

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 Budget Public Hearing at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:30 p.m. on September 19, 2017.

Diane Burton stated I haven't heard any feedback for changes from the council on the 2018 budget that I presented last month. I am going to read the budget and then see if you have any questions or changes that you want to implement. The proposed budget is as follows:

Rainy Day Fund \$49,450

General Fund \$526,940; the funds to be raised is \$300,834.

Local Roads and Streets \$75,000

Motor Vehicle Highway \$137,000

Cumulative Capital Improvements \$70,500

Cumulative Capital Development \$90,000; the funds to be raised is \$19,599.

Economic Development Income Tax Credit \$256,500

Riverboat \$35,000

The total is \$1,240,390. Last month you received a folder that had forms for all of the budget process; Form 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A and 4B. You should have received in your packets some changes with Form 2. There were some codes that were not in the system which impacted the estimated revenue. You received one form for Form 4B for Economic Development. Diane asked for questions or comments from the council or from the public. Mark Weber asked if there were any changes in the tax rate. Diane answered it is the maximum tax levy. Mark asked if this also has a 2% increase for employees. Diane answered that is a separate agenda item that will be discussed later on this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a Downtown Revitalization Public Hearing at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:32 p.m. on September 19, 2017.

Trena Carter, ARa, stated we are holding the second public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Planning Program that includes the downtown revitalization plan. This allows us to move forward with closing out that planning grant. I have a list of projects that I can share. They are nowhere near being prioritized but we will be working with Main Street Organization to bring back a priority listing to take before the council. One thing that I do want to reiterate before I open this for public comment is I want to remind you that nothing has to be done from this plan, though you would be encouraged to consider some of the projects or items that we will be prioritizing. This is a choice that the council will ultimately assist the Main Street Community in making. Also, I want to remind you that most of the grant funding we will apply for will have a matching requirement. Some of them have a one to one match ratio; Community Development Block Grant funding requires a 20% match. Those are eligible only for Main Street communities and you have to have an operating Main Street in order to

access those funds. The thought would be that you would partner with Main Street in coming up with that. A listing of potential projects was provided. The listing was compiled from the application provided by Susan Thayer Fye and Storrow Kinsella Associates. Trena requested that everyone sign the sign-in sheet. Trena stated I am now opening it up for public comment regarding the plan, any programs/projects that you think may need to be included or priorities. This is also an opportunity for you to basically let us know your thoughts about the Community Development Block Grant Program. Clyde Compton stated as of my opinion you are a genius. This simple form makes it so much easier for everyone to understand. I'm going to suggest that the council fill out the form and that the Main Street Committee does the same. Trena stated and then compile and compare. Some may be lower in priority. Some may be easier so they raise in priority and then we will look at potential funding sources and how we match those up as well. Clyde asked about matching. Clyde asked if we apply for a \$500,000 grant, somewhere in the town we will have to come up with \$100,000 that has not been budgeted. Trena confirmed. Clyde stated August 30<sup>th</sup> is the first time I had heard about this. Trena stated I believe we did talk about it early on but that has been about a year ago. The planning grant was a 10% match. The other programs have additional match. I'm sure throughout the conversations, we have lost that because we were focused on the plan. Clyde asked is Main Street group itself looking for other funding to help with this \$100,000 or are they expecting the town to provide the full amount. Trena answered I don't think we have discussed that in our Main Street Meetings so that is something we will need to discuss. I would think it would be a collaborative effort. Ohmer asked if we are awarded a \$500,000 grant, we're not obligated to spend the complete amount are we? Trena explained the process. She stated you will have a specific project in mind with an estimated budget. 20% of that total budget will have to be local funds. 5% of that can be in kind. There will be a definite project scope and there will be a definite project budget and definite project before we will be applying for anything. In the past two years there have been two rounds of Community Development Block Grant funding. That will likely be in April and September. Ohmer asked how long we would have to complete the project. Trena answered you have eighteen months to complete. Clyde added once we are awarded funding, we cannot submit again for seven years. Trena confirmed but added you can but it is not as competitive. It is based on a point system. Isaac Emch requested a copy of the project list.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a public hearing for a USDA police vehicle grant at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:44 p.m. on September 19, 2017.

