. We plan to have lights put up in the square. Not sure who is going to do it. Right now we have a request that the cards be put up. David agreed. Barb stated our plans are to have a live nativity two times. There will be a one-time presentation given by the Dowel Rod Ministry. There will be carriage rides loading at Norman's cabin. We will also have strolling carolers, Santa & Mrs. Claus as well as the Yellow Trail bake sale and cookie decorating. Free evening unless you want to do that parts you have to pay. The lights will be lit up that evening. They will leave them up as we have in the past until after the Christmas holidays. The Council agreed.

Approval of a CDBG Planning Grant Study/Plan Resolution

Trena stated as part of the process for the approval of the plan by first the town and then the state, the state asked for a resolution by the town council of the Town of Hope for approval of the CDBG Planning Grant Plan or Study and allow its submission and approval by the Indiana Office of Community Affairs. Basically Resolution 2014-08 says the town has identified a reason to analyze the drinking water system, that you hired Strand Associates to define and describe issues, advise you of your options and make recommendations, etc. that you have received federal community development block grant dollars from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to fund this study and you have contributed \$3,240 as a local match. That you have reviewed the process, completed the study thoroughly and you are satisfied with the services performed, information contained therein, and methodology applied, that you will receive 7 copies of the document, 2 of which will be kept at the town offices, we will have one of those copies in

our office and one of those will go to the state. The final document is hereby approved contingent on comments and approval by OCRA. One thing to note is that this will not be submitted to the state until after you have had the opportunity to review and make some determinations. This says you are approving the plan contingent upon OCRA's approval as well and what you determine is the best priority project for the town to move forward on.

Tim made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-08. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0. The resolution was signed.

CLERK TREASURER

Diane read Resolution 2014-09 regarding the increase of the surcharge that would appear on the Hope Utility Bill. **Jonathan made a motion to approve the Resolution. Tim Seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

Diane stated I do have two meter installation agreements. One is in between the Town of Hope and Nathan and Stephanie Long, at 113 High Street, for a sewer tap in the amount of \$750.

The second one is between the Town of Hope and Chris Thayer, 508 Race Street, for a sewer tap in the amount of \$750.

Tim questioned the meter agreements. David stated Longs re-did their house. When it came time to plumb it they were looking for their sewer line was. The owner indicated that when they put in the carport, they took out a clay pipe. Because they were going to have to break through new concrete, they decided to pay to have a new sewer tap put in. Chris Thayer's ended up being a repair instead of a tap, but he paid for a tap to cover the expense of the repair. Chris was afraid to dig in yard and new driveway. It was recommended that Indianapolis be called to determine how this needs to be handled.

Jonathan made a motion to approve the Long's tap. Tim seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

Tim asked if there was a method of billing for maintenance regarding the Thayer's repair. It was suggested to bill as a maintenance not as a tap. David will talk with Chris to confirm details. This does not require council action.

TOWN MANAGER

*A report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office. No additional comments.

ATTORNEY

Rental Registry Ordinance Draft

Cindy stated you have received a draft ordinance establishing a rental registration program. This will be considered the first reading. What this basically does is require landlords rent property to pay a \$5 fee per property. The benefit to the owner of the property is that a local person will receive notice regarding the property in case you are out of town. There are occasions when it is difficult to find the owner. At some point in time can provide an inspection program. This is a first step. Tim asked do we have to charge. Cindy answered no. Tim stated I don't want to discourage anyone from participating. Jonathan

stated we want 100% participation. It could save them money. Cindy stated a sometimes there is a great deal of frustration to get to the right person. On page three that's where the \$5.00 is listed. This is an annual fee per rental property. You can impose a penalty if the registration is not done. There is also a blank to name the fund the money would go into. Cindy stated late listing will be August 1st. David asked if the fee was per lot. Cindy stated the way this one is written, a house with 3 apartments would pay one fee or for the structure. Council agreed to remove the fee. The council is in favor of charging a penalty. Cindy indicated that you could charge a \$25 penalty or you could charge a certain amount of money per month if they continue to not comply. Tim stated he would charge \$250. If they don't pay it, then you can put a lien against the property. Randy Sims asked is that a month. Tim answered no. It can work to the landlord's advantage too. Cindy stated another method of trying to enforce this requirement is that the landowner cannot rent the property until the fee is paid and the property is registered. Greg stated to bring it back to the working session. Designate a fund and what that will be used for. On Line Item #8 we need to take out the fee. Ed Stone asked how often I have to register. Cindy stated that the property owner would receive a certificate once property is registered. Steve Robertson asked what constitutes a rental property. Cindy replied – "a rental unit as a dwelling unit or rooming unit made available for rent". It was clarified also that the occupant is not the owner regardless of whether you are charging rent or not. Cindy will add that to the definition.

Zoning Litigation Update

Cindy gave a quick update of zoning cases. Matt has whipped some into compliance. Cindy asked Matt to give an update on 444 Seminary, Rahn property. Greg stated it is sold. Greg stated no one is living at 211 Walnut. It is evident that no one is living there and that the utilities have been turned off. Matt has reported it to the Board of health. The Board of Health does not have a method of how a structure can be destroyed.

