

Minutes and proceedings of the 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 public hearing at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:30 p.m. on April 17, 2018.

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY

Diane stated the purpose of the public hearing this evening is to appropriate the new LIT Public Safety Funds into our 2018 budget. The annual amount that we will receive is \$33,399 which will be disbursed to us monthly. The uses of this fund are very specific. You should have received a listing of all the Indiana Codes and all the uses. I am going to highlight the ones that we know we can use. The uses reviewed are:

- A police and law enforcement system to preserve public peace and order.
- A communications system.
- Pension payments for a member of a police department or any other employee hired by the police department.
- Law enforcement training.

Diane stated per the State Board of Accounts we are able to use the fund number set up for the LOIT Special Distribution that we received in 2016 which is fund number 257. This is our second step to be able to use this fund. There is also a form that will need to be completed and then we will need to get final approval from the Department of Local Government Finance before we can actually start using this fund. Clyde asked if the full amount can be utilized. Diane answered once we get approval from the DLGF and it's truly in our budget, you can but it is disbursed monthly. Our monthly disbursement is \$2,783.25. We began receiving that in January. Ed asked is this something we should have passed in November or December. Diane answered we could have passed it in January. I wasn't aware of it when we did the budget process back in September. Ohmer asked what are the plans to use the money for. Diane answered it does have to be used for the list under Indiana Code that I just reviewed. I know Matt is excited to have this fund for law enforcement training. With some of the ways we can use it, it may help out our General Fund. Expenses we paid for from General can now be funded through this fund. Ed asked if the Volunteer Fire Department can use some of this fund for training also. Diane answered she will look into it since we don't own our Fire Department. Ed stated it indirectly comes back to the town since it affects our ISO rating. Clyde suggested providing every single household in town a smoke detector. Diane is waiting to hear back from the SBOA on this. Chad Emmitt stated I can check with Red Cross and get them for free. We will install them. **Clyde made a motion to approve the LIT Public Safety Fund. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Public hearing adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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 Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:40 p.m. on April 17, 2018.

A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following council members: Ed Johnson (President), Jerry Bragg (Vice-President), Clyde Compton, Ohmer Miller 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 Ed Johnson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 2/20/18 & 3/22/18

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

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Ed questioned a claim from Studebaker. JT answered that a possible business that is in Greenfield and South Bend for a relocation. Ed questioned the claims to utility customers and if they were due to errors. Diane answered they are deposit refunds. **Nellie made a motion for the approval of the claims. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Ed Johnson stated we interviewed a young man to take the place of Cindy Boll. He has a contract that he has presented to us. Ed introduced Scott Andrews. Ed stated he is from the Crossing area. He has lived in this community all of his life. Scott stated I appreciate being here and I appreciate you giving me the opportunity. Hopefully I can help you guys out and certainly be available anytime for questions. I'm excited for the opportunity. Ed stated Scott is also the attorney for the Flat Rock School Corporation. **Ohmer made a motion to accept the contract. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

PROJECT UPDATES

DRINKING WATER PROJECT

Trena Carter, ARa, stated this project is complete as far as SRF/CDBG project. We are just waiting for the State Board of Accounts to audit that.

MAIN STREET - MSRP

Trena stated we are still in the process of determining what will fall into that project. The intent is to keep moving forward for round two. The proposal is due October 5th and the application is due Nov 30th.

HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trena stated we did receive notice from Chief Chad Emmitt that they did not fund the personal protective gear. I also sent some information regarding Fire House Subs. Hopefully there is some funding there available through that program.

USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM

Trena stated we have submitted the application to USDA for review on March 29th. When I last spoke with Charlene, USDA representative for this area, today the application has been submitted to the state office. We will find out hopefully soon if that will be funded.

HOPE OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB PROGRAM

Trena stated we have received the grant agreements for the Hope Owner Occupied Rehab Program. I have a resolution that basically accepts the award for \$99,954. It resolves the Individuals who will be authorized to sign the grant documents as well as the financial documents which are Ed Johnson, Town Council President, and Diane Burton, Clerk Treasurer. **Ohmer made a motion to approve the resolution. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Trena asked for an additional action in order to expedite matters of a contract with ARa by allowing Council President Johnson to sign when the fully executed grant documents are back. Trena stated that will help expedite the inspection process. **Ohmer made a motion to authorize Ed to sign the ARa contract. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

WATER METER UPDATE

Tony Akles, Strand Associates, stated the water meters have been approved. David has them and is waiting for weather to break to install them. The town will get reimbursed for a portion of them. We will request that when the retainage is released from SRF. We are waiting until the letters are fixed on the water tower. They are waiting for the weather to warm up. We will let JT and David know. David will need to lower the water.

