

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 May 19, 2014.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 4/7, 4/21, 5/5

Tim made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 4/0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Jonathan made a motion for the approval of the claims. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/0.

PROJECT REPORTS:

PLACE BASED INVESTMENT

Eric Frey stated I'm sure you know you got your Place Based Investment Grant. Right now you're just waiting on your grant agreement. Its state grant funds and you should be getting your grant agreement soon. That will allow you to move forward with your park updates and improvements.

WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING GRANT

Eric stated your grant agreement locks in your \$29,160 you'll be getting in grant funds. It's their standard grant agreement. It also has your notice to incur cost. Paula as council president signed the grant agreement and agreement forms with ARA & Strand. Eric stated now that your have your grant agreement and you've signed it, you can incur cost.

HOUSING REHAB

Eric stated with the planning grant for some reason ICDA, the funder does it different. Tonight you'll be doing a resolution. You'll do a resolution solidifying and accepting the grant and also authorizing the Town Council President to sign all contracts and execute all agreements. The Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief II of Town of Hope, Resolution #2014-03 reads as follows:

The undersigned, being all of the Directors/Members of Town of Hope organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") hereby consent to take the following action without having a meeting. Subject to the terms, limitations and conditions set forth below, the undersigned have considered and now adopt and approve the following resolutions, as permitted by the Company's bylaws and by I.C. 23-17-15-2: Resolved, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors, after due consideration, the Company is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to apply for and accept money in the form of a recoverable grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Relief II, administered by Indiana Housing and Community

Development Authority ("IHCD"), in an amount not to exceed two hundred twelve thousand and 00/dollars (\$212,000.00) according to the terms and conditions as are more particularly set for in the Lien and Restrictive Covenant Agreement and Award Agreement between IHCD and Corporation, a copy of which has been provided to the undersigned; Further resolved, that the following officer(s) or director(s) of the Company: Paula Pollitt, Town Council President, be and hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the Company's name and on its behalf all applications, documents, covenants binding real estate, deeds, instruments or writings as are necessary and/or as appropriate to consummate the recoverable grant transaction, in a form and manner as is acceptable to IHCD. Approved and adopted on this date.

Jonathan made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-03. Tim seconded. Motion carries 4/0.

The Grant Agreement, an agreement for ARA services was signed by Paula Pollitt and Diane Burton. Eric stated we are looking at doing eleven homes for income qualified home owners. We'll be looking at doing \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of home improvements to home owners that qualify, own their own homes and are insured. We'll look at roofs, HVAC and we do some aging in place improvements. It's a really neat program. We're excited to get it kicked off and going now.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK REQUEST – Old Fashioned Independence Day

Barb Johnson, Yellow Trail Museum, requested permission to use the square on July 5th for the Old Fashioned Independence Day. She has requested the north and east side parking area of the square be blocked for a literacy bus, pony rides and there will be some voluntary equipment from Atterbury. She also requested restitution workers if the town knows of any who needs to do a little community service for set up, trash pickup, etc. She requested table and chairs from the shelter house. Barb stated we had a little bit of problem at last year's celebration. The sound system must be on a timer because it shut off at the time it was needed before the fireworks. Larry Simpson stated we will make sure that it works. The event will start at 5:00 until the fireworks are over, as late as 11:00. Barb stated we will probably need to have access to the square as early as morning for people to be able to get setup. David asked what parking needed to be blocked off. Barb answered just the inside parking. Larry stated part of that, I am sending out a letter to the commissioners to request the county road closings. The bridge will also be a stopping point. That request asked for barricades be put in place for those roads to be closed from midnight Friday night and then reopened midnight Saturday night. You have always approved that for us in the past. Council agreed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CENTER

Chelsea Kendall, Community Center Coordinator, stated we have gotten the grant from the Heritage Fund to continue the remodel of the gym. We just have to wait for the roof to be completed in August and then we will start remodeling inside. Smoke on the Square is on June 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY

Cindy Boll sent the council zoning cases. Cindy stated Matt and I have been picking our way through those in the last month or so. I wonder if some of those homeowners might qualify (Housing Rehab) for some work that might need to be done. We'll talk some about 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 the 2002 Crown Vic has been sold as of today. No one showed up to the auction again on Saturday. WW Auto bought it off the police department for \$500.00. The office for the Town Administrator, I got ahold of the Major for the jail, he has given us permission to have the work release guys come in for two days next week. They're going to move everything out of that office, take the carpet up and spackle and prime one day then paint the second day. During that time, I believe they have six to eight work release guys, we going to have them also paint the council room if that is ok. Paula asked what color. Diane Burton answered dark gray in the center. Light gray on the bottom and top. All the doors will be painted white so they will be the same. Tim stated they had a motorcycle ride, Rumble for the Cure cancer ride, last week and they went through Trafalgar, Shelbyville, Franklin, Columbus and Hope. We got more support out of the Hope Police department as far as traffic control and everything than any of the rest of the towns. They did a really good job on it and I think everybody appreciated it. Matt stated Keith, Keith and Nick got the cones set up for them to pull up onto the square. Dave coordinated getting them lead through town. They did a good job.