Trena stated the town of Hope intends to apply for what is referred to as loan assistance but it is actually a grant. They will fund up to \$50,000 or 35% of the cost of new police vehicles. We applied for this in 2014 which was awarded in 2015 for a police vehicle and outfitting for it. The town would like to apply for another vehicle. Matthew Tallent is working on the documents. To move forward with the application, you are required to hold a public hearing which is what we are doing tonight. This has been published in The Republic on September 5<sup>th</sup> which meets the ten day requirement for public notice. This is to provide information regarding the development of the application to let you know that you have an opportunity to come acknowledge the project and to comment on the project. Right now we are looking



at one vehicle. This grant/loan through the Community Facilities Program United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development would pay for 35% of that. Ohmer asked what type of vehicle. Matt answered we will have to get three quotes from three different manufacturers. More than likely we will look at a Ford Police Interceptor. Ed asked if we will be getting rid of a vehicle then. Matt answered we have two Crown Victorias; one belongs to us and one is the counties'. We are trying to get another one through the county at the beginning of next year. Then we will be selling one as surplus. Trena stated they are just getting ready to start their new fiscal year so we are not sure as to when we will hear. Please be sure you sign the sign-in sheet. These are important items for the town of Hope.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a called meeting at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:48 p.m. on September 19, 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 7/18/17

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **WATER TOWER UPDATE**

JT Doane stated a decision the council needs to make this evening is the color of the water tower. We will see some activity next week from Currens. The antennas have been moved by Horizon. The notice to proceed on the tower is September 5<sup>th</sup> with an anticipated start date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ideally it is best to go with a solid color. Utility Superintendent David Clouse, Clerk Treasurer Burton and I discussed the color and had a consensus to stay in the white family that has a high percentage for the ultraviolet rays. HOPE is wrote three times around the tower. One thing that has come up with the letters is that we can change the font and make the letters HOPE a little bit larger. That is a decision that needs to be made. I recommend going with a different and larger font since we have the space for it. That does not necessarily change or modify the pricing. Nellie suggested putting a jet on it. JT stated that is something that has come up. That is something that will require a change order. There will be some pricing modification with that. I do think that would be great. **Ed made a motion to leave the tower white.**

**Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** There was discussion on the font and size of the letters. **Nellie made a motion to leave the font and size the same. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** JT stated it is very exciting to be a part of this. It has been twenty years since we have been to this juncture so to be able to accomplish this and have this project off our list that has been discussed in the past is excellent and the funding is coming from SRF funds left from the water main project. Steve Robertson stated they are hoping to start working on it by this weekend. They are giving us an approximate schedule of six weeks. We will have an inspector on site at various times. Clyde asked who does the final inspection. Steve answered Strand will.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### **DRINKING WATER PROJECT**

Trena Carter stated the monitoring for the drinking water project through CDBG funds and SRF funds has been completed. There were no findings. We have submitted the next step in the close out process. Now we are just waiting for the State Board of Account's audit. That will probably be a couple years down the road.

### **WATER TOWER PROJECT**

Trena Carter stated Sara Steinrock and I will be doing the labor standards monitoring for the water tower project.

### **NEW TOWN HALL**

Trena stated the committee met on September 5<sup>th</sup>. I requested information on the next step if funding is from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The next step would be completion of a community facilities application with a submission of a preliminary architectural report. Town Manager Doane is working to schedule a meeting with the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County to discuss potential funding for assistance on the project from them. I did ask if there were any grant funds available from the USDA. They stated if there are grant funds associated with that, the maximum on Community Facilities program grants/loans is \$50,000. Their current interest rate is 3.25%. They expect this rate to go up October 1<sup>st</sup>. The loan term may be up to 40 years.

### **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT**

Trena stated I have a resolution for the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant that needs council action. Resolution No. 2017-06 is a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hope Indiana for the approval of a CDBG Planning Grant Downtown Revitalization Plan/Study to be further approved by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters. This resolution basically goes through that you've had this process completed, the town has received your copies of the documents and that you will keep two of those on file at town offices for the public to come in and review. This will allow me to prepare the public hearing minutes. The council needs to sign the sign-in sheet as well. Then we will be able to submit all this documentation to close out the planning grant itself. I have other documents you will also need to sign. I want to reiterate the town will be the applicant for any Community Development Block Grant funds including the Main Street revitalization program. If we implement a portion of the Downtown Revitalization Plan, there is a required match of 20% of the total project cost. **Ohmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-06. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**



#### **HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Trena stated we are still waiting to hear on FEMA funding for equipment.

#### **COPS GRANT**

Trena stated we have not heard anything from them yet.

#### **USDA POLICE VEHICLE**

Trena stated documents are in the process of being completed.

#### **OWER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB**

Trena stated we have not heard anything on that. We are still projecting the notice of funding after the October 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Board Meeting.

#### **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATES**

Trena Carter stated the documents for potential projects are now available.

