

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 5:30 p.m. on August 15, 2017.

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

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 6/20/17

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

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

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

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER TOWER UPDATE

Steve Robertson, Strand, stated for the water tower the preconstruction conference is scheduled for this coming Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend. At that time the contractors will have a schedule to give everybody an idea of the timeframe of their work. There has been a meeting with Verizon about moving the antennas. That will be taken care of per the contract. Notice to proceed is September 5th. Trena added their projected start time is September 15th.

PROJECT UPDATES

WATER TOWER

Trena Carter, ARa, stated I will be attending the SRF Preconstruction Meeting on Thursday. ARa will be conducting Labor Standards monitoring for this project. I will be conducting onsite interviews and monitoring the payrolls as well.

NEW TOWN HALL UPDATES

Trena Carter stated we did receive an update. These changes (displayed on screen) were made based on what the committee put together. There are a couple of new options as far as the layout of the building. What we will be doing is looking into different types of funding sources for the project. The estimated cost is a range of two million to two and a half million. The USDA is stating to not plan on any grant funding. They are supposed to be passing a budget in September. Clyde stated no matter if we do anything with this or not, we have taken this to the level of future councils. They will have a blue print to be able to work off of. Trena briefly reviewed the options displayed on the screen.

MAINSTREET DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Trena stated yesterday I received notification that the plan submitted to OCRA is preliminary approved which means we can now move forward with a public hearing and then we will need to pass a resolution. It is my plan to do that at the September council meeting. That will allow us to meet the deadline for the final draw. Susan will update you on the plan itself.

DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Trena stated we are still waiting for the information to come out about the Downtown Enhancement Grant which should come out in September. We should have something to move forward with on that at the next council meeting. We will need to submit that by the beginning of November.

OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB

Trena stated we did receive a request from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for additional clarification and information. We will get that submitted prior to the deadline, August 21st.

HOPE HERITAGE DAYS PARK REQUEST

Randy Sims, Heritage of Hope and President of the Festival and Bandstand Division, stated previously we requested certain roads to be closed for Heritage Days. I failed to close Jackson Street west of the bridge. I am here to formally ask to close that section of the street for the fireworks. Bartholomew County Commissioners approved closing from the bridge out to 670. It will be closed at midnight on Friday night through Saturday after the fireworks are done. **Ed made a motion to approve the closing. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATES

Susan Thayer Fye stated our plan got preliminarily accepted. In the next couple of days the members of the Town Council and all members of Main Street will get a printed, colored, bounded copy of the final report. The changes in the report from what you approved last month until now are about eight pages of estimated costs for various items added by the consultants. An appendix is also added including public input, quotes and minutes. Main Street will meet this coming Thursday. Susan requested a liaison from the council for Main Street. This afternoon I made up a listing of all the projects that came about as a result of the study. Some of them are short term, medium length and some of them are long term projects. The committee will start prioritizing on what they think is the best fit for Hope. We would like to have you involved. This acceptance means we are at the next step towards getting funding. I am working on a Tree Board. Ohmer asked if Main Street meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Susan confirmed. JT stated I am at all of the meetings and will share information with you as well. Susan stated Fall Cleanup day is on Saturday, September 30th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The county recycling truck will be there as well.

FARMER'S MARKET PARK REQUEST

Diane Burton, Farmer's Market Chair, stated as you know I have already requested the park for Farmer's Market but I do have a couple of additional requests. We would like to have a petting farm. We are currently checking with Country Chalet. If we are not able to get them, it will be a place similar to them that will be able to provide a certificate of insurance. Ohmer asked what type of animals. JT answered they have a variety of animals, not big animals. Clyde asked who will be cleaning up after the animals. Diane answered JT. Diane stated we would also like to close the road on the east side for the cruise-in.

We had thirty-three cars at this last market which has been our highest number. We had a lot of people walking that path. My last request for the Farmer's Market is Susan has a friend who will be bringing some runt pigs that she will be giving away. It was a consensus of the council to not allow the pigs to be given away since it is against town ordinance to have them in town. Clyde asked if the petting farm can be beside the town hall not in the park due to damage they may cause. Diane stated that is something I can take before the board. I don't know if people will notice it being there since everything else is in one spot. The council agreed to allow the road closing. Clyde stated the last Farmer's Market was fantastic. The car show was great. The band was great. There were numerous vendors. I would like to see a few more. It was the best Farmer's Market I have seen them put on since it began. I would also like to thank Miller Insurance who paid for the band.