2017 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANTS FOR PAVING

JT Doane stated the paving is about to commence. The sidewalks have been completed. O'Mara was here in town on Monday. They did some marking on the roads. They will start the paving in a couple of weeks. They will communicate with David Clouse, myself and the school. We will get flyers out to the residents. After this round of paving, we will have paved 40% of our roads in the last year and a half.

GOSHEN MEADOWS SANITARY PROJECT

JT Doane stated I do have some very good news. As you recall this infrastructure project that I presented to the Council back in the fall that we need to develop a plan on, Strand drew up an analysis on what needed to be done. I recommended to the Council that we do a flow meter test to determine the extent of the problem and perhaps the number of laterals that will need to be replaced. As you recall that price tag definitely opened some eyes with over a million dollar potential cost. We got some very good news from the flow meter test. It is not near as extensive as what was anticipated. Tony is going to go through these two graphs to explain the data that was received from the flow meter. I am going to recommend another test to be done this summer that Tony is going to talk about to further determine what we need to do at Goshen Meadows. It is called a smoke test. I recommend that we do this test not to exceed the cost of \$3,000. Ed asked if the smoke test will be for Goshen Meadows only. Tony answered no probably Liberty Place as well. Tony stated explained what the flow meter does and what you look for from the test. Tony reviewed the chart and explained what the chart shows. Tony stated we think that there could be a cross connection somewhere in the creek. When the creek level gets up, it is actually back

flowing into the sewer. Strand feels it could mean a few different things. That is why they recommend the smoke test. The smoke test will determine where there is a leak. Tony explained the process. Notices will be sent out to the homeowners. It may be a problem that David's employees can fix. Tony stated I think we can smoke test all in one day. We will write up a report. The good news is as JT mentioned to you is that doesn't appear to be problems with the laterals. Laterals would be infiltration. Clyde asked about the picture of the proposed force main. Tony answered it goes along with upsizing the force main. It was a bigger project that we were looking at doing. We may not need to do that now. David expanded on the situation and what was discussed with that project. Tony stated this test may take care of it. If you want us to proceed with it, we will get you an agreement in May or June.

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH UPDATES

JT Doane stated I had sent Cindy a few homes that have not been in compliance. I will get those forwarded to Scott tomorrow. I think Cindy has briefed him on them as well. Building and Zoning Administrator Potts has a few more homes to be tagged this week. If you see any homes that need this, just please call Town Hall with that address and we will personally visit the home to make sure it fits within that ordinance and we will red tag it.

TOWN OF HOPE UNITED WAY DAY

JT Doane stated I touched base with United Way. We have a few homes that have responded and have projects they would like done. Once we finalize that list, which should be soon, we will get to work on those projects. Ed asked if this group will pick up limbs and stuff on properties. JT confirmed. JT stated I have talked to some of my students that are on the Student Enrichment Committee about helping as well.

WASHINGTON STREET SECTION MINIMAL PATCH

JT Doane stated there is a section near Community Center that needs patched. We held off on paving Washington Street because we have an infrastructure project there as well that will be presented to the council this fall. Since O'Mara will be in town already, they quoted the cost to be \$1,742 to do that patch. This will be something temporary to eliminate some concerns David has. There was discussion on the patch and the future project. **Clyde made a motion to approve the work. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

WATER RATE PHASE II

Buzz Krohn, OW Krohn, stated Trena did awesome job on the OCRA grant funded. It is completed now, a 2.9 million dollar water project that was funded in part through a State Revolving Fund. You had a 20 year bond issued with SRF, \$925,000 Forgivable Ban and participation note. Before the bids were received we had to go through the portion of adopting the rate ordinances because we wanted to make sure we hit the threshold in our phase one increase to qualify for the \$925,000 Forgivable Ban. That will be forgiven as the project is closed out. I do want to meet to Tony and David about the water losses and so forth. In addition to the winding down of the project, the recent rate increase of the wholesale rate increase from Eastern Bartholomew has been implemented and took effect in January. You used to pay around a \$2,000 monthly base charge and you had a flow charge of \$1.34. They have done away with the base charge. Now they are just charging all based on volumes at a rate of \$2.13. When you apply that to your water purchase volumes and divide it by your water sales volumes, it comes out to about

