

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

Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a called meeting at the Hauser Auditorium in said town at 5:30 p.m. on March 21, 2017.

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

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 2/21/17

Ed made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Jerry made a motion for the approval of the claims. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

APPROVAL OF SRF CLAIMS

Diane stated I do have a claim that will be paid through our SRF loan. It is for Strand Associates for January service for our water tank rehab in the amount of \$5,989.20.

Ohmer made a motion for the approval of the Strand claim. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

PROJECT UPDATES

NEW TOWN HALL

Trena Carter, ARa, stated the preliminary architectural report for the new town hall is complete. The building committee met and have some concerns. Town Manager Doane is putting together information from the committee. The committee plans to meet with RQAW to inform them about our concerns and see how will can move forward with that. The USDA has been notified as far as potential for the project.

MAIN STREET PROJECTS

Trena stated Andrea Deutsch and I met with the new Main Street of Hope Director, Susan Thayer Fye, and discussed some different funding opportunities.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT

Executive Director Fye has been working with Storrow Kinsella Associates to coordinate the focus group meetings and input sessions. We will have another public session which everyone is inviting to on March 30th for additional input.

HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trena stated it is my understanding that they will be receiving their fire truck in July. Their funding is in place.

COPS

Trena stated we continue to watch for the COPS Department of Justice hiring program. That is going to be funded this year.

HCI

Trena stated I've been working with Town Manager Doane on the HCI application. He has that almost prepared and ready to submit.

OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM

Trena stated we had our public hearing last night at the Hope Moravian Church Outreach Center. There were a few who were interested in the program. If you are aware of a friend, neighbor or relative over the age of 55 or is disabled that could fit within the income guidelines, please let me know and we will be sure they get an application.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Steve Robertson, Strand Associates, stated the water project is 99.99% complete. The only thing we have is the warranty items. We know there are some areas that possibly need reseeding and a couple of broken concrete rings. Before the April meeting Steve will get with David and make sure that we have gotten a list to the contractor that he will come back up and take care of it. All of the money has been disbursed.

SEWER LINING PROJECT

Steve Robertson stated the sewer lining project is complete. I have the last pay application. It is pay app #4 which is for a total amount of \$21,420.67. The total of the project is \$111,357.70. **Ohmer made a motion to pay the remainder of the sewer lining project. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

WATER TOWER UPDATE

Steve Robertson stated the bid opening is scheduled for March 23 at 1:30. We have been contacted by nineteen different firms. We feel confident that there will be between seven to ten firms put in bids. We're suggesting the council consider holding a special meeting on April 4th to make a decision on the alternative. We get the bids on the 23rd. It will take a week or so to be sure all the paperwork is in order. The council needs to act on which alternative they want so we can send it to SRF for approval. Then you can give the final approval at the April meeting. One of the alternatives is to start work May 15th. Cindy will get copies for her to review.

TOWN LIGHT POLES

JT Doane stated I want to give you an update on the light poles. At the last council meeting Mr. Stone brought to our attention some concerns with a few light poles. I appreciate Town Marshal Tallent and Deputy Marshal Mathis in their work and efforts to develop a list of light poles with concerns or completely off. The list was given to our Utility Superintendent, David Clouse. He then got the list to Duke. David stated there were thirteen reported and gave an update on the findings.

SIGNAGE (Ordinance 2017-05, 2nd Reading)

JT Doane stated before you this evening is a signage ordinance which came before you at our February meeting. Upon discussion at that meeting there was an addition to be added which is if the signage remains for a period of time after it was permitted, a fee that will be assessed therein. This is before you for a second reading. I extend my appreciation to our Town Attorney, Cindy Boll, in all her work and efforts in taking the time to review this as well. John Clark asked how much the fee will be. JT answered you get a permit for the signage to be placed for a period of time. If it is not removed within a twenty-four hour period at the ending of that time, it is \$25 per day, per sign. **Nellie made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-05. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

ANIMAL CONTROL FEES (Ordinance 2017-04, 1st Reading)

