

Minutes and proceedings of the Storm Water Improvements Project Public Hearing 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 called public hearing at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:30 p.m. on November 20, 2018.

Trena Carter, ARa, stated we are applying for a Community Development Block Grant under the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. As a part of that we have to hold two public sessions where we gain public input. We also have a survey out there. The survey is available online or hard copies tonight. The Office of Community and Rural Affairs is asking that we note the residential impact of this project. We are putting storm drainage under Washington Street basically from the other side of State Road 9 to right in front of the Community Center. There are aging storm drains under there. We want to be sure that it is safe for the town. There have already been a couple of voids in that area south of the park. We want to be sure that it remains solid. Trena opened it up for public comment. JT stated this project has been known by the Town for quite some time. We had a void sometime ago in the same area there at Main Street and Washington as a result of what is going on below with this storm utility issue. Back in September of 2017 I made a recommendation to the Council that we start looking at an analysis to get a plan together to address this project. From there this matter has been on the agenda every meeting since. So a year and two months we have had this matter on the agenda to talk about the updates as to where we are in the project. We recently formed a Statement of Qualifications Committee that is comprised of Council President Ohmer Miller, Utility Superintendent David Clouse, Clerk Treasurer Diane Burton and your Town Manager JT Doane. We met and completed the process to select an engineering firm for the project. That process did complete with Strand being selected as the engineer firm for this project. Here within the month we will be submitting the grant for this project. During this process too, we have had another void that occurred as well in a similar area to the one that occurred before. This actually got some attention from some news stations in Indianapolis that came here because they believed we had a sink hole here in the Town of Hope. When I quickly advised them that it was not a sink hole rather that it was a void. They however turned the article as a spin that Hope is using something that could have been catastrophic and very negative to make it a positive and to get this project done. We have all analyzed this project. You have heard me discuss it now for over a year. We are eager to get this grant submitted to see if we can get this project completed. Pastor Ed Cottrell, Hope United Methodist Church, stated as the pastor we do utilize that area for parking on Sunday mornings. We just need to please be apprised of how much that is going to affect us as far as our services. Trena stated when the grant does get awarded, everyone will know and once we get ready to go to construction, there will be notifications to all parties when construction will actually begin to commence. Clyde asked the Town has to pay \$60,840 out of the Storm Water Fund, where does that leave us. Diane stated I believe that fund has about a couple hundred thousand in it. JT added out on our Town Facebook page, at our Utility Office and at Town Hall there is a link to a survey. If you would, take the opportunity to go complete the survey. This will be supplementary information to go with the grant. We want to have the most competitive application that we can. We are not the only community that is going to be submitting grants for this cycle. The more competitive we can be, the greater likelihood that we will get this grant. Trena stated we currently have ten responses electronically and I believe I have five written surveys. Trena requested getting them by the end of the week.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following council members: Ohmer Miller (President), Jerry Bragg (Vice-President), Clyde Compton, Ed Johnson and Nellie Meek. Town Manager JT Doane and Clerk Treasurer Diane Burton was also present.

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ohmer Miller.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 10/16/18

Clyde made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Ed made a motion for the approval of the claims. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

PROJECT UPDATES

STORM WATER PROJECT

Trena Carter, ARA, stated we are in the process of applying for funding through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. We just had our public hearing. Thank you all for attending. That application is due November 30th. We will find out on January 17th whether we will be successful or not.

MAIN STREET

Trena Carter stated I am still working with Main Street. The Executive Director will be giving an update as well. We are still kind of fine tuning some of the project as far as sidewalk/streetscape.

HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trena Carter stated the Hope Volunteer Fire Department did submit their application online. I did a quick review of some of the narrative for that.

COPS PROGRAM

Trena Carter stated I haven't seen anything on the COPS Program yet.

USDA POLICE VEHICLE

Trena stated I will let Marshal Tallent let you know about what he has received today. USDA is going to be getting back with us as far as the reimbursement and if there is additional items needed.

OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB

Trena Carter stated the first contract for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Aging in Place Program has been signed. One of the homeowners had a failing furnace. That was prioritized as a health and safety issue. The remainder of that will be signed in short order with the work all still needing to be completed by September of 2019.

STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 2018-09)

Trena Carter stated the other item I have before you is Resolution No. 2018-09. This is a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hope Indiana authorizing the submittal of a CDBG Storm Water Improvements Program (SIP) grant application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters. This resolution is what is required for you to authorize the Town Council President to sign the application and submit the application which we generally do on behalf of the Town. It also commits the requisite local funds in the amount of \$60,840 in the form of cash from the Town of Hope's Storm Water Operating Fund, as matching funds. **Ed made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 2018-04, 2nd Reading)

Trena Carter stated next we have the Fair Housing Ordinance No 2018-04. As a part of the requirements for receiving Community Development Block Grant Funding through the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Town has to keep in mind fair housing and what it means to the community. The Fair Housing Ordinance has not been updated since 2013. They have requested that we update this Fair Housing Ordinance based on their model. This is the second reading. **Clyde made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-04. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH UPDATES (Chapter 5, Article 15: Garbage and Rubbish)

JT Doane stated if you see homes starting to collect garbage, junk and debris, let us know here at Town Hall. I had a couple of more that I got to our Building and Zoning Administrator last week to get tagged. We need to keep on the accelerator on that. If not, it can regress quickly.

WASHINGTON STREET STORM UTILITY PROJECT

JT Doane stated it is exciting to see this project come to fruition. It's been in discussions for a year now. We definitely want to make our grant as competitive as possible. Please make sure you do sign that sign in sheet that Trena has. We are going up against forty-three communities. Trena added storm drainage we are up against probably ten. Tim Shoaf asked about putting the survey on HSJ Online. JT confirmed that John Clark had the HSJ Online survey to post accordingly.

2018 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT (CCMG)

JT Doane showed some pictures on the screen. JT stated Governor Holcomb's office reached out and invited Hope to attend this event in Vernon, Indiana where they handed out several checks to the communities that received the Community Crossing Matching Grant. Again, I am very excited to announce that the Town of Hope received \$183,963.75 that will go towards paving to take place in the Spring of 2019. This portion of the grant included the square. This grant will provide paving for the following:

DESIGNATION	FROM	TO	RATING	TREATMENT USED	ESTIMATED MILES	ESTIMATED COSTS
JACKSON	MAIN	HARRISON	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.07	\$55,815
WASHINGTON	MAIN	HARRISON	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.07	\$55,815
WASHINGTON	HARRISON	COMMUNITY CENTER	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.16	\$33,836
MILL	RACE	VINE	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.07	\$8,540
HIGH	AIKEN	UNION	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.19	\$22,224
LOCUST	RACE	MAIN	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.14	\$14,024
HARRISON	JACKSON	WASHINGTON	4	MILL AND OVERLAY	0.05	\$55,031
					TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$245,285

JT stated all of these roads were rated a four in the Asset Management Plan. So far, I am very pleased to say that through the Community Crossing Matching Grant Program the Town of Hope has secured \$452,800.25 in grant funding. We appreciate Governor Holcomb taking the time. He also liked our point too. He thought it was great. I appreciate all the work that they do towards this program. Steve Robertson and I spoke briefly before that in the near future there will be a contract that will be coming from Strand for them to be a part of that process as far as sidewalks and making sure the paving is being done accordingly. Steve explained the process. He stated that the contract will be given to Town Attorney Scott Andrews to review. Steve stated this will include curb ramps in the park. We will work with Susan, Main Street, to insure the locations match her preliminary plans. Steve also explained the bidding process. It will have to go out for bid since it is over \$150,000. Ed Johnson asked if we have any low spots or special areas that we need to tend to before the project. Steve answered when it gets closer to time I will go around with David. We will mark those out so we are a little more proactive. JT stated after the next round of projects are completed, we will have since 2016 paved approximately 52% of our roads. That is something to be very proud of! The Community Crossing Grants for next year, they are planning on two cycles. Steve stated we are hearing that if you receive money the first round, most likely you won't receive the second round unless there is more money than what people apply for. That is not official. That is just what we are hearing through our contacts. JT stated keep in mind this runs close with the Storm Water Utility Project as well.

POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (Ordinance No. 2018-03, 2nd Reading)

JT Doane stated the ordinance before you on the Police Oversight Committee is for a second reading. Council Member Meek had some suggestions from the last meeting as well as some other Council Members had some remarks. Those have be implemented into that ordinance. This will be implemented January of 2019. Clyde recommended John Walstead. Nellie recommended Deanna Compton or Joyce Henderson. **Clyde made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-03. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

RECYCLING

JT Doane stated as you recall at the last Council Meeting we had some changes with the recycling option that had been available at the Community Center. I provided bids from three vendors, CGS, Rumpke and Best Way that have pricing for a thirty yard dumpster which will be located at the Utility lot. It will be set up for a six month trial period. We have some funds available with the additional dollar charged for the town wide trash. Ohmer voiced concern on whether the administrative fee can be used toward this type of expense. Town Attorney Scott Andrews will review the ordinance. Ed questioned the need of a chain link fence. David stated he doesn't feel it's needed unless it is a problem. He feels being available 24/7 will be more appealing. Nellie stated it was my understanding back when we were doing this that Rumpke gave us the best deal. If everyone has been able to try to match theirs, that's not quite fair either. I don't know if that is what's happened here. Diane stated I think Scott said it would be better to come back with actual written proposals. Scott Andrews confirmed. Scott stated I believe last month we didn't have six month written proposal. I think all we had was quotes, these are actually written proposals. Ohmer stated he would like to see bids with no additional charges, no fuel surcharges. Scott stated ultimately you may be stuck with the same three proposals. Tim Shoaf stated it would be neat to get something up there. I didn't realize how much we used the recycling until it wasn't there. It is surprising how many people in Hope do recycle. It was a consensus of the Council that there needs to be more definition and clarification. JT offered to have all three of them represented at the next meeting. The Council confirmed.

CR 775 E ANNEXATION

Tabled.

EDIT REQUESTS

Clyde Compton presented the following Edit Request:

David Webster in reference to the Well House Dinner Theatre requested funds for twenty Well House Books at \$10 each to be given to Veterans who attend the play. Parts of the Well House Book take place in Hope. It has been turned into a play which will be held at Willow Leaves. The author, Mark Van Voorhis, aspires to later turn it into a movie which would be filmed here in Hope. The author plans to fly in from Utah to sign books on the nights of the play. The EDIT Committee voted 3/0 for up to \$300.00 which will be ten additional books if needed for the veterans. The profit from the books will go toward some of the props and to the American Legion. Nellie clarified the credit needs to go to Hope not the EDIT Committee or the Council. **Motion carries 4/1.**

Susan Thayer Fye, Main Street, requested funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the Building Façade Program for 2019. This will be a 50/50 match for businesses in the Main Street area for total project costs up to \$3,000. The EDIT Committee approved the request with a 3/0 vote. Nellie questioned if we needed to wait until 2019 to approve the request. Clyde stated no. It can be approved now. Susan stated I want to remind everybody when someone applies, they still have to come before the EDIT Committee individually for approval. It is a process. **Motion carries 5/0.**

MAIN STREET OF HOPE UPDATES

Susan Thayer-Fye showed a print of a park plan designed by Joe Dodd.

Susan asked for use of the park on May 3, 4 & 5 for Civil War Days. Susan stated this will be a joint effort with the Hope Chamber of Commerce and the Yellow Trail Museum and Visitor's Center. We are collaborating to bring this back to the square. The reenactors have been reserved. The reenactors will be camping on the square during this time. They will have their dogs. They will have open fires. There will be firearms and muzzleloaders. They will be shooting blanks. This is similar to what they have done before. David cautioned too many events with the projects that will be going on. Steve Robertson stated we can always put language in the contract. We can work with them. The plan is to have both of these projects complete by Labor Day. JT stated the deadline for Community Crossings is July. Steve stated those projects will then be out of the way. There was more discussion on the event. **Ed made a motion to approve the use of the park. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** A certificate of insurance will be required.

Susan provided the Council with updated figures for some of the projects that they are planning to include on a grant filing for next spring for the MSRP Main Street Revitalization Program. Susan stated part of what has been changed here is Trena needs to get paid. I would like to remind you that we don't have any definite bids on any of this. Probably at the next Town Council Meeting I will ask that you make a definite decision on how you want to proceed with the MSRP grant filing. Susan referenced the recent drawings from Joe Dodd, Landscape Architect. Susan stated Joe has come up with some ADA accessible pathways through the square to get people from the bandstand to the shelter house to the playground. Nellie asked what the match is on the grant. Trena answered 20%. The maximum grant award is \$600,000. Susan discussed the street lights. Susan explained some safety issues with our current lights. The new poles being looked at are very sturdy, thicker and are historically correct. The second choice is to go through Duke. There was discussion on the lights. Susan stated the other two projects that we are looking at for a MSRP grant filing in the spring are for new benches, planters, trashcans around the square and some wayfaring signs. The signs will mark us as a Historic District. I just recently put in a contingent funding request for the 20% match. Ed asked if the benches with names on them will be replaced. Susan confirmed. Ed asked if the benches will go back to the family that donated them. Ed also wanted to be sure the names are put on the new benches. Susan confirmed. There was more discussion on the benches. Ohmer asked how many attending the meeting smoke cigarettes? There was one that responded. Ohmer questioned the need of the cigarette butt containers. Diane stated we did have a lot of problems with that. That is why they were purchased. Main Street is looking at attachments that go on the trash can as an option. There was discussion on cigarette butt containers.

