

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 7:00 p.m. on February 17, 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.

#### **NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Paula introduced our new council member, Jerry Bragg. Jerry took Shawn Lange's place. Paula asked Jerry to share a little about himself. Jerry stated I've lived here all my life. I grew up on Union Street and then down on Mill Street. I'm married and have four kids. I'm a glassier by trait. I've been there 12 years. This is an awesome little town. Nice people. I'm glad to be on board.

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

**Minutes 1/13, 1/20**

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

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

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

Diane stated I do have one correction for last month. It was on the deposit refunds. The numbers on sewer applied, two of the numbers got transposed. It was posted as \$23.54. It should have been \$32.54 which affected the deposit refund for Natasha Harker. The incorrect amount was \$51.46. It should have been \$42.46. Check number 5217 was replaced with 5221. It was caught before it went out so the correct amount went out. It did not change the total.

#### **PROJECT REPORTS:**

##### **WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED PLANNING GRANT**

Trena Carter stated as you know there was only one Statement of Qualification. The Selection Committee met and reviewed the Statement of Qualification. I also checked with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. You do not have to interview if you are comfortable awarding and not resoliciting. I have two letters that basically delineates that you are comfortable not interviewing, that you're comfortable going ahead and basically awarding a contingent contract to Strand Associates. I have that letter and I have a letter that is a tentative award letter that will allow once it's sent to Strand, they would come back with a proposed fee structure. Then reiterate the scope so I'm asking that we move forward on that.

**Tim made motion to move forward. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Trena stated what will happen now once they come back and we get a contract amount negotiated, then we'll have to hold a public hearing and everything before we can do anything as far as submission.

### **HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM**

Trena Carter stated there will be a lot of documents that will require the Town Council President's signature. It's basically their forms. I do have a couple of things for action and that will be a match, you have to have a 10% match. I show that the town is committing \$11,202.35. That leaves about \$65 which I figure will be advertising fees. Then you have a banked match of \$9,997.65 so that will bring it to a total of \$21,200 and the grant application will be for \$212,000.00. I just want to make sure that is good to move forward. I also have procurement letters for administrative services for this project. Any administrative services we'll probably take out of the grant proceeds as opposed to taking it out of local. The local will be used for the rehab dollars. We need to begin that process as well. The town needs to begin it and we do the letters. What we have looked at doing, Larry will be doing the advertisement on the 20<sup>th</sup> in the Hope Star Journal. The proposals will be due at the next council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Larry Simpson asked did that article drive any more. Trena confirmed and thanked Larry. We got three or four, a lot more. I think we have nine or ten now. The maximum we feel we will probably be able to do is eleven. I have letters for signature if everyone is ok with moving forward on that. Paula asked do we need a motion for that. Trena stated it's not a resolution. Its contingent on grant awarded. Cindy Boll stated I don't think we do because we'll vote on the contracts. Trena confirmed you'll vote on the contract and you'll also do an authorizing resolution once the grant is awarded. This will be a fee contingent contract anyway. We wouldn't enter into it until after the award if you're selected. The application is due a week from Friday. I'll be uploading the application. There'll be several signatures that will be required, displacement plans, application, things like that will require the Town Council President's signature. I'll get with Paula to have those signed when I have everything pulled together. We will find out April 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be after the last Thursday in April. They have their monthly meetings the fourth Thursday.