#### **GARBAGE AND RUBBISH UPDATES**

JT Doane stated to date we have tagged fifty-one homes since that ordinance came into effect in March. We have had three that have been noncompliant. One of which subsequently to letters received from our Town Attorney did clean up. They were informed that they still owe a fine from the date of the ticket. Cindy is working with them to set up a payment plan. We have one particular home that did not comply despite numerous conversations. That one has a court date set on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Cindy currently has another one she is working on the steps to get that enforced as well.

#### **EASTERN BARTHOLOMEW WATER RATE INCREASE REQUEST UPDATES**

JT Doane stated this matter has been ongoing for quite some time. We not only submitted written testimony but I also attended a public hearing to give an oral testimony on behalf of the town and our concern of what they were seeking which was a 47.88% water rate increase. Superintendent Clouse and I attended the hearing on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The OUCC and Eastern Bartholomew reached a settlement agreement on this matter. JT shared how this will affect the town of Hope which will be as follows: Phase one is anticipated to be a 27.8% increase to take effect in December if approved by IURC. The amount per 1,000 gallons will be \$2.13. Phase two will be a 9.6% increase with an anticipated effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The amount per 1,000 gallons will be \$2.34. The total increase for the town of Hope will be 37.4%. This still has to be approved by IURC. Cindy stated if the parties submit a settlement agreement that they both agree to, it pretty much gets approved.

#### **TOWN WIDE TRASH UPDATES**

JT Doane stated I appreciate the Town Attorney, Cindy Boll, for her efforts and work towards the contract. I submitted that contract to CGS. Mr. Ross is here this evening. CGS has reviewed the contract as well and we will have that ready for signature. We have an ordinance before you this evening to review for a first reading pertaining to the trash. I spoke with Utility Clerk Hatton about my presence at the utility office on October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> for an hour or two for those residence who come through and have questions. Nellie asked Cindy did that not state in the Indiana Codes that the trash has

to be a separate billing. Cindy answered I received the information that you sent and I appreciate that and sent it on. It is my understanding that Diane and JT spoke with the State Board of Accounts about it and I was not a party to that conversation. Clyde stated I did not see that anywhere. After you arbitrarily called yourself without talking with anyone else, we went through all of this. We talked to Cindy at least three to four times. We went through line item by line item for the statue this is on. I had JT and Diane call the same person that you talked to. We went through the exact procedure that we have used and exactly what it says. It is stated in there that the town has absolutely legal rights to bill it on a utility bill. If you look at the thing that we have up there, it states exactly how it is and it is totally to the statue of the state of Indiana. Nellie stated I have in black and white that it is not from what she sent me with the compliance. Ed stated I talked to a gentlemen this evening about this and there has been a shortage of discussion of what we have been told. I voted for the trash approval last month. That gives me according to Roberts Rules of Order the right to rescind this motion due to lack of information given to us. Clyde asked lack of information about what. Ed stated right now I don't know enough about it but I have been told some things and I want to check it out before we go any further. Clyde asked Cindy if he had the legal right to do that. Cindy confirmed. Cindy stated he can call for a motion. Of course it needs a second and discussion. Ed added it has to be the person who voted for it in order to make a motion to rescind it. Cindy stated she was not sure about that part. Ed confirmed that it's Roberts Rules of Order. **Ed made a motion to rescind this at this time.** Clyde stated I'll have to take you for your word on it because I don't know. Ed stated as soon as I get the information on this, I will share it with you and all the members. I just don't feel comfortable right now with what we have been told and what the ramifications of it is. **Nellie seconded. Motion carries 4/1.** Ed stated he will have a report for you as soon as possible.

#### **TOWN PARK EVENTS (ORDINANCE 2017-17)**

JT Doane stated this ordinance is before you for second reading this evening. We added clarification in there to make it more broad to affect any event that happens in our park. **Jerry made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-17. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **COUNTY ROAD 775 EAST UPDATES**

JT Doane stated just an update for those who were not at the previous meeting. I scheduled a meeting with the Bartholomew County Commissioners. Council President Compton attended with me. We approached them about County Road 775. There is a stretch that runs behind the school and also a stretch that runs north of town on Angling Road. The council decided to proceed forward with the portion behind the school. I received a blessing from the commissioners to go through the annexation process to receive that road. Cindy Boll stated I have a meeting scheduled for first next week with Grant Tucker, the County Attorney, to discuss the process. There is the fast track annexation process when everybody is in agreement. Assuming that is the case, I will get word back to the town. The next thing I think I will need to do at that point is prepare a document for the commissioners, as the only owners of that property, to sign and return to the town of Hope. We will then have to have a short public hearing for some input on it. It also requires a fiscal plan which will need to be adopted. Ed asked if we were going to annex the Angling Road portion of County Road 775. JT answered from the last council meeting, the decision was to just pursue County Road 775 behind the school. I do recommend that we revisit that at a later time and definitely take that under consideration.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER UPDATES**



JT Doane stated if you know of anyone who would be interested, we are still looking for an Animal Control Officer. I appreciate Town Marshal Tallent and his team and their efforts to cover that position.