Verizon Agreement Revised

Cindy asked for questions regarding the first three pages regarding strike outs and additions? My main point on page one is to make sure that Exhibit A delineates for Dave what part of the tower they are leasing from us. Steve Robertson said they have proposed a different mounting systems referred to as super magnets. Regardless of what they do, it still needs to not damage the coating and still has to have access for maintenance and inspections. If they damage the coating, they are responsible for repairs. Cindy will add language for that. Steve asked who removes it when it comes time to paint the water tower. The town's not responsible for removing their equipment. They are responsible for doing that.

Page 4 they need make sure they have workers comp insurance for their employees due to liability issues. After talking to Mel this morning, it looks like the towns insurance company is going to be contacted about the insurance provisions that are in here to see if we can meet that. Diane indicated that she was not in today but as far as the insurance goes on the Injury was already there but the Damage we are short. Cindy indicated we can make this fit what we've got. Diane indicated that it goes from \$500,000, which is what they requested, to \$50,000 which is a considerable difference. Diane also asked the insurance company if we increased it to \$500,000 what would be the cost change.

Page 6 and 12 is basically giving us the option of having a termination annually that they have. Moving on to page 7, David, I believe said, he didn't have a problem if they get on the property without him

having to know but getting on the tower and impacting the tower is a different deal. This is why wording has changed. Tim indicated that the wording needs to indicate that they do not have access to the tower so that they know they need to contact someone if they need access. Under 14 I just struck out because of the overbearing language. Going down to the bottom, this is where the relocation stuff comes in. I do need some guidance on that. Steve says you are to pay somebody to move their equipment if you need it moved. Somebody still has to do all the specifications. Moving the equipment is not going to happen very often. If the equipment doesn't have to be moved, it's not an issue. If the equipment needs to be moved, then that expense is to be at their cost. Cindy stated I'll change it to at their cost. #8 on page 15 regarding interference. They're obligated to install equipment that does not interfere with our frequencies but if it does then they will work hard at it to fix it. I don't like that. Hence a strike in the middle of 15. If the problem is not resolved within 30 days then we terminate the lease. I picked 30 days. David talked to someone regarding interference. He said you are not going to have a problem with that. He feels like you still need to have the insurance but doesn't foresee this being a problem. Paragraph 16 if they try to walk away and not take their stuff then at some point, after 6 months, they will pay the expense for us to have it removed. Page 10 makes it clear that the lessee cannot sublease to someone else. On page 12 I tightened up the default language they have 30 days to fix it. At the bottom of the page I just wanted that language to be equally applicable to both of us. I can do a new redline version of these corrections and get that out to Mel this week. I will wait to hear something back before I send it on. Jonathan stated we need to agree to reply very quickly. Council agreed.

PROJECT REPORTS

Place Based Investment

Trena questioned Randy regarding specs. Randy stated we are finishing up the drawings this week. Sending it to four contractors. Two weeks later we will offer a contract if everything goes good. They're talking boring versus trenching. Trena stated if you do quotes you have to allow a minimum of one week. Cindy will check on the amount for quotes. Steve Robertson stated it is \$150,000 for a quote. You need to contact three contractors for bids. Trena stated make sure you document. I have a meeting with Duke Friday. Duke will want to be paid before they put the upgrade in. It was asked, if we have an individual who wants to donate time to put the concrete art pads in, if we buy the material and they do the labor, do you just put it in your report. Tim questioned if the labor would be part of the match. Trena stated it cannot be part of your match if it wasn't included originally. Trena will check.

HERITAGE OF HOPE

Randy stated we would like the town to use the first parking space south of the concrete area in the northwest corner that is marked Physically Challenged for the clock. I would like to put the clock in the middle and put a curb around it and build some planters around it and just move that parking space one spot south. Michael Dean stated it will make it level with the ground and he indicated that the pedestal of the clock would be higher. Just the clock itself would be between 12' - 13' tall.

Tim made a motion to approve Randy's recommendation. Jerry seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Tim asked about irrigation. David stated I could only get one to return my call – Rain Makers. Greg suggested Yard Barbour. Trena is going to check on a firm. Randy stated they are talking about going 4 ft on the electric.

Housing Rehab

Trena stated all contracts are signed now. Contractors will contact them as they can do the work. You have a year to get it completed. I gave Diane copies of the contracts for the files to keep here.

Water System Improvements Project

Trena stated I think we are good on that. We are wrapping up the program. Once you choose which alternative you want then we will need to start fast-tracking some things as far as environment and local match. I'm not sure if we go with SRF if it has to be procured. Our fees can be paid out of local match if they put up \$100,000 local match. Steve stated that is one of the reasons on the timeline was to look at a SRF loan before you go for OCRA just because SRF money can be used for engineering. You don't get into that 18 month. You have to get all the permits. You have to be able to pay. Trena stated that is something we will need to look at is if we need to go through the procurement process. Once you determine what options you are looking at and what funding sources you are looking at then we will work with Strand to make sure you guys do whatever you need to do to maintain compliance. You can get an SRF loan to pay for the engineering before the 18 months kicks in. Tony will work with Trena so we can double-check that. We have a gentlemen in our office who specializes in financing. David stated its called shovel ready. You don't have to have 100% of the engineering done. You can select a firm, get the scope worked out, and start working on some of the permits. With OCRA, if it's a loan, if it's spent for engineering has to be done within the previous 18 months prior to the grant, so you would have two rounds, I guess, basically, 2 years you could apply for funding where that local match is spent on engineering. Could be considered a local match. Trena stated I would need to talk to your finance person.