### **PLACE BASED INVESTMENT**

Trena Carter stated everybody has been busy trying to get information to me. Trena passed out handouts from Randy Sims. Trena stated this is what Randy came up with as far as what we're doing. What we have right now the project, we're going to need to determine how to scale it down a little bit, it is a \$136,000. We have the Community as contributing \$35,000. I believe that was \$10,000 from the Edit Funds and \$25,000 from the Rainy Day Fund, because it's allocated toward parks. Tim asked what is in that Rainy Day Fund. Diane corrected Riverboat Fund. Riverboat has \$59,056.82 which has been as I understand designated for parks. That is what I am recommending and the \$10,000 from Edit. That is just my opinion. Tim asked from what I've been reading we're short of doing what we need to be able to do. Trena confirmed to do the whole thing yes. That's estimated. To get the maximum grant dollars we have to have \$50,000. Randy Sims stated we are over now by \$1,000. Larry stated that's the question though. Do we go ahead and turn in this because all we have to do is show if you give us \$50,000, we'll match \$50,000. If there is an overage, we can just put our intent is to continue this down the road or do we scale it back to \$100,000 and turn it in that way. Tim stated I don't know as far as the application purpose I don't know which is the better way. I guess where I'm coming from on it. If there's ways of coming up with more money, I'd still like to see the whole thing done at one time. Greg stated I agree because it's tore up. You can get it done. Tim stated and do it right and be done with it. Larry stated



that's like a worst case scenario. Correct me if I'm wrong. Somebody mentioned all the electricians in our market who would love to have their stamp on this. We're pricing it out at retail. We might be able to get some stuff done wholesale. Tim stated whatever you have to do to get the maximum out of that grant, I'm good with that. It looks like we're going to be able to come up with matching that anyway. Trena stated what we have for a budget based on the estimates we have, which doesn't include any in kind or anything like that, is \$136,000. My concern is if you show \$136,000 and you get scaled back, we could always modify it down. Tim stated basically what you're saying is if everything except the terracing could be done for \$100,000, don't say anything about the terracing. Just go ahead and do that ourselves. Trena answered if we did, we could say that this is something that the town will be doing that will finish out the project. Tim stated that electrical stuff, to me everything that's got to go underground definitely has got to be the first thing that goes in. It needs to all be done so that we don't say well alright we'll come back in five years and run some more. The clock, the terracing, stuff like that could maybe be on the tail end of it because that you could always add as long as you made provisions for power there it don't physically have to go in at that time. Diane stated didn't Beth say though that we needed to use some of those things because that's really what their looking for in order to do it. Trena confirmed that adds to the visibility, that adds to the outside the box. Larry added that's the lipstick. Tim asked in this plan is there a provision to get water and sewer over there in that \$136,000. Trena answered no. Tim stated that's one thing we talked about right, getting some bathrooms over there. Trena stated that leads us to another discussion about the possibility of going for CDBG Funds as a public facility to do upgrades to the current shelter house; add bathrooms, add plumbing. Larry asked wasn't that locked up by the Community Center for a while. Now that's free again. Trena confirmed. Tim stated I don't guess you would necessarily have to put anything in it. If nothing else if you just got conduit over there for everything before you start doing all your earth work and everything. You could always push everything through that later. I would like to see some sort of sleeve put through there in with this project so the future stuff could be run through it. Randy Sims stated Erco, who did the estimate, thought it was a little bit over on the electric usage. I said we want to do this one time and be done with it so later down the road if we see we need something somewhere else, we'll have the ability to go in and do it. Discussion. Tim stated another thing is the irrigation. Trena stated that's not a part of this. Tim answered I understand that it's not a part of it and I don't know how they would do it. I think it needs to be allowed that it's going to go in. Whether that means get your water lines deeper or get your electric deeper. One way or the other. I know there was concern putting water lines and people driving stakes. To me about the only way you're going to avoid that is to get them water lines way down in there and come straight up from your water heads every time. It about needs to go in at the same time so you're not cutting through your wires running your water or vice versa. Trena stated I do know what you mean. I'm just trying to think how that's going to happen. Tim stated I understand but it needs to. That's what I'm getting at. It looks like we've got some extra money in that Riverboat Fund that we're not going to use. I know we are getting referred to not maybe spend all of it. Greg stated we use that for some other things throughout the year. Diane stated David uses it for some things for the park and if you are talking about the other grant for the public facilities and stuff. We need to leave some for the match on that as well. Trena asked how much goes in there per year. Diane answered it looks like about \$12,000. Randy Sims stated we can spec in there that the electric has to be buried four and a half feet. When it comes up to the box, it's going to have to come straight up. The sprinkler line can be in two and a half to three. Tim stated we are wanting to make sure those are plenty deep so people aren't driving stakes through them. David stated it's either that or put them shallow where they are easy to fix. I think that's why they are



