

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 public hearing at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:30 p.m. on August 15, 2016.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION

Clyde Compton called the public hearing to order. The public hearing is pertaining to an additional appropriation for LOIT Special Distribution. JT Doane stated the appropriation for the first portion of tonight's hearing is in regards to the grant that was submitted to the Community Crossing Matching Grant that was submitted to INDOT to which a little bit later in tonight's council meeting you'll hear a little more discussion about it. The LOIT funds in the amount of \$59,168.95 will be the matching funds to this grant. We submitted two different applications. JT asked if there were any questions or public comments. JT added that we will know the status of this grant by the end of August. It was our understanding that for this grant there were fifteen hundred applications submitted. One thing to note is this house bill 1001 allotted \$150 million to INDOT to give to communities for roads or bridges. \$75 million of that has to go to communities of 50,000 or less. This is a grant that is set up for over the next three years so that we can potentially be receiving not only for 2016 but also look to apply in 17 and 18. There were no public comments. JT asked for council approval for Resolution 2016-04 which reads as follows:

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget:

Therefore, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Bartholomew County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

LOIT Special Distribution Fund for our Major Budget Classification Capital Outlays for Streets in the amount of \$59,168.95. The amount approved by Fiscal Body \$59,168.95. Total for LOIT Special Distribution Fund \$59,168.95. The amount approved by Fiscal Body \$59,168.95. This will be upon your decision adopted this 15th day of August, 2016. **Jonathan made motion to approve Resolution 2016-04. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.**

The public hearing adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following council members: Clyde Compton (President), Jonathan Titus (Vice-President), Jerry Bragg and Ohmer Miller. Clerk Treasurer, Diane Burton was also present. Jerry arrived late. Greg Sims was absent.

The prayer was given by Jonathan Titus.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 6/20/16 & 6/29/16

Jonathan made a motion for the approval of the 6/20 minutes. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.

Jerry made a motion for the approval of the 6/29 minutes. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0. 1 Abstain.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Ohmer made a motion for the approval of the claims. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 3/0.

Diane stated I do have a correction to last month's claims. A check was made payable to Holman Excavating. It should have been made payable to Mike Holman Excavating. Check number 6488 in the amount of \$99,421.08 was replaced with check number 6509 in the amount of \$99,421.08.

Diane stated I do need a motion to approve a Strand invoice to be disbursed from SRF funds. It is for June service. The total amount is \$29,046.18. The breakdown is \$7,483.00 for Contract Administration and \$21,563.18 for Professional Personnel. **Clyde made a motion for the approval of the Strand Invoice in the amount of \$29,046.18. Jonathan seconded. Motion carries 3/0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

PROJECT UPDATES

TOWN HALL

Trena Carter stated the building committee met. We received a recommendation from the committee. JT stated the Town Hall Committee held a special meeting and went through this proposed architectural plan. The Town Hall Committee voted in favor of that recommendation. Trena stated what that will entail is an agreement with RQAW. The amount of that contract is a total of \$9,300. The potential funding of the town hall, this is basically for the preliminary architectural report required by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Department, in order to access the Communities Facilities program funding which is primarily a loan but it can also potentially a portion of it be a grant depending of the funds availability. We are looking at a current interest rate of 2.750%. The maximum term they allow is forty years or the useful life of the project. I'm assuming with a building it will be forty years. The entity that was determined that was the most responsive for the Main Street program were also wanting to collaborate with this firm. They proposed a letter of agreement with Storrow for \$750. The building committee recommended that as well. It will be a total of \$10,050 for the architectural report and collaboration. I have letters of engagement for both entities if you want to take action this evening. I have a letter of agreement for the preliminary architectural report for RQAW, which totals reimbursables as well, for an amount not to exceed \$9,300. We have an agreement for the collaboration with the downtown group, SKA, that has been selected for the Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$750. **Jonathan made a motion to approve the letter of agreement with RQAW for the town hall project. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0. Jonathan made motion to approve SKA collaboration for \$750. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.**

MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN

Trena stated I was not able to be there so JT met with the Main Street Board and updated them on what the selection committee decided on and the negotiated cost for the downtown study which will look at the Main Street focus area. JT stated at the meeting we went through the proposal before you and discussed the recommendation. They had the opportunity to ask questions. Trena was great at providing a summary. Main Street took a vote. It was a unanimous vote to proceed forward with presenting this to the Town Council. Trena added we will need a contingent approval of this agreement. We don't want this agreement signed. This agreement will have to go as part of the grant application that we are utilizing to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. We would like your approval to proceed with the application process. The approval is contingent upon receiving the grant that we will be applying for. **Jonathan made motion to proceed with the application process. Clyde seconded.** Clyde added when we first got the bid for this, Trena and myself both thought it was a little high. I had her negotiate the price down to get into range. Due to her negotiations, she got it down over \$4,000. I want to congratulate you for your work on that. **Motion carries 3/0.** Trena stated as we are getting ready to move forward with the grant application, there are a few housekeeping items that will need to be taken care of. We have a public hearing officer appointment letter that will allow me to prepare a Four Factor Analysis which must be in place prior to publication of any public hearings. I would ask that you first approve me as Public Hearing Officer for this CDBG funded application process. That allows me to advertise, conduct and take minutes for the public hearings that will be associated with this project. **Jonathan made a motion that we establish Trena as Public Hearing Officer for purposes of this grant. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.** Trena stated I also need action on the Four Factor Analysis. It basically utilizes a chart to determine whether there is a persons in your municipality that the language spoken at home for citizen population eighteen years and over who speak English less than very well is greater than 5% or less than 5%. It is less than 5% for the town of Hope so a language access plan is not required. I need your approval on this document as far as language access plan. Ohmer asked if she sees that changing anytime soon. Trena answered we have to go by the documentation that's provided by either Census or by American Community survey. Right now when I looked at the information they provided. They said from their perspective based on the surveys they have conducted that there is zero percent of any Spanish, Indo European, Asian or Pacific Island or other languages that would meet that criteria. I don't see it changing and going up 5% anytime soon. Jonathan asked who requires this to be done. Trena answered the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. I believe it's due to HUDs. **Jonathan made motion to approve the document as it has been prepared by Trena for submission. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.** Trena stated I have Resolution 2016-05 which is a resolution identifying a specific area and conditions and authorizing activities to address said conditions in downtown Hope. That is a resolution that is required for the funding. Because this is a Downtown revitalization project, the area has to be determined an area in need of revitalization. In looking at the various buildings and everything around the square. We looked at sidewalks and streets. We looked at the downtown area as far as the private investment. Both banks leaving and things of that nature. We reviewed buildings that were vacant. We came up with approximate 15% of the first floor commercial space was vacant. Looking at the upper levels, I believe there were ten store fronts that have upper levels. Approximately 50% of those commercial space upstairs is vacant. That averages to a total of 22% of the total commercial space in downtown Hope is currently vacant. That does not include the two vacant lots. Basically we defined the area as Main Street of Hope as the area that would be reviewed in the planning document. Trena shared with the council the boundaries for the Main Street area which is defined in the resolution.

Jonathan made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0. Trena stated the total project cost \$45,100 with \$41,900 being the amount of the contract that ultimately on the state approval be awarded and then \$3,200 grant administration which is required to be a certified grant administrator by the state of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Main Street is looking at potentially applying for a Downtown Enhancement Grant. They will have two rounds at that next year. They may come and request some EDIT funding for their match for that. Jonathan clarified that would be a Main Street application not a town. Trena confirmed.

COPS PROGRAM

Matt Tallent stated we should hear something the end of October.