Susan stated I want to congratulate the Community Center for selling the vacant lot. The new owners are Ben and Laura Miller.

Susan stated December 6 – 8 there is going to be a German Christmas Festival in the square. There is also going to be a Small Business Saturday for the businesses on the square. The Moravian Church are having a Holiday Shopping Event on December 6 – 8 as a benefit for the Relay for Life. The Yellow Trail Museum is doing their annual Homes Tour that Friday night. We are going to be packaging that. You will see a lot of ads about that and hopefully there will be foot traffic from people that are not normally in Hope.

Susan stated there was a group of people who got together about the Rural Mail Carriers Museum last week. We used to have a building on the square. It was taken down. Ed added the mail hacks were built here in Hope. We are the longest, continuous running Rural Mail Carrier Service in the United States. The group that was formed by Susan is working on getting it put back on the square. Susan stated we are going to package this as a community project. This will be private funding. This will include a new roof on the shelter house, a new roof on the bandstand and a new roof on the pump house. There has already been some donations for it through the museum. There is not something new. We are just restarting it. Nellie added I think you will get a lot of town support. Susan stated there will be a plaque on it with the donors listed. Does anyone else want to be a part of that committee? If you do, feel free to contact me. I can use some extra people.

NEW BUSINESS:

SMOKE ON THE SQUARE – PARK REQUEST

Jeff Yarnell, Community Center, requested to use the park on May 17 & 18 for the 2019 Smoke on the Square due to conflicting with too many other events at that time. Jeff requested to shut down the roads inside the square on Harrison, Washington and Jackson Street. Jeff also requested to have a bouncy house. Jeff stated we will try to have an adult volunteer around. Ohmer stated a certificate of insurance will need to be provided. Jeff confirmed. Jeff requested cones to be set up. **Clyde made a motion to approve the park request. Nellie seconded.** Tim Shoaf stated this is the same weekend as the Rumble for the Cure. Jeff offered to work together. Nellie said we have a first and a second. That is what is before us now. Diane stated well you booked that pretty early didn't you. Rich Harding confirmed. Clyde rescinded his motion. Chelsea stated advertising has been paid for. **Nellie made a motion to approve the use of the park for the Smoke on the Square.** Nellie stated they are the ones before us. Ohmer stated this is there ninth year. Misty stated this will be our 6th. Clyde stated I think we should listen to Rumble for the Cure's request and then make a decision.

RUMBLE FOR THE CURE (May 2019)

Misty Darenger, Rumble for the Cure, stated I've been a volunteer going on thirteen years. This is our 6th year for Rumble for the Cure. Rumble for the Cure is a motorcycle event that was brought together, it is a full fund raising event. All of our profits go to the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life. We are a group of volunteers that joined together because we have all been impacted by cancer or touched by cancer in some way and are looking for a way to make a difference and to raise awareness. Our ride this year is May 18th. The ride kicks off at Man's Harley Davidson in Edinburgh at 11:00 a.m. We have a full police escort. For past five years Hope has been our second stop. Banners are put all around the square representing folks that have either passed from cancer or have beaten cancer. Our participants have purchased those banners to display and honor a memory of someone. This year we are looking for a place to have a final stop. In the past our stop has been downtown on Fourth Street in Columbus. Columbus will no longer let us close down the streets. We love Hope and we love what Hope has done for us and supported us for the last five years and it's Hope. There is nothing better for the fight against cancer than Hope. We typically have about 200 motorcycles and we typically have about 325 participants at the end of Rumble. We are usually here for about two hours. We do take up a lot of the square because we have two hundred motorcycles to park around the square and a whole lot of people. During that time we typically do have food, alcohol, music and auctions. All the money going to American Cancer Society. To date we have donated over 77,000 to the ACS. Our goal for this year is