traditionally pretty shallow to keep from tearing out the yard but we need to replace the water lines in there to the hydrants before they ever run the electric. What I was going to say is put them in four foot and the electric three. That way they're not chopping the lines up. Tim stated to me that stuff under the ground needs to all be worked in together at the same time so you're not going back and tearing up what you just did and you're not tearing the park up again. Trena stated one of the things we might look at, we probably need to find out if we get this grant first and then we can look at some of those options. If there's funds in the Riverboat Fund, then get an estimate. Discussion. Trena stated we have eighteen months to do this project once it's awarded. You may have a totally separate project. That may be the sprinkler system. It will be funded by you. You don't count that as match. You don't count that as a part of this project. If you looking at we are going to phase this project because this is what we are going to do. This is our scope for our project that we're submitting. Know that our plan is to do this after or maybe at the same time but it will be funded by the town as a second phase. Discussion. Tim stated I don't want you to cut it and say well we're going to put this, this and this in and then we come up short but we can't do that because we've got to do this underground stuff. I guess you look at worst case scenario and say all we do end up with is \$100,000. We don't have any money to do the rest of it. We want to make sure that project is something that's not going to interfere with when we have money two years down the road to do the other stuff. Trena answered one of the things we discussed briefly, Randy and I, is doing like the north side of the square, not including this part on the south side. At least getting the 600 amp in, getting at least half of it which it still will be more than the other half because you are going to have the clock tower here so you're going to do electrical here. You're going to have the contouring of the land here for terraced based seating. Larry added all the art pads though will go in at the same time. Even the ones on the south side but they wouldn't be flood lit. They would be ready to be flood lit. It would just be capped off. Tim stated hopefully realistically we can come up with a way to do the whole thing. Doing a section at a time might be feasible. You don't want to get to where you have to come back in and disturb this again. Larry asked Trena if we do have this group of electricians who do help and David and his crew do some of the terracing and things. As we chip away at the cost of this, are you allowed to reassign the money we've been awarded to further expand then other areas. If we suddenly find ourselves with \$20,000 left, could we weave into this grant request if additional money is available because of community partners doing trade out. Could we weave into there because we are doing work on this side of the square, we would like to start an additional phase one. Share our vision in other words. Trena answered generally anything like that has to be sent to the state for a modification which is doable. Any change to the budget they have to approve. Discussion. Tim stated I 100% support the whole thing and anything else you can do to it. Where's this other balance coming from. Randy answered Heritage of Hope is doing \$5,000, then there's four families that's donating \$1500 each. In the spring we are going to apply for a grant through the endowment. We've talked to them about it. Discussion. Diane stated just because we're stating we're willing to give this amount doesn't mean we have to give that amount, right. If other people come forward. We're just saying we're willing to. Trena confirmed. At the end of the day what they will want to see is that the community has put in the amount they say they have. If you're going to get \$50,000, they want to make sure the community puts in their \$50,000. The funds will all run through the clerk treasurer's office.

**Tim made a motion to allocate up to \$25,000 out the Riverboat Fund and \$10,000 out of EDIT Fund. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**



Tim stated I don't know if David or you guys, could somebody look into that irrigation deal. Would it be beneficial. David confirmed. Greg stated we're spending money to have the lawn treated over there. If you go over there and lay down a blanket of fertilizer, you could have the irrigation on. Tim stated I know it hasn't been the idea irrigation but it holds up better and like Heritage Days it recuperates a lot quicker. Use to that thing was like a mud hole over there for months after Heritage Days. The way we're doing it is not the most efficient. If you had a sprinkler system, I think it would be even better. That parks turned into a big focal point. I think it's a good place to spend money. Trena stated that's one of the reasons why the folks have been working so hard in getting that as a focal point as an economic development driver; not just park improvements. Larry added because tourism is involved in this. Trena stated part of what we'll be submitting is the schedule of events. We're going to get other events that are scheduled at the park to show how central this is to the town.