JT Doane stated honorable town council members before you tonight is similarly an ordinance that at your February meeting we had a discussion in regards to and it is before you for a second reading. This attaches some fees. As currently stands if someone contacts animal control and wants to surrender an animal, we have the option now with our Paula A. Pollitt Animal Shelter to temporarily house an animal but we reach a point where we may have to take it to the Bartholomew County Humane Society and pay a fee which is \$48. It is my recommendation that we have a fee set for those who call of \$60 as it is listed there. This will not only compensate for the \$48 we have to pay the Bartholomew County Humane Society but also it will compensate for some time for our Animal Control Officer and also some gas and mileage for her vehicle. Also in this ordinance is a wild animal removal fee. As it has been noted at previous council meetings, we have a concern with the amount of wild animals and rodents we have coming into the community. However again, for our Animal Control Officer to go and set traps for those; her time, her mileage and gas. To use an analogy said by our Council President Compton, we need to stop this train or we are going to run out of tracks. It is my recommendation that we also assess a fee for those who call to have a wild animal removed so we can develop some additional revenue options for animal control. One concern that was raised was whether residents will want to pay this. Residents do have an option to purchase their own trap. It is my recommendation on the second reading that we proceed forward with this ordinance as presented. Linda Bair asked what the fee is for removing a wild animal. JT answered \$30. Linda also questioned what is done with the wild animal. Lisa Hughes answered they are taken out of town and released. Linda stated there is some literature with the state that says if you trap a wild animal in town you have to take them at least ten miles away or they'll come back into town. **Ohmer made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-04. Jerry seconded.** Nellie questioned the surrender fee if it is someone else's animal comes into your yard and you want to surrender that animal. JT stated this fee is specifically for if an owner does not want their pet. Nellie stated she feels the ordinance does not clearly state that. Cindy stated it will be pretty easy to add some language to clarify that. Nellie asked if we currently have an ordinance in place that covers if someone's pet comes into your yard and damages property. JT confirmed. Debbie Tolbert asked how long do you keep an animal. Do you put it up for adoption? JT answered traditionally for seven days. Upon seven days if it is not claimed, it is taken to the Bartholomew County Humane Society. They will then send us an invoice for taking the animal. **Motion carries 5/0.**

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH (Ordinance 2017-08)

JT Doane stated I have a couple of updates on the Ordinance 2017-08 which was unanimously approved at the March Working Session. This ordinance is pertaining to garbage and rubbish. If someone is in violation of that ordinance, this is what is going to be placed on their doorknob of their home (The red tag was shown to the council) in addition to a copy of the ordinance attached. I want to applaud members of the public. I've been approached by a number of different members of the public that had concerns with neighbors. Many have shared an appreciation to the council for that ordinance and appreciate some of the work that has already been done to clean up the properties.

TOWN WIDE TRASH SERVICE

Due to a misquote in the paper Clyde clarified that the council will not be voting on the implementation of the town wide trash service tonight. The council will decide if they want to put it out for bid. JT Doane stated in considering a town wide trash service, a number of questions was raised. Council Member Miller, Council President Compton and Town Manager Doane met with CGS, Best Way and Rumpke to get answers to the resident's questions. 1) Recycling container options/collection: There was an option for recycling; will be on itemized listing for potential town wide trash service bids; various options, some weekly, some bi-weekly, etc. 2) Terms of contract (e.g. years, rate, etc.): Most 3 year to 5 years typically; we can also devise additional terms related to pricing for extended years. 3) Large item collection: There was an option for large item collection; will be on itemized listing for potential town wide trash services bids. Linda Bair asked if this will be an additional cost to the residents. Clyde answered it will be part of the bidding process. 4) Yard waste item option: The primary consensus based on size of limbs; bundle method and/or placed accordingly in tote. JT stated that he has spoken to a couple of the council members and he recommends that we do a yard waste cleanup day. This may include volunteers who go to people's homes. 5) If residents have personal totes will they be collected, in addition to totes provided by vendor: Ideally, consensus was no; due to lack of strength and durability of the various types of personal totes. Linda Bair asked if there is an additional charge for the totes. JT answered it will be part of the bidding process. 6) If not selected as vendor, process for retrieving totes: Arrangement and schedule would be made to collect totes; We would notify of selection and make arrangements therein 7) If selected as vendor, process for reimbursing for weeks or months, as case may be: Yes, reimbursed; also note that in scheduling such we would forecast a date out to plan accordingly. 8) Pricing for potential business/commercial services: They will provide pricing for businesses/commercial, if businesses/commercial would elect to select said vendor. 9) Options for handicap or elderly towards their placement of totes: From a listing would be able to notify drivers of certain special circumstances that warrant such specific types of placement of totes. 10) Preferred location of placement of totes: Street, within not more than 3 foot; there are some exceptions, but concerns with alley route. JT stated it is my recommendation to the council that we do proceed forward with submitting this for bid. The following are additional questions/concerns asked by residents at the meeting:

- Linda Bair asked what is the value added to the town. JT answered it is part of the community cleanup initiative. Linda asked if it will be part of the bidding process that it cannot be a local contractor or anyone local that has vested interest with the contracting company. JT answered the bids will come in sealed. The council's focus will be what is in the best interest for the town. Linda asked if it will be billed through the water company. JT confirmed. Linda asked about the cost of administration. Is that going to reflect as in increase in our taxes? JT answered at this time that is not something that is in consideration. Linda asked if opting out will be an option. JT

answered no. It will be a mandate for all town residents. Linda asked if there will be a senior citizen discount. The answer was not normally but possible approached. Linda asked if the current leaf pickup will continue. JT confirmed. Linda asked if the contract will state how often the cost can be increased. JT confirmed. JT stated that is a factor that we need to look into to again put us in the best position. Linda asked the increase in price is going to be tied to social security increase like the town board members reimbursement is. The answer from the contractors was the contract will be a fixed rate. Linda asked about the proposed cost. JT answered the range we were provided was just a basic number. The range is from \$10 to \$15. Until we formally get this out for bid, we won't have the exact amount. Linda asked if JT will be checking with other towns comparable in size to see if they have town wide trash pickup and what their cost is. JT confirmed.