DRINKING WATR PROJECT UPDATE

Steve Robertson gave an update for water main project. Steve stated most of the customers that are going to be switched have been switched. I think there are only four customers that have not been moved to the new water line yet. That part is progressing real well. They are making pretty good progress as far as the actual piping work and stuff like that. We were scheduled and as JT has sent out on social media to start paving today. That didn't happen. We're not sure if it is going to happen tomorrow or Wednesday depending on weather. We did have a meeting. We have a plan in place for what will happen. There is a notice that over the next two weeks if you have a stripe down the middle of your road, the road is going to get milled and repaved. The plan is each evening if they are on a street that is getting paved, they will get a notice in their mailbox if your scheduled to be paved the next day or two. We cannot have any cars parked on the street or even along the street. They will get a notice if they don't get their car moved, we will move it for you. Not a pleasant thing but we can't hold these guys up. Over the next two weeks Diane, JT and I will work together to make sure notices get put in each person's mailbox with the understanding there are always last minute changes. If you have any questions on what is going on, feel free to contact me. We are scheduled for the entire project to be done in September. Unless it rains over the next three weeks, all the paving will be done before bike ride. Discussion on the details of towing vehicles if necessary. Steve stated as far as the paving he will be in constant contact with Jim Tedder from the school. The crew is used to working around situations. Randy Sims asked if the town ordinance requires to post the street no parking for twenty-four hours before you tow it. Matt said we're actually putting our no parking signs out. Randy asked if there is a list of streets posted on the town's website. JT confirmed. JT stated it is on our social media and John Clark put it out on HSJ Online as well. As the new paving schedule comes in or changes I will be sure to get it out on Facebook, to John Clark and to whatever means as well. Randy asked Steve to keep the fire department updated. Steve confirmed. Steve stated we are making a point of keep emergency services and the school as the first people I contact. Jonathan stated I want to commend you, Steve. I think the coordination from my viewpoint so far has been terrific. I've known what is going on. I think it has gone as well as it can because as you said there are certain things that can't be controlled. I've been very pleased.

Steve asked for approval for pay application #6. Steve stated I will apologize. This came late. We have some internal deadlines that the contractor did not meet this go around which is why JT didn't get it

until this afternoon. We have reviewed it. It is for the amount of \$100,007.40. We are recommending payment. We will not forward anything until we get the hard copy documents from the contractor. It will then go to ARA and Diane. **Jonathan made motion to approve pay application #6. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.** Steve stated SRF, one of the funding agencies, came down to do an inspection. She was here for about an hour or more. We receive a very good report. She felt like the town, us, ARA, everybody was doing what they needed to do to make sure this project was on track. All the paperwork is getting filled out. Payments are being made. She was very pleased with the work. We got a good report from SRF. They will be down one more time to do a final inspection so it's not just us. The funding agencies get involved too.

SEWER LINING PROJECT

Steve Robertson stated bids were open on August 9th. There were four bids received. The bid tabulations have been closed. I believe Cindy has had the opportunity to review them. Cindy confirmed. Steve stated there is a base bid and an alternative bid number one. The apparent low bidder is Insituform. Their base bid is \$92,037.70. The alternative bid is \$19,320.00. Total of \$111,357.70 if you select to go along with the base and alternative bid. As a reminder the original cost opinion \$145,200 so you are under the budgeted amount. Clyde asked what is the alternative bid. Steve answered it is to do an additional 600 feet of sewer lining. Steve explained the area that will cover. Clyde asked if Strand has done work with this company. Steve confirmed. Steve stated they are one of the leaders in this type of work in the country. We did receive three very competitive bids. The second bid was at \$94,000. The third bid was \$116,000. Part of the reason what got such good bids was we gave a decent time frame to get the work done in. David added Insituform is the company that actually manufactures the lining. All the other bidders were going to use their liners. Jonathan asked where Insituform is from. Steve answered their main office is in Houston Texas but they have satellite offices. Clyde asked David his opinion. David answered I'm the one suggested doing the alternate because the storm water project, the estimated cost was so much higher than the actual bids. We could have done the whole project but we were afraid we wouldn't have enough money. This way if it comes out a lot less than the expectation we can go further. Eventually the whole town needs this. The more we get done now the further we are along. Ohmer asked Steve on the existing work you are talking about doing, how is it going to impact the areas we don't do. David answered it's not. We start at the low end and work our way uphill. Steve added actually it will help. There are two spots that are broken down. David has problems getting clogs cleaned because the pipe is not as big as it should be. After we do this project, the downstream areas will flow smoother. That will help with the upstream areas in there won't be the backups and stuff. David won't be treating rain water again. He'll just treat the sewage which helps the utility department out quite a bit. David expanded on the benefits of doing this project and the downtime expected with the project. Steve stated we do have some observation involved. It will not be full time because some days we do not need to be there. We try to minimize that cost too. They will video tape ahead of time. They will also video tape after the work. The town gets a copy of both videos so David has that for his records and is able to compare and keep track of what sections have been done and haven't been done. **Jonathan made motion to go ahead and proceed with the Sewer Lining Project and approve the base bid and the alternative bid as well. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.** Steve stated we will draft a letter of award that Clyde will sign. We will get all the paperwork started. We are hoping that we can get this all signed, ready to go by the end of this month, get the contract documents going. There is a milestone for some of the work to be done by the middle of November. We need to move along and