Larry stated we had a good discussion today with the Columbus Area Arts Council including the gentlemen, his last name is Smith, he's a Hauser grad who works for them. The gentlemen we met with is in charge of region nine grants from the state level for art events. He has already offered his services to help us apply for any grants that would be applicable. They're willing to help us start our own sculptural Invitational. Michael Dean mentioned some great ideas about using vocational students. You can start these rotating contests with these high school students who aren't going to charge us probably a dollar. They want the honor of having their work displayed in a park so I think we're approaching it even on the education side. People will admire the route that is being taken. Jonathan stated I think as a council we owe gratitude to those who have been working on it. The council agreed. Tim stated it's a win, win, win.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

##### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Larry stated Heritage Seeds of Hope which is actually under the Historic Reservation Quality of Life and Promotional Division of Heritage of Hope met with a professional garden builder, he has his own garden design computer application. He came down on Sunday and measured off the lot. We kept three dump truck loads of bricks from the Pizza King building, which is historic hundred year old brick. We are going to use that as an educational garden. We're going to be working with Heritage of Hope obviously to create little paths. If the Farmers Market wants to relocate there, that's fine. We'll work with the Chamber of Commerce to see if that appeals to them. They'll have a centralized area in the gardens area where we've cut off for seeding and eating and things. We'll keep in mind the Pioneer Village wanting to be over there. There will be a big grassy stretch for the stilts and things like that where if the kids fall, you want them to fall in grass. We're working with Hauser, the FFA group there. They've got a great teacher down there now who's encouraging those kids to take leadership opportunities. They've approached Dodd across the street. He's agreed, if I'm hearing this right, to donate some of his land directly across the High School for them to open a community garden which will benefit the local food



bank and even add to the fresh produce they serve at the school. This is another good program that states are pushing, locally grown. We are working with them. We are not going to be growing produce on the square so much as maybe specialized things but more of an educational. There are ten varieties of tomatoes. They're growing the two or three that you find in the grocery. We might be growing different ones just to show kids there are a hundred different varieties of tomatoes. One thing we would need to do is to find out what it would take to bring water to the site. We also want to do, we're going to try to seek grant money, gardens for seniors who can't bend over or can't bend down on their knees to weed. Table based gardening for wheel chairs. We'll work with Miller's Merry Manor so their groups can come down and get their hands dirty if they want. Also gutter gardening which is two chains with a stretch of gutter. You can live in an apartment complex and still have a garden. Those are great for strawberries, the leaf lettuce. Hopefully this will turn into a good learning opportunity. We're excited to work with the high school kids who are equally fired up to do what we can to get that lot usable until hopefully the day we have to close it to let a grocery store come in. That will be the goal.