DEPARTMENT, BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

POLICE

*A Police 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 about the vehicle posted as a donation in the paper. Greg asked how many vehicles are we going to have when it is all said and done. Tim stated that is the one that came up right after we just bought one. Jonathan stated we need clarification. Discussion. There was a question on the blotter and a call that was responded to. It is unclear why we were out there. Paula read from the report trick or treat hours are on October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

ANIMAL CONTROL

*An Animal Control Report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office. No additional comments. Paula said she does a good job.

UTILITIES, STREETS, PARKS

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Hopper Spreader Purchase

I sent two quotes on a salt spreaders. The current spreader is going on its thirteenth year. It needs quite a bit of work and that particular brand is a bear to get parts for and when you get them you end up having to fabricate part of it. The chain is on its last leg. I haven't been able to find one like that one. Ours has a drag bar. The one I can find that will fit it, I have to do some fabrication on it because ours has a drag bar every 4th tooth and the closest I can find to that is every other tooth which means I have to cut every other bar off because it will be dragging too much salt out of the back. It's not made for that ratio. I could probably get \$1,000 worth of parts and re-do it and spend a week, the three of us work on it and still have a 13-year old rusty salt spreader. I haven't bought any snow equipment in the eight years I've been here. Price wise all three are in the ball park. Greg asked difference between a Swenson and a Henderson? David stated I like the Swenson better. The Swenson is built heavier. I can load it with one person. Out of the three the Swenson is the best. We have had nothing but good luck with the Western plows. The biggest thing about this is that it's contractor grade. In fine print not recommended for highway use. It has a stainless steel frame under it. Swenson and Henderson warranty was one year. Western warranty was for two seasons. They all have municipal discount. David stated the company will do the hard wiring. It will go on the Chevy.

Tim made a motion to purchase the Swenson PR358 8' Spreader Package. Greg seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

Parks and Rec

Mowed less this year. Michael Dean thanked David for all he did for Heritage Days.

David shared information about streets that need to have the cracks sealed. Diane indicated that the money was available.

Tim made a motion for David to contract with Robertson to repair cracks in the streets. Greg Seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

Tim asked about whether or not Raymond Street was on the mileage yet. David said he thinks it is. Randy asked 600 North, didn't we annex the right away out there by the Dollar General. Tim stated we are maintaining it we need to make sure it is added.

BUILDING & ZONING

Hitchcock Court is compliant. Got a thank you from neighbor who made complaint. Mr. Shrader, has two houses on one lot and he is trying to sell one of them, is having a hard time understanding he has to hire the surveyor. When he gets everything lined up for us we will have a couple meetings, a Board of Zoning Appeals and a Plan Commission, at the same time and it will save him a couple hundred dollars on certified mail.

If I have a complaint about someone which poses a conflict of interest, who do I refer the complaint to? Tim stated Mel. The one that just occurred was a health department issue. We issued a sign permit to the Flatrock Hawcreek School Corporation. They are going to post a sign at the entrance to Hauser High School and Hope Elementary School to help people differentiate which school they enter for events.

FEMA Flood Map/Ordinance

Matt we did everything in the FEMA package. You have to pass an ordinance for the new maps. Got rid of everything from the old and put it into the new. DNR asked that the new ordinance be in place prior to December 9th. The new ordinance would be effective December 10th. Cindy indicated that you could suspend the rules and have the first reading and second reading tonight if they unanimously agree.

Tim made a motion to suspend the rules. Greg seconded. Motion carries 5/0. Tim made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-04. Greg seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

PLAN COMMISSION

Did not meet. Randy stated Mel and I think we need to come up with an overlay for the downtown as part of a comprehensive plan so we can kind of control what goes on around the square architecturally.

REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bruce stated they left the fire house 36 time last months: 14 times in town and 22 in township. There were 2 fire-related Incidents in town, 5 ambulance assists and 7 where we didn't run 15. In township there were 8 fire-related and 12 ambulance assists – most of them were from Millers Merry Manor.

COMMUNITY CENTER

No report.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We had a nice event Thursday night hosted by Strawberry Fields. Nice turn out. Mel did a nice job speaking about Comprehensive Plan. As of Monday, last week, there was no more employees at the Chamber. I am now just a secretary of the Board which means I am now a volunteer. We are working on an everyday direct mailer. We have approached the landlord to see how long we can stay there. We haven't received a response yet. If so, we will just go mobile. We are going strong but we just might not have an office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



Attest

James R. 4

Anthony

Greg