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH UPDATES

JT Doane stated I would like to give a brief update on the Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance. We have tagged forty-nine homes. We have two residence that did not comply that is with our town attorney, Cindy Boll. JT shared some information on those homes and the discussions he had with them. Cindy added two out of forty-nine is pretty good. That is a real testament to that ordinance. Ed brought up the home across the street that has been torn down. JT stated we sent them a letter that it was an unsafe structure under our ordinances. JT expanded on the discussion he had with the administrators of the resident of that home.

EASTERN BARTHOLOMEW WATER RATE INCREASE REQUEST UPDATES

JT Doane stated the hearing was continued that was originally set for August 3rd. It has been moved to August 23rd 10:00 a.m. The Utility Superintendent, David Clouse, and I have it on our calendar to be in attendance at that meeting. Any other information between now until then will be shared and any information following will be shared. They did advice a decision will not be made at that time. It is a public meeting so anyone who would like to attend, it is at the PNC Center in Indianapolis.

RANDOM DRUG TEST POLICY AMENDMENT (ORDINANCE 2017-14)

JT Doane stated the Random Drug Testing Policy is before you for a second reading. Clyde added all we are really doing is changing it from one hour to one day. JT confirmed. **Ed made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-14. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

TOWN WIDE TRASH

Clyde stated this discussion started quite a while back. We have had two public meetings to give everybody the right to say what they wanted to say. The council gave an extended period of time to get feedback from the public. We released the cost factor and we allowed time for feedback after the fact. There will be no more town input. This will be a council vote. Clyde asked for council input. Clyde stated if this passes we need to decide what the administration fee is going to be. Ohmer stated I think it's a good idea. I think it is good for the community. I think the rate is reasonable. I think the administration costs is a necessity. Ohmer feels the administration fee should be \$1.00. Nellie stated I don't agree with it. I don't like the idea of a mandate. I think there are a lot of people who don't want it. Ed stated the feedback I've been getting is about 50/50. Ed stated I'm getting good reports and I'm getting people who are saying I don't need that. I'm going to Columbus anyway. When you consider the cost of \$8.55 a month, you're going to eat that up in gas. Jerry stated I'm favorable of it. The trash ordinance is doing

very well. That is what I've been waiting on is to see the result of that but that is now. How's it going to do next year? My vote is yes with an administrative fee of \$1.00. Clyde stated I've kind of went back and forth with this until I saw the prices. I go along with Jerry. The trash ordinance has done some good. It's not going to be the total answer. As Susan stated at the last meeting, a lot of people are looking at this town to grow. They are looking to see what we are going to do. With this pricing, the cost of gasoline and your time is worth something. I am going to vote in favor of it and I will go along with an administrative fee of \$1. **Ohmer made a motion to approve the town wide trash pickup with an administration fee of \$1.00. Ed seconded. Motion carries 4/1. Ohmer made a motion to grant the contract to CGS. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/1.**

NEW BUSINESS:

GOODIES, GOBLINS & GHOST STORIES PARK REQUEST

Dave Miller, Town Librarian, stated last year I spear headed the Goodies, Goblins and Ghost Stories event on the town square in October. I hope it was as much fun for the town as it was for me. It was really a neat experience and I was glad it was successful. Dave asked permission to have the following: Campfire for s'mores, tractor pulled hayrides and Trunk or Treat. Dave also asked permission to block off the north side parking to pull in cars for Trunk or Treat. **The event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 28th from 5:00 to 8:00 in the evening.** We will also have storytellers, pumpkin painting, the haunted night at the museum at Yellow Trail Museum and several other attractions. Clyde stated last year what you did was absolutely tremendous. Ohmer asked about insurance coverage. David confirmed. **Ohmer made a motion to approve the event. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

2018 BUDGET

Diane Burton reviewed the budget folders given to the council. The folders include the following: Form 1

– The detailed breakdown of the recommended budget amount for each appropriation.

Form 2 – Listing of the miscellaneous revenue.

Form 3 – Notice to Taxpayers which is the advertisement so it will not be included until the September meeting.

Form 4 – Budget Adoption Ordinance which will be in October

Form 4A – Summary of the categories from Form 1

Form 4B – Rolls the revenue and expenses together. It includes the last six months of this year and all of next year.

Diane stated we will have our public hearing at our meeting next month on September 19th at 5:30. The Budget Adoption will be October 17th at 5:30. A detailed listing of the recommended changes was given to the council and reviewed. Clyde stated this had to take a tremendous amount of work to even get to this point and I commend you for that.