#### **ATTORNEY**

Cindy Boll stated I got a zoning update for everybody. The top ones are ones that have been filed. The Steining case they've not cleared per court order. I have the information about that now. A contempt citation will be done on that. That will be fairly quick to do. I think almost all these things will get done this week. In Stokes, we are waiting for a response from defendant's counsel to see if there's any negotiation for settlement on that. The court has set it for a hearing on March 24<sup>th</sup>. My idea is to keep that hearing on and if we don't get it firmed up by then, we'll just go ahead and have our hearing. Gibson, the property has been transferred ownership after this case got filed, I need to do just a quick motion to amend the complaint to include the proper defendants which is a Railroad LLC. Stamer is one that has just been a problem child case because we can't get service by certified mail on the defendants. My only choice at this point is to try to do service by publication. It's like a last effort that a trial rules provide for. What that means is you have to ask the court for permission to do that and then if you get it, you have to publish notice in the paper according to the statute. Then there is deemed to be serviced, to go ahead. Tim asked where is that. David answered 160 Meadow Place. Tim asked is it owner occupied. Matt answered the owner does not accept his mail there. I don't know if the owner lives there or not. The owner is Michael Stammer. David stated there is a car there once in a while. He works some weird hours. Cindy stated it's not impossible to do this publication thing, it just involves a couple more steps. Tim stated every time these people make us do steps, they cost us money and delay the action on it. Could the police serve it. Cindy stated if we know when somebody is going to be there, we can try sheriff's service. Matt Galbraith stated all certified mail I have sent him has come back unclaimed. Discussion. Cindy stated and then finally the Davis case, we'll be filing a contempt citation for his failure to remove the debris from the garage removal. I've also gotten information for three new cases: Hardy, Safeguard and Thayer. David Clouse asked if a lien has been placed on the Davis property. Cindy answered Diane just sent me the info. Tim stated I like this report. The only thing you might add is addresses. Cindy replied I'm happy to do that.

#### **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.

Matt Tallent stated I had a very short council report. My stuff was just getting Keith ready for academy and setting up the new reserves for the pre basic academy. That's where most of my energy went this month. I got the new car. It's at Signs by Ron right now getting striped. Jonathan asked for the names of the six reserves. Matt answered Nick Green, Eric Christianson, Randy Wood, Adam Mathis, Chris Allen and Jason Tucker. It puts us back at thirteen reserves. Greg asked can we get an updated list. Matt confirmed.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

\*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.

Jenny asked do you have any questions. Paula stated I'm glad you're back. Greg also stated welcome back. Paula stated you do a great job. Thank you so much.

#### **UTILITIES, STREETS, PARKS**

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**Wastewater-** Jonathan asked are we still on number one time frame. David confirmed. I don't know what town they're working in right now. They're expecting to be here Wednesday and Thursday. David asked Tim you don't have any funerals that you know of. Tim stated no. David stated if you hear of something, let me know. We don't want to get them started and then have to shut down. David introduced Ryan from Strand. David stated Steve couldn't be here tonight so he's stepping in if you've got any questions with Strand. I was two blocks from Strand delivering water samples. I got a call from Miller Pipeline and he indicated they could save us money if we did not do the point repair that had been designated. I said well I'm two blocks away. I'll call you back when I get in with the engineers. Steve and Ashley Getts, she's the PEO, we watched the video. I see what she was concerned about. There were several cracks but it's still round. What Miller was saying the structural integrity would be the same as new pipe once they were finished. I got a bill here. It's a \$9500 savings. Discussion.

**Tim made a motion that we do the amended version. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Paula stated we did receive a notification that IDEM got your application for renewal on the wastewater. They're reviewing it as we speak. David stated yes the deadline is late March. I just wanted to get it out of the way. It's renew date is September 30<sup>th</sup> but your required to have it to them 180 days before that.

**Parks & Miscellaneous - Greg made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$20,910 for 102 meters with Utility Supply Company. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Larry asked what percent of the town is completed. David answered this will make 26%. Tim asked is this replacing the whole meter. David confirmed. Tim stated Steve Lortz always told me theoretically you'll pick up gallons too because the meter will lose so to an extent it helps pay for itself. Randy Sims stated I'm getting an extra charge on my water bill. Is that what that is. David stated no. Eastern surcharge is what they increase to us every year. We just pass that on. I think it says water tracker. When we went to



the new billing system, it says tracker. Before it said esur. We have a contract with them and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission every year makes them raise that to whatever the Consumer Price Index does. Whatever percent that is, we have to go up with our price. It's a monthly charge. The larger amount is what we charge you for the water. We haven't increased water in a long, long time. It's just what eastern has increased it to us. We've pass it on. Discussion.