- Randy Sims asked is this going to come as an ordinance from the town. JT confirmed that is the consideration before the council.
- Diane Croddy stated she hauls off her own trash. She stated don't punish the ones who haul off their own trash. That is what you are doing. She feels the town should recycle to make money.
- Bill Riley, post 229 asked if their post is considered commercial. JT confirmed.
- Debbie Tolbert asked how soon this will begin. JT answered right now we are at potentially receiving bids for this. Then options will be look at to see what is best for the town. We have to allow potential contractor time to get their totes in town and time for the contractors not selected to get their totes out of town. There is a span of time. The timeframe is typically 60 to 90 days.
- Ben Scott asked how can we do this without administrative fees. You are saying we are going to get a better deal because the town of Hope is going to bill everyone individually. JT asked those in attendance how many pay \$20 and above. Several hands were raised. JT stated the range has been provided.
- Ed Stone asked why it is such a rush to get this done now. You have only talked about it in public one month. I pay nothing a month to haul my trash off because I go by the land field just about every day. Do I have to pay for my rental property if my tenant doesn't pay their trash bill like you do the sewer bill?
- Titus Rutan asked why they are mandated town wide trash pickup. The new Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance should take care of the issue. JT answered this goes further than just trash. If you like, you can come by the town hall and get a copy of the ordinance. Debbie Tolbert stated but it covers the trash. JT answered I have spoken with more cities and towns that have town wide trash service than don't. They very well may had those similar concerns. I'm sure that they had similar ordinances as well.
- Paula Winkler stated we are not everyone else, we are Hope. We need to remember that. Why don't you first try the ordinance to see if it works? If it doesn't, then proceed with this.
- Ben Scott how much the town of Hope plans to make off of this service. JT answered at this point we are just waiting to get bids. That is what is before the council tonight. Ben stated what you are going to charge is going to close the gap. Clyde answered you have no idea what we are going to charge. We have no idea what we are going to charge so you can't say it's going to close the gap. We will have to wait and see.

- Allen Greenhut asked is bids going to be open for the public to see. Cindy Boll answered they will be public record.

Ohmer stated just because we are putting out for bid doesn't mean we are going to do it. We are looking at trying to improve the community. We are trying to look at something that will benefit everyone in general. Give us the latitude to do our job. Once we get a firm bid and we submit it to the community, then we can get some firm feedback. Clyde agreed.

- Linda Bair stated this issue came up when my husband was on the council in the early 90s and it was voted down. One thing that needs to be considered in all the revitalization activity is town of Hope is 46% - 48% rentals. It looks to me like a lot of the issues are with the rental properties. I think we need to do something about the rental properties first before everyone else who is a homeowner has to pay. Linda also brought up the concern for those who are on a fixed income.
- JoEllen Sieright stated I think we are getting the cart before the horse. They don't even have bids to tell you what it is going to cost. I pay to have trash pickup and I love it. I think it's wonderful. I don't think it's wonderful when you drive around and see all this junk and the problem with animals. I don't want people with the porch piled up. If you want to live like that, then go live somewhere else.
- Linda Bair stated she has trapped animals in her yard herself and that people should be responsible for doing this themselves. I don't feel like we need more things that the political community is going to force us to pay for.
- Lisa Hughes stated as resident here and with animal control I see a lot. Sometimes my trash sits in my garage for 2 weeks because I'm busy. If I had someone to pick up my trash every week, I would love it. We have a lot of senior citizens who can't get out and get their trash to the dump. If they are paying over \$20 a month and say our bid is \$15 a month, they are saving \$5. I'm tired of picking up skunks. Skunks love trash. You are going to pay and shame on you for having a house like that. I don't see the big deal.
- Debbie Tolbert stated my neighbors have trash picked up so that is not a problem and I still have problems with skunks getting under my porch. JoEllen Sieright stated you have to get rid of it all over. Debbie stated I have trash pickup but I think it's ridiculous that the town is going to mandate it. Are the residents going to get to vote on it? Clyde answered no.
- Diane Croddy stated I wish you would just punish the people that are nasty. Don't punish the people that are not. There are abandoned homes and no one has done anything about them.