TOWN PROMOTIONS (ORDINANCE 2017-16)

Diane Burton stated this is Ordinance 2017-16 as a first reading. It is to clarify what the Town Promotions appropriation can be used for. It is not a new appropriation but there are some new uses added which are: (A) Milestone anniversary celebrations, retirement parties, awards (B) Holiday party (C) Employee appreciation lunches (D) Other related promotions approved by council as used for in the past. **Ohmer made a motion to approve first reading for Ordinance 2017-16. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

TOWN PARK EVENTS (ORDINANCE 2017-17)

JT Doane stated this ordinance was approved for a second reading at your last meeting. The wording in this ordinance referred to annual special events. This ordinance amends to allow for a one-time event. I spoke with our Town Attorney, Cindy Boll, we concurred that we should make that verbiage more clear and concise. The verbiage change is to (A) for any Town Square Park public events. Ohmer clarified that the park can still be used for private events. JT confirmed. **Jerry made a motion to approve first reading on Ordinance 2017-17. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

COUNTY ROAD 775 EAST

JT Doane stated there are two sections of 775 East; one running directly behind Hauser High School and the other is referred to as Angling Road. The section behind the school is currently set up to where the town has ownership to the centerline and the county owns the other side. On the Angling Road section, it is set up in the same way just a little before the bridge. The Council President and I presented this to the Commissioners of our request to annex that road. They gave their blessing verbally at the meeting in support of that. On July 17th after their discussion further with the county and with the county engineer, they gave a written blessing which is included in your packet. I have had discussion with Cindy Boll about proceeding forward with that process. She has been in contact with Strand as well as to that annexation process for that road. We have also met with Strand to look at additional options as far as receiving this road and looking towards the future of annexing land and the utility costs. It is my recommendation to you that we allow our Town Attorney, Cindy Boll, to proceed forward with this blessing we received from the Commissioners to formally annex the County Road 775 East behind the school and Angling Road just beyond the bridge. Council discussed the annexation. Ohmer asked why we need to annex. Clyde answered as far as the one behind the school, there are three subdivisions out there that only has two realistic routes into town; 775 East and State Road 9. One is owned by the state and one is owned partially by the county. Clyde voiced concern about liability since we are currently plowing 775 East in the winter time and we only own half the road. He also spoke about being land-locked. Clyde stated you now have to touch the property that you annex. We are opening up the option of the town being able to grow in the future. Cindy stated the statute lays it out very specifically with required timeframes. Cindy summarized the process of the annexation which will require the following: A public hearing, notify contingent landowners and date requirements. **Ed made a motion to proceed with the annexation of 775 East behind the school. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

TOWN REPORT

JT Doane provided a summary of his report which is as follows:

- INDOT Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG): 2017 CCMG GRANTS SUBMITTED: PRIORITY 1 AND PRIORITY 2 DESIGNATION; TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS: \$282,006.00 WITH 25% TOWN MATCH OF \$70,501.50; NOTIFICATION RECEIVED BY END OF AUGUST 2017.
- Voted in as Vice President for the Indiana Municipal Managers Association (IMMA) within the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACIT); I HAVE A BOARD MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL ON 01/20; ARRANGED TO HAVE IMMA MEETING IN

HOPE IN AUGUST; IMMA TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE HELD ON 03/14 TO DISCUSS APRIL IMMA/ACCELERATE INDIANA MUNICIPALITIES (AIM) FORMER IACT; MEETING HELD IN HOPE AUGUST 4; HELD AT YELLOW TRAIL MUSEUM; MEMBERS ELATED TO HAVE MEETING IN MUSEUM AND ALSO TOURED MUSEUM; ASKED OF DATES FOR EVENTS; SOME SNAPPED PICTURES OF SQUARE. NEXT BOARD MEETING HELD IN EVANSVILLE, IN OCTOBER 10TH- OCTOBER 12TH DURING AIM IDEA SUMMIT.