#### **BUILDING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Matt Galbraith stated I have a short report this month too. I haven't had a single complaint this year. Greg stated wait until the snow melts. Matt answered I'm preparing for that. I have had a couple of conversations with some appraisers wanting to know what they can do and what property is zoned. As Cindy reported here are the eight properties that have kept my attention focused that have pending litigation. Talking to Mr. Tallent and the property on 701 South Street, they're starting to damage the road with their loading equipment. Greg asked Matt Tallent did you get a complaint today. Matt confirmed. Greg stated I wasn't even aware until he said that. They will unload the truck and leave steel in the highway and the truck will drive off and then they are coming back and getting their steel. Tim asked but it's starting to break the road down. Matt Galbraith confirmed. Discussion. Tim stated we need to get that stopped. Matt answered that's why you see that as number nine pending. I'll be working with Cindy.

#### **HOH**

Randy Sims stated we've been working with ARA on this grant. We're excited we're trying to get something done over there. We will be meeting here probably in the next month or so. Starting to gear up for Heritage Days. Paula stated thanks for all your hard work.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Paula stated I have a letter here from the Hope Area Welcome Center February report to read into the record. The Hope Area Welcome Center has been busy. We have received many new visitors to our place. We've handed out several 2014 Festival Guides, Travel Indiana and the 2014 Indiana Travel Guides as well as a few Discover Columbus. We handled calls from area codes; 859, 765, 317, 407 and 812. We've taken twenty-five calls about Letter of Forgiveness, thirteen calls for Hope Summer Playground, seven for Arts and Antiques, seven calls for Heritage Days, three calls for Chillin for Chase and dozens of miscellaneous calls. We had over a dozen requests by walk-in or calls for Bill Robb's memorial service. The Welcome Center received their first quarter draw from the town of Hope and we also received a \$1200 donation from the Hope Royal Neighbors and their national organization. We were so pleased and appreciative of this donation. Thank you. Lori Robertson.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bruce stated we had a meeting the first Thursday. A majority of the meeting was talking about the EMS situation. We did reinstall one of our EMTs. Another young lady came along and she is an EMT. She is an Emergency Response Team Coordinator at Cummins. She's showed up a couple of times on runs we've had. She has communication equipment. She'll be an EMT only. She won't be a firefighter but she might get turned on to that. I talked to one of my assistant chiefs today. His township trustee who funds some career firefighters is more than happy to come up and talk to us as a group to find out where money is buried at somewhere to help finance if we are wanting to go with some career people up here. Maybe



he can help us with that. Maybe we can get him up here for a workshop or another time. I know it may sound like we're just kind of grasping at straws on this EMT stuff. I sit here and made a list. We've got nine EMTs that are associated with our fire department. Some of them of course are career firefighters that are not able to be around like retired people like me. We have Ken Chandler. We all know Kenny. Whenever he's in the Hope area, he has this text message deal. He comes and runs when he can. He even comes up occasionally just to help out. It's a long ways from where he lives but he comes out anyway. We're still trying to figure out what to do. We are increasing our numbers. Thankfully we haven't had a lot of EMS runs. I'm sorry I haven't got a run total for last month but I'll start doing that for you every month like I promised you I would. The station's getting better every day. I was up there day before yesterday. Making a lot of progress inside. Ed can give you more information on that. He is up there daily. It's coming together. I hope it's something we can all be proud of when we get it all completed. We're going to plan on an open house. We'll see how it all works out.