make sure the contractor gets this scheduled. Clyde asked how long is the project going to take. Steve answered I believe the schedule is they have until the middle of November to do the point repairs. I want to say they have until the first of April to do the lining. The reason it is such a long schedule is because this is a small project. Our experience has been give them several months and that way they can fit it in their schedule. Clyde asked on the last line item it has allowance for point repairs rehabilitation requiring excavation for \$20,000. If that is not needed. David stated it's needed. We've had that part videoed. Steve stated these guys are the experts. We rely on them to let us know if we can line this or if it needs to be repaired. We do know of two locations based on previous videos that are going to need to be repaired. We are not planning on using that entire amount of money but we won't know that until it's videoed.

SHELTER HOUSE/PARK USAGE ORDINANCE 2016-09

Cindy Boll stated the first thing I have tonight is the second reading of ordinance 2016-09 which is the park ordinance that basically restricts certain things that cannot be done in the town parks. The difference you'll see from the version you had at the last meeting is number thirteen and fourteen have been added which specifically call out fire arms and also other activities deemed dangerous by the Council. **Jonathan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09. Ohmer requested number fourteen also read or inappropriate. Jonathan made motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09 with the included language. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 3/0.**

VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE 2016-10

Cindy Boll stated also you have before you the second reading of Ordinance 2016-10 which is the Ordinance Violation Bureau. What I brought to you last month was kind of the bare bones version of what it could be. Since that time JT has taken a lot of time to really go through it and make some good changes. The seven days was a time frame throughout the ordinance. He and I agree with him that thirty days is more appropriate. The other thing I really appreciate the help with is when you get down to really the meat of it of which code violations is going to be included, he made those references to the Hope Town Code which I think is really going to help people understand. Jonathan asked Matt his opinion on the thirty days. Matt agreed with the thirty days. **Jonathan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-10 on second reading. Ohmer second. Motion carries 4/0.**

ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

JT stated before you is Ordinance 2016-11. It's an amendment to the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance. As you recall during our last council meeting we had a couple of residents that took time out of their evening to come and did bring up some interesting points. One of which we do need some clarity in our ordinance to make it a little bit more clear and concise for our Town Marshal or Deputy Marshals to properly have these vehicles removed if need be. JT also recommended and as Council President Compton had mentioned to take out the language that states "if in the opinion of the police officer the market value of an abandoned vehicle is at least \$500". JT stated the language that was added went a little further in defining what classified as an abandoned vehicle under section 8-65 Purpose. Prior to we had "shall include a vehicle that is at least three model years old, is mechanically inoperable, and is left on private property continuously in a location visible from public property for more than 20 days." We went a step further and went above that bar and stated "and shall include a vehicle that is partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked, otherwise mechanically inoperable or not properly

registered and/or plated and is left on private property continuously in a location visible from public property for more than 20 days." We are still meeting that code and we just went a step further just to it a little more simplistic. The other item that we did take out is in section 8-68 Towing and Storage Fees. There was some language in there before that we really weren't utilizing in our previous ordinance which was a \$25 fee. It was changed to actual costs. Cindy added this will be considered a first reading. **Jonathan made motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2016-11. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/0.** Jonathan asked JT to put it on the website. JT confirmed.

154 ELM STREET

Cindy Boll stated JT and I have had numerous discussions on 154 Elm Street and puzzling through the whole procedure under Indiana Code Again. We have a plan in place. The goal is to get this done in the next month. JT stated we do have to have a licensed real estate broker. He or she can prepare an appraisal of the property. We will need to get two. From those two appraisals, you will have to serve a notice to the public because this is town property that the appraisals have been completed and you are now opening for bids. Then bids can start coming in until a certain time frame. I have already talked to two real estate brokers. Cindy added I think putting it on the website is a great idea. David stated 154 Elm Street does already have water and sewer. Jonathan asked them to keep the council informed. Cindy stated we should have the appraisals back and the notice published before the next meeting.