\$.80 per thousand gallons sold. We already enacted the ordinance for Phase one and Phase two. We have not implemented phase two yet. Phase two is only an 8 ½% increase. Over half of your project was funded with grant money. We do have some bond coverage ratio requirements that we need to satisfy for the State Revolving Fund. They will start looking for that as we close this loan out. Buzz went over the data gathered showing the increase needed for phase two. Buzz stated we did build in an allowance of \$50,000 for capital projects. The other significant asset that you have is plant & service investment. You have over 6.6 million now invested in your fixed assets just for the water utility. Buzz reviewed the water debt which is now about \$1,569,000. Buzz explained you are still building up the debt reserve fund. Buzz went over a comparison of the last two years. Buzz stated the revenues are right on target with the projections. Phase two are projected to generate another \$44,000 which will get us over that coverage threshold if it were not for the Eastern Bartholomew rate increase. The rate increase from Eastern Bartholomew will only amount to about \$30,000. We try to mirror techniques with the IURC. Buzz explained this process which comes out to about \$.80 per thousand. It doesn't change your minimum charge. The average bill is probably 4,000 gallons of water which is a typical residents. That will be about \$3.20 per month. We will need to amend the water rate ordinance to add the wholesale water tracking fee. Buzz stated phase one rate has helped us through this construction period. We're in a healthier position than where we were a couple of years ago. Buzz reviewed in more detail the analysis in the rate recommendation. Buzz stated I think the rate you have is extremely reasonable. Phase two is about \$2.40 for a minimum customer bill and again you will add \$.80 per thousand gallons. The tracking factor is built independently. It doesn't change the minimum charge. The rate ordinance amendment will reference the wholesale water cost tracking factor. We need to reprogram the billings to add that on as a separate line item. The bottom line is the Tracking factor. Buzz summarized the operating receipts, projected operating disbursements and debt service. The estimated bond coverage ratio of about 150%. Without the phase two we would be under the minimum. There will have to be a public hearing for the rate adjustment. There is a requirement of a written notice that will need to go out to out of town customers about the public hearing. Buzz stated per request 4,000 gallons is currently \$45 a month not including sales tax. The phase two increase will be \$3.84 per month plus \$3.20 wholesale tracking adjustment. Phase two has already been authorized. It just hasn't been implemented. At this point there is no increase on the sewer side. Eastern Bartholomew did not get what they sought. Next phase is 9.6% to come into effect January 2019.

EDIT REQUESTS

Clyde Compton stated as a spokesman for the Council and the Edit Committee, the Edit Committee was cancelled. There were two requests. There are various reasons behind it. It will be put on May's agenda.

MAIN STREET OF HOPE UPDATES

Façade Program

Susan Thayer Fye proposed a façade program for businesses on the square. It will be a 50/50 match. The amount will be \$1500 per project. The 50% match will come from Edit funds. Susan stated the amount is a maximum of \$5,000 from Edit funds to be earmarked for this. It will be a draw down. The business owner will need to complete an application. They will be reimbursed \$1500 after they have paid all the fees, everybody is paid and the project is done. The applications will go before the Main Street Design Committee. I would look at this like a pilot project. If it is popular, maybe we will ask for it every year. Acceptable improvements will be signs, gutters, sulfates, exterior painting, tuck pointing, exterior

lighting, doors and windows and bike racks. There was discussion on the amount and the program. Susan stated this is a replacement of the downtown enhancement grant that we didn't get. This program encourages the businesses to stay here.

Tax Abatement

Susan stated I sent out a map, a resolution and a summary of economic revitalization areas. The city of Columbus instituted five separate economic development areas which allows the potential of tax abatement. They would still have to come before the Town Council on an individual basis. They would need to qualify based on the State Indiana Codes for what is allowed for tax abatement. I am asking for a blanket for the Main Street area. This allows for anybody on the square to be included and not just someone from the outside. I think it sends a clear message that we like our businesses, they do a good service to us and we want them to stay. The Community Center Board and Ken Patton has asked for this. If you vote yes on this, you are voting to move forward on having a public hearing which will be at the next Town Council Meeting. We will also have to do legal notification. Your final vote will be at the Council Meeting on May 15th. Nellie asked why the tax abatement would just be for the Main Street program and not for the other people who are in Hope. Susan answered you can do them for anywhere. I think if we establish this and we get some activity from it, I think you are going to get requests all over town. The Community Center Board voted to move forward on the RFP on their vacant lot to ramp up marketing on that particular lot. It should get issued in about a month. JT stated this resolution has not been reviewed by our attorney. I recommend our attorney review it prior signing. Clyde stated I'm totally against a blanket down here. I can see it proceeding as each property owner makes a request. What you are doing is sealing off any spaces down here that's retail. They can't get a tax abatement. What good is it going to do? Let them come individually to see if they meet the criteria. **Clyde made a motion to not do a blanket. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