#### **CLERK TREASURER**

Diane stated I just have something that I kind of want to bring up. We can put it on the agenda for the Working Session but what brought this about is I would like to switch the town's checking accounts to MainSource. Our investment accounts are already with MainSource. I contacted the State Board of Accounts to see what the process would be. They said there should be an ordinance that states what's in the guidelines as far as banking. I haven't been able to locate that. Brenda tried to find it and she couldn't. I'd like to have an ordinance just stating what you would like me to do as far as banking. The SBOA said it could be as simple as a bank that's approved by the state or you can get specific if you want. If you wanted to say a bank that is in the town. When we only have one, I don't know if I would do that but that would be up to you guys. We can work on that maybe at the Working Session so I can move forward to that. Jonathan asked is our checking accounts with First Financial right now. Diane confirmed. We have four checking accounts with First Financial and a savings account. The investment accounts are now with MainSource. They automatically switched. Jonathan stated I think whatever we can do. They've came in and from everything I can determine so far, they're wanting to work with the community. I've talked to two different business owners that have switched to MainSource just because they're friendly and trying. Diane stated I'll see what I can get together for the Working Session. Jonathan stated you might talk to Cindy about how it has to be, the wording. Diane stated one of the things I've been hoping to get into place but would like to wait until after the switch, is direct deposit for employees. Maybe I can kind of discuss that at that time as well.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **EDIT ADVISORY**

Tim stated I attended my first Edit Committee Meeting. We had two requests. The first being from Hope Civil War Days for \$1900 in Edit money. We discussed on that and the following one, kind of working it into getting it more self-sufficient as far as them having ways of generating their own money to fund it as we go on. Maybe back that off a little a bit. That is actually less than last year's, correct. Larry answered I believe so for the Civil War Days. The seeds initiative is just a one time. Jonathan asked less because we don't have like the Red Key Band coming in. Larry confirmed. The turnout for the musical entertainment has always been so low. Grant it because it is a nitch event. It's not going to have the broad appeal that the Christmas, Halloween or any of those events. Just even the Historical Society has always contributed to that as well. I think this year we're just looking for alternatives. They're planning



on doing a fashion show at the bandstand. We would still like to have fiddlers and if we can find someone to provide something like that. We did the two concerts, one at downtown Columbus at the Crump and one out here with Red Key Band. Those two groups, that was close to \$10,000. If there were just tremendous turnout, it would seem worth it but my mind goes to 100 people saw that and we spent this much money. **Motion carries 5/0.**

Tim stated 2013 Heritage Seeds of Hope Edit request. Larry hit on this a little bit when he was talking about the usage of the lot. This one we talked about they really think it will be seed money. That if it goes, it will be self-supported pretty much next year anyway. It's to get them up and going. They've requested \$1300.00 here. **Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **PLAN COMMISSION**

Did not meet.

#### **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

None.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Larry stated I wanted to make sure that the help wanted ad as revised reached you and Diane and that those are the changes that you wanted. The Council confirmed. Tim stated I guess the next step would be at the Working Session have a list of places to possibly advertise then. Maybe at the Working Session we can nail that down and start advertising it. Jonathan agreed and stated I think we are to that point. Larry stated I have provided a word document. If I can help in anyway with the newspapers, just let me know. Tim stated I'll keep hitting you on that stuff. Larry has done all that. I'm in the delegation mode on that one. Larry stated another thing is the appointments and things. I know usually I get a list. Paula confirmed. Hopefully you will have it by the middle of the week. Larry stated I didn't want anyone to think I haven't even announced the officers. I just want to roll it out all at once. Something brought up tonight about the mule being on the street, that made me flash back to the golf carts. Jonathan stated we decided to table that. Greg added until it becomes an issue. Jonathan stated there is a bill before a House Committee in the State Legislation to make some requirements that will be statewide. That may come back. It's one of those that is in committee so it may get buried there and never see the light of day. There is a house bill that's been filed in regard to. Tim stated it could save us from having to reinvent the wheel. Jonathan stated we decided we just didn't really need to move at this point. That it wasn't a major issue.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt Galbraith stated I'd just like to thank the community that came out for Chillin for Chase's Conrad's. The first year for the event. I know Courtney and her friends are going to try to start 501C and make it a total nonprofit. They were able to raise right at \$3,000 that went straight to Riley for research on a child with cancer. Thanks for coming out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



*Jane B...*

Attest

*Geoff...*

*Jeff B...*

*Paula Bell...*

*John...*

*Tim...*