Clyde entertained a motion to put this up for bid and stated we have 90 days to cancel out of this bid. **Ohmer made the motion to put the town wide trash pickup out for bid. Jerry second. Motion carries 5/0.** Linda clarification another public meeting. Clyde confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CYBER LIABILITY

Randy Teltoe, Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, stated we are a wholesale insurance agency. We help Jake and Ohmer do your property and casualty insurance. I've been asked to discuss Cyber Liability with you. Cyber Liability is a hot topic right now because so many things are happening in our society

with cyber. Everyday just about you hear about some else being hacked. When that happens, there are fees that have to be paid. Basically what the insurance policy does is it's a first party coverage and a third party coverage. The Town of Hope if you get hacked money would have to be spent to take care of that situation. You could also potentially be sued by employees or members of the public. Their privacy has been violated so they can come back and sue the town. This policy will cover credit counseling, fines from regulatory agencies and crisis management. It is a very important subject and something to be considered. The cost for \$1,000,000 coverage is \$1282. The cost for \$2,000,000 in coverage is \$1666.

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE (Resolution 2017-01)

Diane Burton stated this resolution is basically saying that if an employee is age 65, the town has the option to instead of having the insured with the group health insurance we would offer them Medicare Supplement Insurance as well as a prescription policy. This is a better coverage for the employee and a better cost for the town. Resolution 2017-01 reads: Whereas, employees covered under the Town of Hope's group health insurance program obtain Medicare insurance coverage upon the attainment of age 65, in addition to the Town of Hope's program. And whereas, Medicare has deductible and out of pocket expenses that can be covered by Medicare Supplement Insurance. And whereas, it would be mutually advantageous for such individuals and the Town of Hope for these individuals to waive their group health coverage in lieu of Medicare and a Medicare Supplement Insurance policy. And whereas, waiving group health coverage would result in the elimination of prescription drug coverage. Now therefore, it is resolved that the Town of Hope agrees to pay the Medicare Supplement Insurance premium(s) and Part D prescription drug premium(s) for such individuals and their eligible dependents, as long as they are full time employees, otherwise eligible for the Town of Hope's group health program. Nellie asked if this will cover the cost of their Medicare Part A premium. Diane answered it is my understanding it is just the Medicare Supplement and the prescription. I can check into that. Linda Bair asked if you are going to cover the individual that is over 65, will the family be covered if they are under 65. Diane stated this will only take effect if it is an advantage to the employee. **Ohmer made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-01. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Diane Burton stated anytime there is an outstanding check for two years or longer, then we can actually roll that back into its fund. The check can still be claimed for up to seven years. I'm requesting some outstanding checks be rolled back into their fund tonight. The amount for the Water Fund is \$606.14. The amount for the Sewer Fund is \$1,191.07. **Ohmer made a motion to roll the outstanding checks back into the Water and Sewer Fund as presented. Jerry seconded.** Ed asked if there has been any effort to notify these people. Diane answered no. Ed requested that the list be posted on HSJ Online to give them an opportunity to claim their funds. Diane confirmed. **Motion carries 5/0.**

EDIT REQUESTS

Clyde Compton stated we have two requests. The first one is from Main Street of Hope. It is for three dumpsters on Hope clean-up day. We will also take tires. We are charged a fee for the tires so there will be a limit on how many we will take per person. The amount is \$900. It was a 5/0 vote from the Edit Committee. **Motion carries 5/0.** Clyde stated the second request is again from Main Street of Hope. It consists of a gardener for up to \$5,000, they also requested for flowers and maintenance \$1,500, flower quilt block \$400 and four new troughs \$350 for a total of \$7,250. After much discussion, there was a

motion to approve the \$5,000 for the gardener and the remainder to drop to \$2,000 for a total of \$7,000. It was a split vote. I voted no. **Motion carries 4/1.**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JT Doane stated the Hope Wellness Pharmacy will be open tomorrow. We are going to have a Grand Opening on April 3rd. They did hire a Hope resident, Teresa Turner. We will have a ribbon cutting and cake or pie. The Community Development Block Grant is still underway with our Main Street of Hope, Storrow Kinsella. There will be a public meeting coming up on March 30th for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hope Moravian Church. I invite and encourage the public to come and hear some of the great things Storrow Kinsella has drawn out. Susan Thayer Fye has had numerous meetings at town hall with various people and business owners on the square. Hometown Collaborative Initiative is a grant that we are seeking through OCRA. The application should be submitted by the end of the week. I am very pleased with how that came together for us. It will put us on a path for a vision three years out to look at being a Stellar Community designation. O'Mara will be in town soon. They will be doing paving for our two Community Crossing Match Grants that we received. We were awarded from INDOT \$7,332 to go toward some paving. As a reminder we have the Paula A. Pollitt Animal Shelter Fund. If you would like to make a donation to go towards anything related to the animal shelter. I am very pleased that we have received three donations for that. At the last council meeting we did sell 154 Elm Street. That was a property given to the town in 2014. We are waiting for a closing date to get that property officially handed over to Mr. Randy Paetzel. As far as the water tower, Steve Robertson spoke about that earlier. We are looking at a spring or fall paint. I spoke with Verizon again this week to update them on where we are in the process. March 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at Town Hall will be where I will receive sealed bids for the paint of the water tower. Last week we replaced batteries in our tornado siren. Our Hope Student Enrichment Committee met in March. They selected a project that they want to do as something to have to remember the class of 2017. They would like to come to a council meeting soon to provide what they are sharing with that. I meet with them on a monthly basis. They are doing some fundraising to go toward that project. Hope Visitors Center will be back in the town of Hope on April 1st in Yellow Trail Museum. I want to thank Barb Johnson and everyone at Yellow Trail Museum for getting that going. We had our first Economic Growth Task meeting last week. I appreciate that one of our members was here, John Walstead and Superintendent Sean Price, Tom Miller and Rachel Thayer was unable to be there. I was excited to have that first meeting and to look through our Comprehensive Plan. Our next radio show will be on Thursday, April 6th at 8:30 a.m. with John Foster. Also, Community Center of Hope, which Chelsea Kendall is here, I was very honored to be there with Channel 13 News as they had discussions with Chelsea and Jeff Yarnell, the board President. They also had a lengthy discussion with Mrs. Barb Johnson about the efforts that they are looking at to possibly save the gym.