MSRP Grant

Susan stated Trena mentioned that we are working on the MSRP grant. We currently have cost estimates going for three projects. We were looking at applying in October because there is a potential matching source that only meets in June and December. We are going to delay it until June. The match is 20%. This will include street lights, walking paths, benches, planters, etc. Clyde reminded Susan that needs to come before council. Susan said we should probably have costs in about three weeks.

Preserving Historic Places Conference

Susan stated this week I want to announce I'm proud of the Town of Hope. The Preserving Historic Places Conference is going on in Columbus right now. I heard through the grapevine that Ed Johnson is on call for doing a quick tour for the one room schoolhouse. Barb Johnson was on call for giving tours of the museum and the Visitor's Center. I believe John Ziegler is doing tours of the Moravian Church. We are representing the Town of Hope. Jessica Brown is also attending along with Jenny Morris, our OCRA Representative.

Clyde stated I saw, John, in the Hope Star Journal the country band, The Night Owls, are actually releasing their first album and in it is the song they sing about Hope being a Surprising Little Town. That's pretty impressive.

NEW BUSINESS:

HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Emmitt stated after speaking with Town Manager JT Doane, we decided to put the Fire Department on the agenda on a quarterly basis to improve communication and our working relationship with the Council and the residents who attend the meetings. You received in your packets a little bit of information on some projects that will affect the town. We are looking at a Community Day at the Fire Station on July 21st. It will be from noon to 4:00. It will be family and kid friendly. Our board president is working on some bouncy houses. Major's is giving us a deal on a cotton candy machine. Chad explained our Countywide mutual aid agreement was updated. This will allow to pull a department out of the county. That fourth department will be Burney out of Decatur County. Our first alarm response for structural fires will be getting four departments versus three. Chad stated during the day that is going to be very beneficial. As Trena stated the grant for our SCBAs was turned down. Also, the Countywide Regional Grant for new radios was turned down. We have been asked by 450 North Brewery to provide them with coverage on October 6th for their Corn Maze Beerfest. Chad reviewed the training they have had so far this year which included Ice Water Rescue Awareness, Pre-Plan of School Corporation, Pump Operations and Drafting, CPR, EMT-B Skills. We have conducted around sixteen hours of training so far this year. We had a Cub Scout Pack come in to visit our department. We talked to them about fire prevention, gave them a tour of the station and showed them the trucks. As of April 10th we had 134 runs that we have been dispatched to. We made a request to REMC to cut some of the trees down that are on the property line. Clyde asked Diane to check and see if the Public Safety Funds can be used for equipment. Clyde complimented the Fire Department. Clyde stated stuff like this is what the Council has been looking for from the Fire Department for years and have never received. This is tremendous. Nellie added we glad to see you are active in the community and that you are doing these things. Chad stated we have received a phone call from Red Cross about smoke alarms. We can get a great amount of them for free. We just have to set up a date and time to go out with them and install them.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Jonna Shepherd, Chair of Relay for Life, asked the Council for permission to have a Relay for Life event on the town square. The event will be on June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Jonna stated Hartsville Fire Department will have a fish fry. The Hope Fire Department are our medics for the day. Night Owls Band and House Burners Band will be performing. We have tried to get the community involved in this event. This is our 9th year. It has taken this long to get to this point. The Elementary students do a coin drive every year. In three years they have raised almost \$2,000. The Hauser art students paint big signs for each corner of the square. We have raised over \$160,000 in eight years. This town means a lot to me. The Relay meant a lot to my husband. That is why I continue to strive to make this the best Relay we can have. Every year we have a local cancer survivor speak. This year I'm happy to announce we have Randy Ollis, Channel 8 weather man, is coming to Hope Indiana to tell his story. We will set up on Friday night after Farmer's Market. Ed Johnson stated Jonna works hard at whatever she does and puts in endless hours for Relay for Life. **Nellie made a motion the park request. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dave Miller, Librarian, asked permission to use the Town Square for a kickoff party for their summer reading programs. The party will be on Tuesday, June 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dave stated we

plan to have a lot of activities. We plan to have a DJ, face painting, story times and a bouncy house. Clyde stated bouncy houses are not allowed on the square. Ohmer stated I think the criteria is that they can't have a bouncy house unless they have a certificate of insurance. It was decided that a bouncy house was allowed with permission. Nellie stated an adult will need to supervise the bouncy house. Dave confirmed. **Clyde made a motion to approve the park request and a bouncy house. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