- MEETING AND LUNCH WITH WHITE OAK COMMUNITY AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY ON JULY 10; PERSONALLY VISITED PROPERTY ON GRAND AVENUE AND NEWLY LISTED PROPERTY ON JACKSON STREET; SECOND MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH; FACILITATED DISCUSSION WITH LAND OWNER VIA PHONE; FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW;
- HOMEOWNER REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; FURTHER DETAIL TO FOLLOW AT AUGUST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING;
- DISCUSSION WITH JIM TEDDER; ASKED TO ATTEND MEETING ON AUGUST 16TH AT SCHOOL TO DISCUSS PROJECT;
- MEETING WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES ON JULY 24TH TO DISCUSS ANNEXATION; ANALYSIS ON UTILITIES; ALSO DISCUSSED ANALYSIS ON LAGOON SYSTEM;
- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER JOB POSTING DISSEMINATED AND POSTED; CURRENTLY MARSHAL'S OR RESERVE OFFICERS RESPONDING TO ANY RELATED ANIMAL CONTROL MATTERS;
- FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING CR775 EAST; DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY ENGINEER ON MONDAY, JULY 3; MEETING WITH STAND TO DISCUSS ANALYSIS FUTHER, ESPECIALLY REGARDING UTILITIES ON 775E LEG NEAR GRAND AVENUE; DEVELOPING PLAN AND COST ANALYSIS; MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW; RECEIVED LETTER FROM COMMISSIONERS WITH BLESSING ON ANNEXATION;
- EAST BARTHOLOMEW WATER RATE MATTER CONTINUED TO AUGUST 23RD; UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT CLOUSE AND I HAVE ON CALENDAR TO ATTEND;
- ATTENDED AUGUST FARMER'S MARKET RECORD NUMVER OF CARS 33; 10 VENDORS; EXCELLENT MUSIC FROM NIGHT OWLS;
- ASSISTING UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT IN INTERVIEWING FOR REPLACEMENT OF RETIREE RICK TELTOE; INTERVIEW SCHEDULED FOR FIRDAY, AUGUST 11TH WITH MR. BRENT RAMEY;
- ATTENDED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH IN COLUMBUS;

- PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES AT TOWN HALL ON AUGUST 17TH;
- PLAN COMMISSION MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT TOWN HALL;
- ATTENDED GRAND OPENING FOR HOPE AREA VISITOR CENTER AT YELLOW TRAIL MUSEUM;
- 2017/2018 HOPE STUDENT ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED; FIRST MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH AT SCHOOL

JT Doane state on August 11th Rickie Teltoe retired. We had a celebration for him. If you see Rickie out thank him for his six years of service for the town.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT SUBMITTED REPORTS

*A Police, 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.

Nellie requested that the town hall be open more during the day.

Ed asked about the process of abandoned cars. Matt stated we take care of that. We have tagged twenty-five vehicles this year. They were all taken care of. If you see one and tell us where it is, we will go tag it.

Nellie commented on the new Emergency Management Plan. Matt stated it is something we have needed for a while.

David Clouse introduced his new employee, Brent Ramey. Brent will be reading meters and mowing our park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

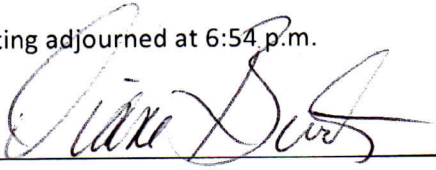
Randy Wood thanked Matt for his help with the house fire on Market Street. Randy stated Matt was the first one on the scene. He closed everything off to keep the fire from spreading. I want to thank David for shutting the water off for us. We took possession of the new fire truck yesterday. We are going to have training on it Saturday. Thank you Trena with everything you did to help with that. Applause. Randy stated I want to thank Chad for the writing the grant. We have not heard anything on the self-contained breathing apparatus we applied for. Usually on a FEMA grant, if you haven't heard anything by now that is good news. The rejections are usually out by now. It has to be awarded by September 30th. On the 16th of September, we have taken over the pancake breakfast for the bike ride. Randy asked for volunteers from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Trena Carter stated there is one item I forgot to mention. We had discussed briefly going back in for a police vehicle. USDA said they're currently pulling their money but if we went ahead and proceeded

with an application, the town is still eligible for a 35% grant for police vehicles up to \$50,000. I would like to ask permission to work with Matt and Diane to compile that information and get that sent in. After pulling the funds, they may return some funds to the states. This would potentially put us in line for that pull of money. It likely will not be realized until the next year so that will fit into your budget for 2018. Diane added there is \$10,000 that we have budgeted for this year and \$15,000 from CCI that you saw in the budget for next year. Between the two and with the grant, there will be enough to purchase the vehicle. The council agreed to proceed forward with the police vehicle.

Clyde stated JT and I did meet with the gentlemen whose house burnt down. The kindness that this town has shown has made him want to stay here. It is all of you guys and I thank you. Randy Wood added we did have people from everywhere to help them out. We got ahold of the Salvation Army. They provided them with housing for a while.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



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