ANIMAL CONTROL

*An Animal Control Report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Paula stated I was interested in the skunk that came to vote, the fox that came to visit and the twenty pound turtle. Jenny stated the twenty pound turtle was the worst. He was mean. Jonathan stated the very last item on there, that's the third time recently. The last time I had to use my foot. He came after us.

UTILITIES, STREETS, PARKS

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David asked if they were still advertising for the Town Administrator. Paula answered they have until the 31st to turn in their resume. David stated Alliance for Indiana Rural Water has a place to post jobs and things for sale. I thought you might want to put it on their website. The council agreed.

Wastewater

David stated we received our final NPDES permit from IDEM on wastewater. That takes affect September 30th and runs us through 2019. There's no changes. It's identical to what we under right now, what was changed last year. Everything is the same on the requirements.

David stated number two on the flow meter, it is twenty-two years old. It's been increasingly hard for them to get it calibrated. It's obsolete. I have a quote there for \$4,585 from BL Anderson to replace it. The council agreed. Jonathan stated we can approve that with claims.

Streets and Alleys

Paula stated I still have potholes in my alley. David stated yes, they all do.

Parks and Misc

David stated we got the Ginkgo replaced. Tim asked if it was deliberate do you think. David answered it was at 5:00 in the evening. They drove over it and drug it and the sign half a block up the street. Kids in the playground told the police it was a black pickup but didn't know what direction it went. Tim asked if our stuff for the playground held up pretty good. David stated he hasn't looked at it yet. I need to call Jon Day and find out what's going to happen there.

BUILDING & ZONING

Matt Galbraith stated from the last round of letters, we've gotten compliance at 319 Broad, 550 Cross, 704 Jackson, 149 Hitchcock. 1107 Jackson started tearing off the back of the house. The Goodwin's came in and got their demo permit. They are waiting to see how bad it is when we demo on whether we are going to tear it all down or rebuild what we got. They are going to submit building plans if they do rebuild to get a building permit. At 732 Harrison, I talked to Ms. Hall. I got a building permit ready for her. She's got a contractor ready to come in to rehab the garage in the back of the property. 142 Meadow place, the certified letter came back. I'll try to find out where the owner is. I talked to Ernie Stone. There's a vacant mobile home in the mobile home park with several windows broken out. He's well aware of that. The people that moved out, they abandoned the trailer. He's trying to get a title to it so he can get that trailer demolished and moved out. I still have to work on 732 Walnut and 621 Washington to get those in compliant. 205 Robbins Street, court got rescheduled for July 2nd. We went to court on the Davis property. He's still in contempt. He has until 5:00 p.m. on July 10th to come into compliance. We have a court date set for 11th at 3:30. Stokes is still scheduled for the 27th. Cindy stated I think in the memo the Counsel for the defendants has a conflict so it's a little bit after that. Matt stated there's still a little work from the last round of letters but all in all we had a pretty decent compliance. We'll just keep going to court and see what we can do. Tim stated after that last batch I had a couple of different people that were concerned that they had neighbors complaining on them and stuff. I explained to them so I want to make it public that we as a council have asked Matt to be proactive on this stuff. Some of this may be by neighbor I don't know but Matt is actively looking to see what is going on in the town. I know two of the incidents came from just your inspection. I want people to know their neighbor aren't necessarily squealing on them. Matt stated after the letter to the editor, I appreciated the letter. I thought it was very nice. I got those pictures and at least half of those were in this round of letters. Some of them I don't know because of the angle of the picture and the person didn't provide any addresses. I don't know exactly where it is. I've still got those pictures out trying to drive around and find the angle she took the picture of to see if I can see what she saw.

HOH

Larry Simpson stated I would like to report that HOH had submitted a grant for the Hawcreek Flatrock Area Endowment and received \$5000 toward the Hope Town Square project. I am also sending a letter

to the commissioners to go ahead and get the street closure for fireworks for Heritage Days. That letter will be going out for both that and Independence Day. Larry asked do we do anything in the street department to keep you from crossing the bridge because once they cross the bridge. David answered the county delivers barriers to go across there. I don't know who sets them up. Matt stated we usually set them up. Larry stated anything that we've done in the past if we can continue to do it, we would appreciate it. Tim asked if Heritage of Hope is actively seeking more and more money for that project so they can get more of it done while it's going on. Larry answered I believe that Michael Dean mentioned may be doing some more phone calls to see if we can find additional support. If we could accomplish even more on the project, that would be great. Tim stated we don't have enough to do the whole big dream but the more that we could get done while it is tore up the better it would be. Larry stated I know it was mentioned that maybe some local electricians would like to help which would reduce the cost. If we had the ability to put in a handicap assessable sidewalk to the shelter house at least on one side in phase one that would be wonderful.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paula read the Hope Area Welcome Center's monthly report.