Ed Stone, Cross Street, asked are you going to take care of the water problem on Harrison Street before you patch it and make it worse. We've been driving through ice for years where they pump water out of the basement onto the street. It runs all the way from the person's house to downtown pass the police station. In the winter time it becomes very hazardous to drive through there when you meet somebody because the car breaks through the ice. David Clouse stated it's a sub pump. Ed asked will that be taken care of before you put another layer of black top on the street. JT answered Mr. Stone you just brought this to my attention so I will look into it.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT SUBMITTED REPORTS

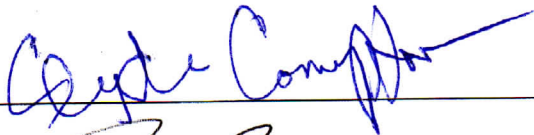
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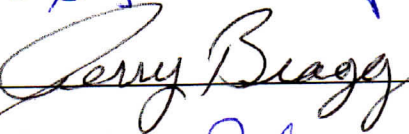
Clyde stated I have a couple of things from the police report. First Adam Mathis will graduate from the Police Academy on April 7th. He is currently number three in his academy class. I think that is tremendous. I noticed in the calls fortunately, there was not a single drug call in town. I think that is tremendous and it is to be applauded. (Applause)

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

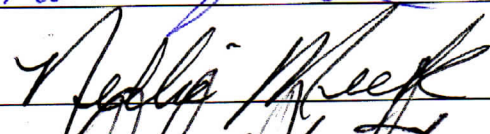


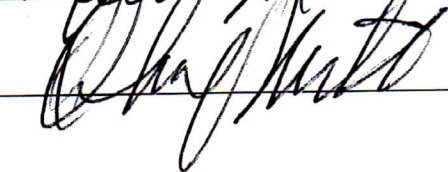
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Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a called meeting at the Hauser Auditorium in said town at 6:00 p.m. on March 7, 2017.

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

Purpose of the meeting: Working Session

NEW BUSINESS:

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH (Ordinance 2017-08)

JT Doane stated honorable council members before you is Ordinance 2017-08. This ordinance takes into consideration some of the concerns that we are having raised by various residents with nuisances they are having to view at various properties in the community. This is definitely an important and vital part as we continue to look at community clean-up initiatives. This ordinance has a definition for trash and has a definition for unwholesome substance and also has the process for if someone's property meet this threshold, what will happen. The property owner will have ten days to remove the items that meet these definitions. In the event that is not done in a ten day period, they will be charged \$25 per day. It is my request that we proceed to suspend the rules of the first reading and go forward with an entertainment to make a motion to enact this ordinance. **Ohmer made a motion to suspend the rules. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/0. Jerry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-08. Ohmer seconded.** Ohmer asked who finds them in violation. JT answered our Building & Zoning Administrator, Marshal Tallent or myself. We would send them a letter and indicate under this ordinance they need to remove the list of items and that they have ten days to do so. If not, they will be charged \$25 per day following that. Ohmer asked if it will be up to one individual's perception or will there be a group that look at this. JT answered the definitions are very specific on what classifies as that. I feel from the ordinance we are covering a broad base but it's also very specific. We can specifically site what things are on their property that need to be removed and that are in violation of this ordinance. **Motion carries 4/0.**

TOWN-WIDE TRASH SERVICE

Clyde stated the town-wide trash service is just a discussion. We will not act on it this evening. JT Doane reviewed the information that has been researched at this point. Three sources have been used to gather information which are Best Way, CGS and Rumpke. The amounts are just a quote. If the council decides to move forward, we will advertise for bids. The quotes are as follows: Best Way range \$11 - \$13 (1 tote/no recycling), CGS range \$12 - \$14 (1 tote/1 heavy item pickup spring and fall/sticker system for additional trash), Rumpke range \$13 - \$16 (1 tote/recycling/1 large item/potential for additional trash). JT stated those are the three vendors we are considering. The total using trash service is 456 which is 56% of our town residents currently using a trash service. If you are using trash service, this is a savings to the 56%. We are considering two options for payment. We have the county looking at whether we can attach this to property taxes. The other option is the utility bill. Timothy Titus Rutan