BRUNER PLAT / JACKSON STREET

Randy Sims, Hope Plan Commission, stated on April 9th we had a petitioner bring us an Administrative Minor Plat for Bruner. They have taken a twelve acre track and equally divided into two lots. Currently there is a thirty foot easement accessing the two. There is a private easement on the western portion of it. The Town's storm and sanitary runs through there. We had them plat an easement for storm and sanitary. The Plan Commission is giving a favorable recommendation to the council. Clyde asked how they are going to put street addresses on a private road. Randy answered lot one and two I guess. Clyde stated it has to have a road address. They have to be designated as a road. There was discussion on the process. It was determined that Columbus takes care of that. The section runs to the eastern part of that existing building, they will basically split it so they both get access. Ed stated we did talk about if they want the town to take care of it, they will have to bring it up to DOT standards. Randy added when it gets done they are going to pave it. Ed asked David if they have discussed widening the access. David stated he has not talked to them about it. **Clyde made a motion to divide the two lots. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** Nellie stated, Randy, thanks for taking care of all this stuff like you do.

GENERATOR

Tabled. Ed is working with Matt on a generator to run the entire building and a possible grant.

COMCAST

JT Doane stated on your table tonight is a copy of a billing from Comcast. As you recall at a previous meeting we had some problems here at Town Hall with our internet and our phones. Specifically dispatch has been affected with this. Town Marshal Tallent, Clerk Treasurer Burton and I met with CCI and had conversation with Comcast to discuss what could rectify this problem. They proposed this agreement that is enclosed which is going to rectify the internet and the phone issues that we're having. Also in this agreement there will be a landline for dispatch in case of some type of outage, we'll still be able to reach our dispatch. There will be a backup to the landline. Our Town Park wifi is running concurrently with what we have here at Town Hall which is a security issue. This particular agreement will separate that. In terms of numbers previously we were paying \$133.93 to Comcast. The new amount will be \$234.75. Clerk Treasurer Burton is recommending paying a portion of the Comcast bill out of the Public Safety Fund. **Jerry made a motion to approve the agreement. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

TOWN REPORT

JT Doane reviewed the Town Manager Report which reads as follows:

- Hope Wellness Pharmacy: Currently in discussion regarding potential flat rate, no insurance necessary for basic visits with np; NP would also do home visits; np currently reviewing funding options for operations costs; further discussion with np to discuss possibilities by way of

funding; attended Hope Wellness Pharmacy 1st year anniversary celebration; further discussion on outreach efforts and embrace;