INDOT COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT

JT gave an update on the Community Crossing INDOT matching grant that has been submitted. JT thanked Trena for her infinite wisdom during this process and how to best prepare the applications. The council received two maps which shows how the grants were split up. JT stated these maps were devised from the Asset Management Plan that Strand prepared for us which was a requirement for this grant. This Asset Management Plan breaks down our roads, gives an evaluation for our roads and lays it out for the next foreseeable years. This is a grant that we have potential for 2016 and also for 2017 and 2018. Based on the Asset Management Plan prepared by Strand that broke down the roads that we should give emphasis to for the 2016 grant that we submitted, it is broken down into two areas. Grant application one included Jackson Street from Union Street to Aiken Street, Washington Street from west end to Main Street and Harrison Street from Grand Street to Jackson Street. The project estimate cost for this application is \$92,035. Our LPA match amount is \$46,018 for this grant. The second grant application is for the area of Butner from south of Midway to Hitchcock, Midway from State Road 9 to Butner, Hitchcock from Butner Drive to Hitchcock Court. Then Hitchcock from north end to south end. The project cost estimate on this grant application number two is \$22,629 and the LPA match is \$11,315. We submitted this by the deadline which was July 29th. We should hear by August 31st whether we are given one or preferably both of those grants. Also I already have earmarked in the calendar for 2017. The expectation is this should come out somewhere around February or March timeframe for the 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET EXPENSES 2017

Diane Burton stated I do have an appointment this Friday with the Department of Local Government Finance. I wanted to review it tonight to let you look it over and see if you have any changes you would like to see or anything you might want to comment on. You were given a listing of the Form 1s. The DLGF and I will work together to get estimates of the revenue so at the September meeting then you'll

see the whole packet of the expenses and revenue and how those flow together. I gave you a summary sheet of the changes I made on the appropriations because there are several pages of those. Diane reviewed the changes stating the biggest change was with salaries as a result of the job market analysis. Diane clarified the salary ordinance is what will actually determine the salaries but the funds have to be budgeted for as well. The department that hit the General Fund the hardest is the Police Department since it is paid solely out of the General Fund. I did try to lower some other appropriations to compensate for the appropriations that need to be increased. Diane expanded on the salary changes. Diane stated Animal Control will need to be changed to an hourly rate next year. This is information we found out from New Focus HR. This change was allowed for in the budget as well. I allowed for some funds to be used for a new town hall in our CCI and CCD Fund so those funds are available if a decision to proceed with that is made at a later time. I did go ahead and leave our town manager's salary to be paid for from Economic Development. I know we have talked about doing a split eventually with that salary but with the impact with the General Fund this time and water still getting through this project I thought it might be better to wait until next year for that. We will have our Public Hearing on September 19th. We can also make changes at that time. Our budget adoption will be October 17th. The adoption deadline is November 1st. Something else I would like to implement this year, I don't have that information for you tonight, first I want to see how you feel about it plus my main focus was to get things ready for Friday's meeting with the DLGF, but I would also like to see a budget for our water and sewer utilities. Mainly for planning purposes for these projects that we know we will have in the future. I hope to run that alongside with this budget. It doesn't have to be. They are not under the requirements that the General Fund is but I think it would make sense to stay in the budget mode and do those at the same time.

EDIT REQUEST

Clyde Compton stated we met on Wednesday. We had four requests. We had one for Heritage of Hope for their 49th Heritage Days. The request for entertainment is \$20,000. The committee voted 4/0 to approve. Jonathan stated I'm assuming questions were asked on why the increase. Clyde confirmed. Clyde state basically they could not afford to pay for the fireworks any longer. **Motion carries 4/0.**

Clyde stated the next one is from Brittany Young representing Main Street of Hope. There are two line items. The first one is to put wireless internet in the town square. The total comes to \$1055.63. The second item is dumpsters for the cleanup day on September 10th and that will also include accepting tires \$1300. The total request is \$2355.63. The vote from the committee was unanimous at 4/0. **Motion carries 4/0.** Clyde added the way it is going to be set up, that will encompass a majority of all businesses around the square and some of the homeowners within a certain area of the town. The Antenna will be out here in front of the town hall. We feel like this is a tremendous step forward.