asked if it will be monthly. JT confirmed. Benjamin Scott asked about having an additional tote. JT answered I will have to get specifics on how much that will be. It will be an option. Benjamin asked if there is going to be an administration fee from the town of Hope. JT answered at this time we are just looking at the ranges for the trash service. Jennifer Furst asked if it is going to be individualized, how are you going to put that on property taxes. It would make more sense to put it on the water. JT state at this juncture it's not certain whether that's even an option to put it on property taxes. It is just part of the process. Jake Miller asked the cost the town of Hope is getting the trash pickup for, will that be the same cost as what is being directed to the individual or will it make any type of income for the town. JT answered the premise for this is those continued efforts for community clean-up. This will be to have a town-wide trash service to where that along with the ordinance that was passed earlier to remove some of that unsightly debris, some of the nuisances that people are coming to town hall for with concerns. The ranges are just for the trash pickup quotes provided to us by the three companies. For businesses out there that have a service obviously if we choose to go with a different contractor, there will be a savings for businesses as well. Matthew Galbraith asked if an individual happens to be unfortunate to get their water shut off, will trash service be told this and not pick up their garbage. JT answered that will be something that we will have to work with our utilities office to coordinate that on how we will handle those circumstances. Mark Webber asked where each of these companies are headquartered. JT answered CGS is out of Morristown, Best Way is Greensburg, and Rumpke is Columbus. Debbie Tolbert stated she thinks one of the main problems here is there is no way to get rid of yard debris. In the spring and fall it would be nice if there was some kind of service in that way. Nellie Meek stated my provider now is Rumpke. Our town goes around and picks up leaves during the main season but in the off time if I put them in a bag, I can still put them in my trash. They allow pretty much everything. JT stated that is something we can definitely consider as another option.

JT welcomed Lucinda to the podium to talk about what CGS can potentially provide. Lucinda stated I've been with the waste hauling business for fourteen years. Everything that we can do at CGS, the other haulers can too. We can all offer pretty much the same services. It will depend on what the town wants, you need to be very detailed when you put out bid specs for a hauler that they quote the services that you want. Basic service is one tote no recycling. Some towns that's all they offer which is your lowest cost. You can tailor make it. She went through the options. Lucinda stated you can also purchase stickers for extra bulk items. A toter will hold six to eight bags of trash on the average. If you have extra bags, we have bag tag stickers too. You can put in your bid specs that one time a month you want to put out something heavy. You can have a heavy pickup every spring and every fall. There are plenty of options available. It just depends on what will work for your town. Tom Heller asked what people are currently paying. Lucinda answered most people are probably paying between \$18 to \$22 per month for trash service. You usually have a ten to twelve bag limit. You are allowed two heavy items, one every six months. The other companies are probably going to be pretty close. We are all very comparable in what we do. Carol Biggs stated I use your service right now. I can put out any type of bag and you guys pick it up. It doesn't have to be a toter. If everybody has to have a toter, is there going to be a law stating you have to pick the toter up. JT answered thank you for bringing that to our attention. That is something as we potentially look to roll this out that is a detail that we do need to consider. Sandra Goodwin asked if people will be able to opt out of this. JT answered the current consideration is for a town-wide trash service. Debra Tolbert asked what if I only want one tote and that person wants two totes. Will I just be charged for one tote or will everybody be charged for two totes. Lucinda, CGS, answered normally it is