- INDOT Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG): 2017 CCMG grants submitted; priority 1 and priority 2 designation; total cost of projects: \$211,504.50; both grants awarded!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ADA sidewalk project work completed; paving awaiting mother nature cooperation; further meeting/discussion with Omara on April 13th; will disseminate paving flyers accordingly for paving once schedule received;
- Meeting with Utilities Superintendent David Clouse regarding a minimal patch on Washington Street; meeting with Omara to discuss same on April 16th; further detail to be shared at April Town Council Meeting;
- Will be attended IMMA Annual Conference April 25 – April 27; agenda of workshops/seminars and collaboration with many other municipal managers and officials; elected as President-elect for 2018 also assisted in planning efforts for conference;
- Business Meeting with Hope Powder Coat at Industrial Park on April 2nd; discussion on outreach and embrace;
- WCSI radio show: next radio show Thursday, May 3, 8:30 am; attended April 5th radio show;
- Business meeting with Air Support Medical on April 4th; discussion on outreach and embrace; tour of business and briefing;
- Due to intermittent problems with phones and internet; will have materials to share at April Town Council Meeting to revise arrangement to assist towards removing the intermittent phones and internet concerns, as well as further safety measures; Clerk Treasurer Burton, Town Marshal Tallent and Town Manager Doane met further with CCI;
- Invited to attended luncheon/meeting by Mayor Lienhoop regarding a meeting on topic of preserving historic places;
- Utilities Superintendent Clouse provided information pertaining to water rate pricing due to East Bartholomew increase; further discussion with Buzz Krohn; review of east Bartholomew materials; further detail on phase ii study and plan at April Town Council Meeting;
- Clerk Treasurer Burton and Town Manager Doane attended and participation with the placement of pinwheels and signage on square for child abuse awareness;
- Attended annual HSJ event at Yellow Trail Museum on Friday, April 6th;
- Assisted with Mr. Randy Sims with communication efforts to Plan Commission regarding April 9th meeting;
- Town Marshal Tallent and Town Manager Doane drove community; wrote down addresses that are not following ordinance for 24 hour before, 24 hour after in terms of trash containers; will be sending out letters accordingly;
- Attended Emergency Management planning meeting on April 11th;
- Confirmation with status on Hope United Way Cleanup Day with United Way; still completing listing of potential properties to assist; will continue to keep apprised further;
- Business meeting and discussion with Gold Nugget Pawn Shop at celebration; outreach efforts and embrace shared accordingly;
- The Hope Student Enrichment Committee met and talked to some other seniors. They have a proposal to plant a tree at the school. I met with Mr. Tedder and Superintendent Price and they approved the tree as presented by the Student Enrichment Committee. There is an account set

up out at the school by Heather Miller. If you would like to make any donations for the class of 2018 tree that they will be planting, see Heather Miller.

Ed Stone, 431 Cross Street, asked why CCG is leaving a mess. JT replied he will bring it to their attention.

Susan Thayer Fye stated nothing has been set for the Community Cleanup Day. It is a matter of when we can get volunteers together. I appreciate the Police Department that has pitched in on that in the past. They have done a great job. We have been looking into costs for that. There was discussion on dumpsters. Susan stated she felt we should stay with Bartholomew County and support our county. Clyde stated we need to check with CGS and look at the price.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Jake Miller, Miller Insurance, stated as requested last month, I have hand delivered six different insurance quotes to Mr. Ed Johnson. There is a seventh quote for Cyber Liability Insurance that will work with all six of the quotes. I am wanting to present, open those and answer any questions. I have Dave from Bliss McKnight. He can answer any questions about the quote that he provided. Dave stated I have looked at your policies and made some suggestions. We quoted a little higher liability than the other companies because the State changed your tort limit this year from \$500,000 to \$700,000. I went with \$2,000,000. It is a minor change but needed to be done. Bliss McKnight has been in business for over thirty years. We have been endorsed by AIM. We are not for profit. We only do municipal business. All claim adjusters are well versed on what they do. **Ohmer made a motion that the bidding be closed.** Diane stated there is another company that is quoting. Due to delay in getting the listing of assets, they just got their quotes in. They did not have time to prepare those quotes. They have asked if it can be postponed until next month. The assets was requested from Miller Insurance. Jake asked when that was requested. Diane replied I don't have the date memorized. Jake stated it was hand delivered to you the day you requested it. Diane replied no. I requested it prior. Jake stated I have an email where loss runs were requested. Those were provided within thirteen calendar days to you which is well within the thirty day requirement. I came down to the Town Hall today and I made a public document request to get the minutes for the council meetings from last November until current. She asked when do you need them. I said right now. She said there is a process. You have to fill out a form and it takes time to get that so I did not get those today. In the same way that I didn't get my document that I requested. If I needed it for tonight, it is my fault that I didn't request it in time. The fact that these documents were requested from us on March 22nd, the insurance policy renewed March 17th. We are requesting documents after the insurance has already renewed for the year. These quotes that we are providing that we diligently done, they're mid-term. Acting on bad faith to bid it out mid-term in an insurance professional's opinion. There are three in the room and I think they will all agree with me especially for a municipality. The quotes that we talked about last meeting I believe you, Mr. Compton, stated that you wanted them in two weeks. We told you it was impossible. Clyde replied it is possible. I believe what I told you was we wanted them immediately but just as she is stating, you withheld the assets long enough to where he could not put together the quote. Jake stated here is my comment to the Council and the Clerk Treasurer, if you are relying on your insurance agent to give you schedules of your properties, schedules of the equipment that you own as a Town, you are doing the Town a disservice and not doing your job of keeping your own schedules. You should check the schedules that I provide in my quotes against your master list. If you would go back and look at the policies that you have had year