The Hope Area Welcome Center had a busy month. We recorded over seventy-five calls. Questions were for Hope Summer Playground, Heritage Days, Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration, Arts and Antiques vendors and RSVP's for the Hope Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner. We received calls from 317, 574, 717, 765, and 812. We had calls for telephone numbers for the Library, Post Office, Community Center, Hope Elementary, Clerk Treasurer's office and the Hope Star Journal.

We received forty plus walk-in visitors. Several were people that recently relocated to the area and they wanted basic information about Hope. We had quite a few looking for the health clinic. Many visitors took advantage of the free county and state maps available as well as the Travel Guide, Festival Guide and Discover Columbus.

We have luminaries available for Relay for Life in the Welcome Center. We requested volunteers, held a meeting and have a small core of volunteers that will be helping out in the Welcome Center mostly on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

This next month is shaping up to be a busy one with the Girlfriend Ride and Smoke on the Square June 14th and Relay for Life on June 21-22. We continue to keep our Facebook page up to date.

We thank you for your support. Respectfully, submitted, Lori Robertson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report.

CLERK TREASURER

Diane stated I would like to update our ordinance book. I know there was a lot of work that went into that so I think we definitely want to keep it up. I think there has been some corrections that need to be done. I know Debbie has found some errors. I will send out an email to everyone that was involved and

have them look over their sections. If we submit the corrections this time, as long as it was American Legion's error, they will correct it free of charge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLAN COMMISSION

Matt Galbraith stated the Plan Commission met last Monday. The agenda was a petition by Mr. and Mrs. Seal to operate a retail shop out of a garage on their property. Mr. Sims made the motion to deny the request. I seconded the motion. That motion failed to pass. The motion to accept passed 3/2. The Plan Commission is making a recommendation to the council for an approval. Jonathan asked for the address of the property. Melissa Seal answered 434 Cross. Paula stated we had a meeting and then we tabled it until the May meeting. The May meeting was quite lengthy. Randy Sims added they are going to sell primitives, collectibles, guns, stuff like that. To get the variance, he has to have a passed variance to be able to sell guns from the ATF. Without the variance, he can't sell guns. It's going to be mostly internet. Maybe some walk-ins. Tim asked what were the concerns. Matt stated there are five criteria that has to be met for a variance to happen; (1) it cannot affect the safety morals of the community, (2) strict adherence to the zoning ordinance that would cause an undue hardship on the petitioner, (3) the variance is being requested because of something peculiar about a particular property, (4) doesn't have an adverse effect on property values, (5) does it substantially alter the Comprehensive Plan. Tim clarified that it's a variance to operate a business there. It's not a rezoning. Matt confirmed. Tim asked if the neighbors had to be notified. Matt confirmed. Tim asked so nobody was there in opposition. Matt answered they were there at the April meeting but they did not come back to the May meeting. The Tuckers were opposed. Randy stated of the five criteria, we couldn't justify three of them. Paula stated we were kind of on the fence on some of those. Larry Simpson asked what is the desired use for that in the Comprehensive Plan. Matt answered residential. Tim asked you're talking mainly internet sales. Joe Seal answered she (Missy) has a lot of prim she is going to sell. Mostly catalog sales. We are going to have some walk-ins. It's going to be a gun shop. Tim asked was parking addressed. Joe answered there's no parking issues. We've got plenty of parking. One opposition was the hours of operation. We can change them. We have to have set hours for the ATF to come in. In order to apply you have to put hours of business operation. Randy Sims stated the other issue was where the alley was. I think you (Joe) were going to get it surveyed. Joe answered the other issue was people driving in the yard but there isn't any way. If you look at the alley, they're actually driving in my yard. I was going to get it surveyed. I'm not going to beat a dead horse either. If I get it surveyed and it goes where it is supposed to, they're going to lose their apple tree. They'll have to trim it back so far it will kill it. I've got security in place. We've got a camera system records any movement all around the garage. There's an alarm system. It's not required. It's just to protect our interest. Paula stated all in favor of the Plan Commission's recommendation for the Seals to have a variance for their shop. **Motion carries 4/0.**

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

OTHER BUSINESS:

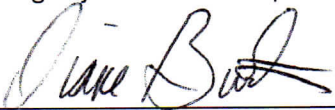
Larry Simpson stated the annual community garage sale is scheduled for the same weekend as Relay for Life which is actually a plus. They can have a yard sale on the square or the food booths could do some

good business there and that's for a worthy fundraiser. I wanted to see if the Town Council would consider waiving the garage sale permit for that particular event. Council agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Galbraith stated he is going to be out of town May 28 – June 1 and July 24 – Aug 3.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Attest