what the town asks for. If they ask for two totes, it will be priced for two totes for everyone. You can bid it at one tote and then ask for the cost of the second tote. The town would then have to work out the billing with the resident. JT asked how many would like one tote. JT asked how many would like two totes. A majority that responded stated one tote. Rick Wilson stated he owned his own toter. Am I going to get charged for another toter? Nellie also asked if the customer will be charged for a tote. Lucinda answered the tote is included with the trash service. Ben Scott stated I'm with Rumpke. I pay \$65.21 every three months for two totes. The second tote costs me \$3.25 more. I get the second one very little. I don't see how they can possibly do this and make it individual for everybody's needs without some sort of fee. The town of Hope is going to have to charge to do all this. Nellie answered I believe if you want an addition tote, you will have to purchase that directly with Rumpke. Ben stated he didn't like that he will have two bills. He also stated he didn't know how we can bill for it through property taxes. JT confirmed that may not be an option. I just want to be sure to look at all possible options that are best for the community. At this point they have not gotten back with me. Ben stated just to stay away from the hassle I would just prefer to pay my \$65 every three months. Susan Fye stated I went through this with the city of Columbus. Susan asked if we have an ordinance allowing us to put on sewer liens. David Clouse confirmed. Susan stated if they do, that lien goes toward property taxes. I think we should avoid the property tax option all together. Another thing that came into play is if you are charging for water and sewer and then you add trash, you need to come up with a pecking order. If someone pays a partial bill, where does it go first? How are you going to handle the lien situation through state statue? Tom Heller asked why we have to contract with just one service provider. Why can't people just choose who they want. JT answered that is what we are doing now and fifty-six percent of our residents that have their own that they have selected are paying more than what they will be paying. The other is we also want to make sure those who don't have trash service, have a means to get rid of their trash. We have a lot of neighbors who don't want to see debris and trash piled up. Tom Heller asked why they have to have an exclusive contract. JT answered their rate that they are providing is based on that they get 812 homes. If they don't get the entire town, their pricing will go up. Lucinda, CGS, stated part of pricing is based on sending one bill to the town versus having to do individual billing. The bids will lock in prices for three, four years. Carol Biggs stated my bill is every six months. If I pay my bill in the middle of this cycle, what happens to the money that I have paid ahead? JT answered that is something that we have discussed and considered. In the event that this does go forward, when do we role this out. We have to take into consideration some that may have contracts, what their clauses are. Titus Rutan asked about clippings from trees. He did that and was tagged by Best Way. Gail Wilson stated I have been with CGS for two or three years. They are awesome. They pick up everything we have ever put out. Sandra Goodwin stated some people have Rumpke, some people have Best Way. When you decide on a company, how will we get rid of our old dumpsters? Will the town help with that? JT answered we will make a call to the companies not selected and find out what options the residents have. We want to make this transition as seamless as possible for the community. Joanna Tucker added they should pick it up. I had Rumpke when I first moved here. They delivered it and then they picked it up when I switched to Best Way. Jake Miller asked if it is an option for the town to do separate contracts with each company and let the resident choose or is that something we are taking off the table. Are we stating you have to go with the company that the town chooses? JT answered the option to allow those to choose their own is no different than what we are doing now. We have fifty-six percent of our town residents that each chose their own trash service. When the company gets a town-wide, 812 homes, it reduces the price. As Lucinda talked about, it is one bill so it reduces their administration costs which allows us to get a less

expensive rate. Jake stated but you are adding over 350 customers who are not currently paying any of these three companies. JT answered those 350 are having to make weekly trips potentially to the land field to take care of their trash. There are some who are using Mr. Watson in town or sadly we all know that we have some that is doing nothing. That are just leaving trash that is piled up behind sheds, on porches. We all know that one it's unsightly and two it brings in rodents and it's also a health hazard. Debra Tolbert stated I don't have a problem with this but that the price of the water and sewerage, there are a lot of people that is not going to be able to afford a mandatory trash removal bill. JT stated that is obviously something to consider. There are a lot of factors we will need to consider. Obviously this will be the first time the town has had a town-wide trash service. Debra added most of them go to the dump every weekend. If they don't and it's piled up on the porch or their yard, why doesn't Hope enforce them to get rid of the stuff? JT answered that is something that the ordinance we just passed earlier this evening will do just that. In the past we have not had an ordinance that had the ability to step in and engage that to happen. The town council passed the ordinance so that now it can be addressed. Debra added I have lived here thirty years. Why has it taken them that long to do something? It's a health hazard. It's a task to get the health department to do anything. JT stated I came into office in July so I can't speak for what has occurred in the past. I am definitely very excited about this ordinance. I think it will eliminate a lot of that. I get a lot of phone calls and I want a lot of phone calls. If people see something they don't like in the town, I want them to come to me and let me know. I think this ordinance will help clean some of that up. Debra also stated right now I am embarrassed because I cut down shrubs in the spring and they won't fit in a tote. It's piled half way up my shed. Tom Heller asked if JT knows the market share of each of the current providers. JT answered CGS has 19, Best Way has 164, Rumpke has the remainder. Ohmer asked if we're currently have the spring and fall clean-up dumpsters. JT confirmed. JT stated there are plans already for a May 20th spring cleanup day and one in the fall through Main Street. It will be at the utility office from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Susan Fye asked if there is a joint deposit for water and sewer. David answered separate. Tabatha Tallent stated I participate and run cleanup day twice a year. I can personally say there are a ton of residents who do not throw away their trash. You are more than welcome to come volunteer with us in May. Two years ago is the first one that I did and we had households make five, six, seven and eight trips full of garbage. We are helping lift these garbage bags that have all sort of rodents coming out. I have Best Way. I switched from Rumpke. It's a major issue in town. Yes, we provide it once a year through Main Street. I don't want the rodent from next door coming to my house. I used to live in Edinburgh. They have this town-wide service that is mandatory with one service provider. I understand one bill to make it mandatory for all residents in town. It's going to be simpler to go on one bill. I understand like my grandmother, her landlord pays her trash bill. Can she afford another \$11 on her bill, no. I see my point that it's lowering my bill. So I see it from both ways but I also see it as cleanliness of the town. We want to try to clean up the town. If we leave it as an option to go with one of the three, how are we going to mandate and make sure that they are going with at least one? Tom Heller stated the town can provide a toter to everyone. What was your experience in Edinburgh? Tabatha state I lived there for nineteen years. I had to pay a trash bill on top of my water bill. I was happy with the service. It was dependable. If you had a complaint, you would go to the town. You had one bill. I feel logistically one service provider for the town made it much easier for the residents and for the planned pickups. It would be great if we can get the recycling too. I would be happy just with the trash. It's a great start and would definitely help improve the town. Tom Heller asked for timeline. JT answered the timeline after we conclude tonight's meeting, our regular meeting is Tuesday, March 21st which will be a point whenever this could be on