Clyde stated we had a request from Michael Dean for Heritage of Hope. There are two line items. One is to pay on utilities for the Visitor's Center. He has listed \$830 per month for eighteen months and not to exceed \$14,940. We have already received twelve months of the billing and it was a little over \$5,000 so it is not going to be anywhere close to that. The second line is for rent. He initially asked for \$350 per month for eighteen months. After much discussion we felt that was way too high. We approved \$200 per month on a 4/0 vote which totals \$3,600. **Motion carries 4/0.**

Clyde stated awhile back with authorized for the Fire Department \$3,600 for fire doors for the new fire station. Fortunately the doors came in at less money than they originally thought which left them approximately \$1,000. They are requesting that they can still utilize the remaining \$1,000 to be used for other doors within the fire station. Ed Johnson added the doors that I priced originally was Menards and Lowes. Dan Perry said I can saved you money. He did save us some money. We went through a dealer supply for those doors. This will allow us to get the rest of the doors that we need to have to open the building. That's what we are striving for. **Jonathan made a motion that we allow the fire department to utilize those funds for additional doors. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 4/0.**

HOPE HERITAGE DAYS

Randy Sims passed out maps. He had given the council a handout of the street closures prior to the meeting as well. Randy stated it is the same as we have done before as far as closings for our 49th annual. Randy reviewed the street closing requests. Randy also asked to use Harrison Street just along the Gold Nugget, three or four spots, for overflow for additional vendors if needed. **Jonathan made a motion that we approve the Heritage Days street closures as submitted by Heritage of Hope. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/0.** Randy added the parade will be the same route.

GOODIES, GOBLINS & GHOSTS STORIES

Dave Miller stated the last couple of years the Historical Arts Society has sponsored this event. They will not be doing that this year. In my opinion it's just one of those events that really allows the spirit of the town to shine. It's a little unlike what most other communities do and I like that about it. I looked around to find someone to take over this event. The only person I found was me. I would like the council's approval to use the town square for this event on Friday, October 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Jonathan asked if the date is available on the calendar. Diane confirmed. Dave stated I want to have hay rides. I would like to have a fire on the town square to roast marshmallows and do s'mores. Jonathan asked what "Night at the Museum" is. Dave answered Barb at the Yellow Trail Museum essentially takes several of the exhibits in the museum and brings them to life for the night. **Jonathan made a motion for Dave to head up Goodies, Goblins and Ghosts Stories on Friday, October 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Ohmer asked what the route will be for the hayrides. Dave answered I think I am going to have two wagons. We may have two routes or they may be the same route. One might be more kid friendly. One might be a little more creepy. Certainly through town. Ohmer stated it will require a certificate of insurance. Cindy clarified that they are approving the fire pit. Jonathan confirmed. **Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/0.**

HOPE SIGN

JT stated I was approached by Randy Paetzel about the signage. Our Hope sign on State Road 9 has some weeds growing and needs some tender loving care. Mr. Paetzel has offered that he and his family would like to maintain the landscaping around that sign. They are not asking for anything from the town. They just want to be a part and take care of that sign. It is my recommendation the council allow this to happen. It will be more so for the landscaping, flowers for a good eye appeal. Clyde added that stretch of 9 is actually adopted by Randy Paetzel's family as well. Ohmer asked if he is just doing the south or if he is doing the north and the south. JT answered just the south. It was the consensus of the council to allow Randy Paetzel and his family to maintain the sign.

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.

Randy Wood asked if the council has heard back from the Reedy group. Clyde answered we dropped it.

Jonathan stated I passed some kudos to Steve Robertson. I would like to compliment JT and Matt for continuing to stay after this CAD System. I was a little disappointed in the cooperation we were getting and obviously one of you pushed the right button. I believe you are meeting tomorrow. JT confirmed.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JT stated the CAD System is a communication tool that will allow our marshals to have more information when they are getting called out. This will not only benefit our marshals but it will also benefit the county and others involved. There was some Invasiveness as to why we weren't necessarily part of that path. Be that as it may I was able to call and had a very productive working session with our county commissioners to which Town Marshal Tallent was with me as well. We were able to make a presentation and I very much felt in favor that we should be included on it. Right now as of tomorrow the Town Marshal and I will attending a meeting to actually sign the agreements to have access to that system.