after year, she has had these schedules in a file because they are included with the policy. Diane corrected they were not included in the policy. That was the problem. Jake continued these schedules of things are not things I am coming up with, they are things that are Town properties and items that the Town owns. I don't know why I am now being punished because I have come up with six quotes. Six different companies have quoted this and I started after I sent her all the information she requested with the loss run email. I went to six different companies. There is a limited number of companies that represent municipalities especially small municipalities. I have worked diligently for the past month to come up with this. For you guys to just not look at my quotes or not close the bidding is very, very unprofessional after you have requested them. I requested six weeks. Then I complied and brought you six within two weeks. I would ask that you guys do your professional duty and look at the quotes because they were provided in the timely manner that you requested them. Diane stated I think Ohmer knows that I did request both of those. Ohmer replied you got everything in a timely basis. When you asked for it, I gave it to you. Jake interrupted I can qualify for you. This is from Diane Burton, Hope Clerk Treasurer, it was sent to Ohmer's personal email. Miller Insurance is the representative of the Town of Hope. All correspondence with all insurance goes through our Miller Insurance email address. For some reason this was sent to Ohmer's personal email address. Diane stated I think we talked about that last month. Jake read the email which read: Ohmer can you provide our five year loss runs please. Thank you, Diane. Jake stated that was sent on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 3:57 p.m. The day after the meeting, I received loss runs from Randy Teltoe. They were requested on March 8th, on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:20 p.m. I sent the loss runs to Diane Burton. They were provided in a timely manner and that is the only request that she had made. She then called our office and asked Ohmer to provide the schedules and listings of properties which Ohmer hand delivered the day she requested it from him. Diane stated to Ohmer when you came over here to fill out those forms, I mentioned that to you and you said you haven't received those yet. I answered no. You said I will go right now and to get them. Ohmer did not answer. Diane stated I'm done. Jake stated at the last meeting every one of you agreed that this is not about Miller Insurance. That we are not being called out or being penalized for whatever reason. You guys also asked that we provide quotes so we have done our due diligence. We have given you six quotes. I think if you open the quotes up, you are going to be happy with six different quotes. My question is if it's not anything against me, then why won't you open the quotes. Diane stated because you haven't given the other company the opportunity and they are already working on this. Jake stated I have no idea who this other company is but I provided the quotes in the timeframe that was requested so now we are requesting an extension on the timeframe that was requested initially? Come on guys. This is unprofessional. This is immoral. This is because for whatever reason, someone doesn't like me. Now if I want to get into the details of that, I absolutely would talk to any of you guys. Ed stated whoa. Clyde stated I think we heard enough out of you. Nellie agreed. Clyde stated I say we don't open them. Ed stated the only thing that I know is that Clyde did say he wanted them done in two weeks. Clyde stated but they withheld information so the other company couldn't bid. That's not right. Jake stated I have proof that I didn't withhold information. Clyde stated I said we've heard enough from you. Jake stated you're not the Council President. Ed stated we are not going to get into a shouting match. Both of you just stop. Nellie stated I think that if Diane stated that is what it was, that is what happened. I know they have different ideas of what it was but I do believe Diane knows if she asked for it. Ed asked how many nos. Clyde, Jerry and Nellie stated no. Jake asked can I have my quotes back please. I don't want anyone to get those and use them inappropriately.

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.

Clyde asked what is suspicious person of vehicle calls. Matt answered we get calls all of the time from residents of a vehicle parked in front of their house or somebody walking around out in front of their house. It's just a suspicious person. We go and check them out and make sure they're not up to no good.

Clyde asked David about the Chlorine Gas Eductor. Clyde stated a new one cost \$8,000 and it takes twelve weeks to get it. You guys make-shift out of the sewer grinder pump. Its working but for how long and it is a violation to discharge without it between April 1st and October 31st. Do you have any idea what they penalize you for? David explained it is a violation I have to report if that system is not up and running. You received a copy of the noncompliance report. I have it working now with a \$200 pump but it was oversized to begin with. David and Tony are going to look into what the need is further. Clyde stated I don't want any more violations. David agreed. David stated we are up and running and we are in compliance right now.

Jake Miller asked what effective date would you like on the new quotes since we have to go back and requote everything. These were all set for May 1st. The council decided the meeting will be four weeks from the day the withheld information was given to the Clerk Treasurer. A Working Session will be called on that date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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