the town council agenda at which point they would discuss and make a decision on whether they want to proceed forward, potentially table it for additional information or reject. From there would be the process of getting formal bids from these trash services. Most likely I will make a phone call find out contracts and contract language if they are not selected and find out the process with totes. Take into consideration those that do have a contract and have paid for three or six months. Shirley Robertson asked if they are going to use the streets or the alleys. Lucinda, CGS, stated more than likely the hauler is going to want to have it on the street. It will depend on how large the alley is. They do prefer the street. Shirley stated my question is for the person who can't manage the totes. Lucinda answered there are options for people who have disabilities. There is a smaller tote which is real easy for them to get out. If there is someone in a wheel chair, your hauler just needs to know that. We will come up to the house and get it if it's outside. We try our best to help those people. All of the haulers do. Carol Biggs stated I live on the corner and if I have to have a tote in the back of my house, bring it to the front of the house. What happens in the winter time when the snow plow goes down the street? JT asked what are you currently doing in the winter time. Carol answered it goes out the front door, down four steps in the front of the house. JT stated that is something I can add to my question list to a potential vendor. Mark Weber asked since we are talking about this could be brought up at the March 21st meeting, are you looking at probably at least three months before it will begin in order to allow these existing contracts to run out. JT answered yes, on Tuesday March 21st at 5:30 p.m. in town hall this will most likely be a topic on the agenda. The council will take it under consideration and make a decision. As far as contracts without speaking specifically with Rumpke, CGS or Best Way, I'm not really able to comment on that. That would be something that I would have basically prepared for the council on the 21st. Some of these concerns tonight and that are being noted in our minutes, I will go through and have a bullet list for the town council before they would render a decision.

Clyde Compton stated there is one aspect of this that was not been touched on. In the last two years, there has been a gigantic explosion of wild animals as in raccoons, possums, skunks that has invaded this town. This is creating a tremendous health hazard. There not coming in here to be pets. There coming in here because there is a food source here and it's easier to get than it is out in the wild. We have to put a stop to that or the next time we meet it's going to be what are we going to do with the 10,000 skunks that are in town. It has to stop. Debra Goodwin asked how are you going to ask people if they agree with this or not before your March 21st meeting. Should they call someone on the council? I know a lot of people that were interested but couldn't be here tonight. JT answered I would recommend that they come by or contact me at town hall. I have some business cards up here as well. I definitely want to hear their thoughts, other things that we need to consider, other things we need to look into. I have already been stopped by some in the previous week. Have them contact me. Carol Biggs stated I forgot to mention when I put my trash out the front door, I have it in sacks. Lucinda answered if it's in a bag and in a tote, that is fine. Carol stated I don't have a tote. Dorothy Galbraith asked are you going to implement a cost cap to where the residents will be assured that this bill is not going to ever get past a certain amount. JT stated again with the way the economy goes it may be possible if we implement this and then the next year it could potentially raise. We can't necessarily dictate that. They may have to raise their fees. It's somewhat difficult to answer that. It's an unknown. Obviously I will do my best to make sure that I would negotiate to get the best possible rate for the town. If they don't want to negotiate that, we have other contractors to consider. Jake Miller asked is this something that will be looked at and price checked every year? Lucinda answered you would need to put in your bid specs how

long you want to do the contract for. You can ask for a first year price, a second year price, a third and fourth year price. Then you have options to renew sometimes it's that small percentage not to exceed three percent. Jake asked once you get passed the locked in rate, is the option to the town to renew or not renew. Lucinda confirmed. Linda said if you do not want to renew, you put it out for bid again. JT stated obviously when I'm going through that discussion with CGS, Best way and Rumpke, I want to get what is best for the town. So I am going to say can you give us a three year. Can you do a five year? I'm going to make sure we have an understanding that come year two some astronomical increase, we don't want to see that happen. Tom Heller stated if you go to this lady's concern which is important you have eluted to a future that can provide competition but you'll only be able to compete every third year or fourth year or when the contract runs out. Whereas if you have competition on a daily, weekly, monthly basis because you can switch your account.

Nellie Meek stated CGS I am not familiar with your company but you do have enough trucks, I assume you are a large enough company that you can handle this with no problem. Lucinda confirmed.

JT stated I encourage you to attend the council meetings which are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30. It simply a great way to hear the things going on in the town and the continued development. I encourage you to attend all of them. I'm sure many of you will be at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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