JT stated at 814 Walnut Street that home is now gone. This is the home that burned back in May. I spoke with the landlord a couple of times. Initially the dumpsters were brought out. The home was not taken out. I was persistent and followed up. The home was removed from that property. I know the neighbor that I spoke with was appreciative of that happening. Also, 325 north Aiken. There has been some progress out there as well. There was a trailer that it's my understanding due to some storm damage. I have spoken with the Department of Health. I will be following up to make sure that is cleaned up.

JT stated I want to give a special excitement on what's to come yet this month with the new fire house. I look forward to ideally in the next month to being a part of that. There is going to be a grand opening date set. I plan on being there as well. It will be great to see that open.

JT stated the monthly WCSI radio show, our town of Hope has the first Thursday of every month. You get to hear my voice first thing in the morning at 8:30 a.m. along with John Foster. Tune in and you'll hear some other things going on in our town or some things on the horizon.

JT stated we celebrated Debbie Hatton for 20 years of service for the town. I appreciate our Clerk Treasurer, Diane Burton, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Michele Clark, for their diligent work in pieces that together. Upcoming on August 19th I'll be attending with Tony Ankles our very own Utility Superintendent, David Clouse, will be receiving an award for (applause) IWEA Collection Person of the year. It is an honor to be a part of that with David and his achievement. It is well deserved. Steve added there is only one person selected throughout the state. This is a statewide award. David was the choice this year.

JT stated lastly on the horizon is the water tower. We've had some discussions with Strand. That is something that is on our radar. We have that earmarked to give some attention to in the near future to develop a plan. I know Clerk Treasurer Burton and I have had lengthy discussion on looking at ways to plan for that.

JT stated I met with the Columbus Visitor's Center, Karen Iverson. I met with some of the other groups there to talk about ways to get tourism and to get groups coming here to Hope. I am very pleased to work with her.

JT stated the paving schedule which you know about. I'm sure you'll see me out as well helping Steve this week handing out flyers. I thank Steve and Strand for all their work with that. I will be helping with the community clean-up day on September 10th. We are looking for volunteers. Tabatha Tallent is organizing that event. I also reached out to our Emergency Center. I am excited to been added as an Advisory Council to the Local Emergency Planning Committee which meets once a month. I went to my first meeting a couple weeks ago. Any grants that come up that are going to affect public safety whether it be for our Marshal's office or for fire. We are kind of embedded in that so we know what's going on in the county and things we can benefit from. I was also asked to join the planning group for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. It's something that we will be connected and have a representative within the county to see things that may be advantageous to us and also enhance our working relations with the county. There are also currently discussions about a LOIT Funds. I attended a county special meeting for public safety. This funding will be something that will have some potential to have some funds come to us this year. It's specifically for public safety. That will be before the commissioners for them to make a determination on how they want to calculate that. Lastly Mr. Greg Potts will be joining us soon as our Building and Zoning Administrator. As you recall at our last council meeting that was discussed. He will be starting on September 1st.

Ed Johnson stated I'm glad you are involved in that. On the CAD system is the fire department going to be included in that. JT answered that is something we can discuss. I know initially the letter we received was that they were not allowing third parties to be a part of that. Of course that was part of the presentation was that there were other third parties that were included. Therefore we got the support of the commissioners and also Mr. Grant tucker as well who stated that argument does not hold water. That is something that we can potentially bring up with them tomorrow. Matt stated Columbus Township is currently on the system. Ed Johnson stated I served on the 911 committee when it was conceived. The fire departments were supposed to be involved as it progressed. The Emergency Hazardous Materials Mitigation, I'm glad you on that because we don't think much about stuff happening in the little town of Hope. If you look at some of the semis that come through here. Also, our involvement. More so is really, really serious, our wellfield is along the interstate 65. Right where things can happen. Accidents happen along that wellfield. If something happens to that wellfield, you're out of luck.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nellie Meek stated since JT has been here and going around and meeting people, I haven't heard one person complain about him. He's so nice to everyone. He has just won this town over already. I think we're very fortunate to have him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Attest