another 15,000. We are looking for your support in order to host us at the square from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jerry stated the only thing I am concerned about is we have an ordinance that does not allow alcohol on the square. I do not approve of that. The rest of it I'm alright with. I agree with what you guys are doing. It's a great thing. Nellie agreed. Misty stated there is no alcohol during a ride so on the last stop our group wants to have dinner and have a beer and celebrate what they have done for the day. This is our first pick. Ohmer stated I support your cause. I ride a Harley Davidson myself. Cancer has touched my family. I appreciate what you are doing. I am not in favor of alcohol on our square. I would love for you to come. But at this point in time there is a conflict with Smoke on the Square that has been with us for nine years. Misty will talk to her group to see if they will still want to have it on the square. Jeff stated if you do, I think there is a way we can work together and make it successful for everybody. Rich Harding asked as far as the alcohol, people are going to drink a beer or two. Why do you not allow it? Ohmer answered it is too close to our playground. There was discussion on alcohol in the park. Clyde stated I don't have a strong opinion on the situation. But I would like to say the Moravians founded this Town years ago. If you go back into their history. They used to have every one of their meetings including their Council Meetings in a tavern. I don't see where the difference is. Nellie stated there are three of us who are going to vote no. As long as I'm on the Council, I will fight it. Ryan Harding stated just so this meeting is not a lost cause for Rumble, if alcohol was taken out of the picture and we considered partnering with Smoke on the Square, will that be considered. It was a consensus of the council for them to work with Smoke on the Square with no alcohol. Ed stated I think it will make both of your events stronger. Chelsea requested shutting down more streets for parking. Pastor Ed stated the Methodist Church can offer parking. Jeff stated I checked with the restaurants around the square and for the first four years they had record sales on everything. Tim Shoaf thanked the Hope Police Department for the police escort. It has been a positive thing for Hope having the ride come through here. **Ed made motion to allow them to work together and co-chair without alcohol. If not, Smoke on the Square gets the date. Jerry seconded.** Nellie questioned the motion. Ed clarified the motion. **Motion carries 5/0.**

SALARY ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 2018-06)

Diane Burton stated this will be Ordinance 2018-06 for first reading. What was given to you tonight is two salary ordinances; one with a 2% increase and one with a 3% increase. I did it this way because initially that was what was requested by the Council. You don't necessarily have to do a two or three but that is typically the two options that has been looked at. That is the only change other than the percent for Utility Worker's on-call. The change reads as follows: An employee on-call completing daily data acquisition directly on and/or during a holiday week shall receive a time and a half rate. David expanded on the reason he is requesting this change. Diane stated to let you know the market rates. Last year it was 2.3. This year it is 1.9 and you only approved a 2% increase last year. **Clyde made a motion to approve the first reading of Salary Ordinance No. 2018-06 with a 3% increase. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 3/2.**

2010 POLICE CAR SURPLUS

Matt Tallent stated we did take possession of a new police car, a 2019 Ford Interceptor. It is outside if anyone wants to take a look at it after the meeting. It is not striped and the equipment has not been put in it yet. It goes in next week to get the equipment installed and then the stripes will be put on it the week after that. I would like to declare the 2010 Crown Victoria, which belongs to the Town of Hope, as

- Recycling option: further detail to be shared at November Town Council meeting; all vendors offering a 6 month trial period; costs will be shared in Town Council agenda packets;
- meeting with Utilities Superintendent Clouse to discuss signage for athletic and other achievements; detail to be shared at November Town Council Meeting;
- Further efforts and detail with prospective buyers for Corner Café; more details to be shared as received;
- Attended Community Meeting at Hope Town Hall: Sheriff Myers will be here on October 25th at 530 pm;

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT SUBMITTED REPORTS

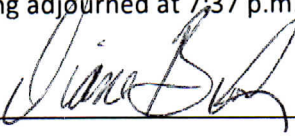
*A Police, Animal Control, Utilities and Town Manager's report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Chad Emmitt shared that they were awarded an additional grant from the Heritage Fund! Chad stated it is going to help us get some software to improve communications throughout our department. Ohmer stated we are always glad you come to our Council Meetings. Pastor Ed Cottrell added I want to thank the Town. We had a driver's training session last weekend. Thank David for the use of the cones for the parking lot to do the training.

Ed Johnson stated I see we have some complaints here about dogs and cats. Are we having trouble with our dog catcher getting out? Matt answered no. They have been decent about getting out. We have had a lot for the past last thirty days. A majority of it has been one complaint over and over.

Ohmer stated Thank you for participating.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



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