#### **TOWN PROMOTIONS (ORDINANCE 2017-16)**

Diane Burton stated this is a second reading. The categories that it covers is (A) Celebrations, Anniversaries, Retirement and Awards. As employees, we decided to celebrate birthdays once a month. I want to clarify because it was questioned by a council member, we do not fund that from town budget. Birthdays are not part of category (A). (B) States one holiday celebration. (C) States one employee appreciation lunch per department. Nellie asked so this fund is not for birthdays. Diane confirmed. Nellie asked according to state we can spend tax payer's dollars on all these things. Cindy confirmed with an ordinance in place. Ohmer asked for the amount budgeted for this. Diane answered \$1,000 per year. **Ed made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-16. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 4/1.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **PARK REQUEST – BIBLE STORY TELLING DAY**

DeWayne Gandy requested use of the park on September 30<sup>th</sup> for a Bible Story Telling Day event from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. DeWayne stated we participate in the Farmer's Market here in Hope. My wife and I decided that the square would be a great place to host a Bible Story Telling Day for the community. We typically have from around 100 to 150 people attend. **Nellie made a motion to approve the park request. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** Ohmer clarified that a certificate of insurance is required with the town of Hope listed as an additional insured. DeWayne confirmed and stated his insurance company is working on providing that.

##### **945 HARRISON STREET TREES AND 338 & 342 JACKSON STREET TREES/TABLES & CHAIRS**

Chuck Baker provided photos to the council. Chuck stated Ken Patton is the owner of what used to be the Irwin Union building and what used to be, in my childhood, the North Drug Store building. I'm sure you are seeing the progress we have been making on restoring that building in bringing the exterior of the building back to a much earlier look. We would like to plant some trees in front of the buildings. We are asking permission to plant at our own expense a couple of trees, probably Dogwoods. I would also like to ask permission to put a few tables and chairs out in front of the building as recommended from the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Clyde asked for the number of trees. Chuck answered two at each building. Ed Johnson complimented them on the new look on the building. Ed stated it looks great. Discussion. Steve Robertson stated one thing you will want to be mindful of here in front of the pharmacy, the sidewalk needs to be maintained at four feet wide for your ADA Compliance. **Ed made a motion to approve the recommendation as long as it doesn't infringe on the sidewalk. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

##### **2018 SALARY ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 2017-18)**

Diane stated you have before you two salary ordinances with two separate rates. The 2.3% increase is the current market rate. Last year Kristen with New Focus HR did a market analysis for our town as far as salaries. She informed me of that market rate. Clyde requested that I present a salary ordinance at a 2% increase as well. You do not have to stay at either one of those. For example the council's salary is on the lower end of that market analysis. The market average for that was \$4,230. Last year you bumped it

up a little bit. You can choose to bump that up more than the 2% or the 2.3% whichever way you decide. One other thing that I want to bring out is to remind you that like what was added this year to the salary ordinance, there is a HSA benefit included for the \$1425.00. This is a compensation for a health insurance change. Clyde recommended approving the salary ordinance at the 2% rate. Ohmer questioned the cell phone stipend and if we would be better off to purchase separate phones for employees. This was discussed and the decision was made that option would be more expensive and a disadvantage for the employees since they would have to carry two phones. Clyde clarified all we are doing with the salary ordinances is changing the ranges. We are not setting salaries. Diane added it is setting the salary for elected officials. **Ohmer made a motion to approve the salary ordinance at the 2% increase. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

David Clouse stated I submitted a list to you of some equipment that I am requesting to be determined as surplus. David read and reviewed the list of equipment. David added a John Deere three point quick-tach. David stated it will be advertised in The Republic and on HSJ Online requesting sealed bids. It will be advertised for two weeks. **Ohmer made a motion to declare the equipment as surplus. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **TOWN WIDE TRASH (ORDINANCE 2017-15)**

Tabled.

#### **MAPLE STREET WELL HOUSE**

JT Doane stated Utility Superintendent Clouse is in the process of taking down the well houses. We currently have two that are remaining; one on Grand and one toward Liberty Place in Goshen Meadows. The one on Maple Street, David has some additional work to complete to get that out. I am making a recommendation tonight that once the work is completed for me to work with Cindy Boll to list that property to see if we have any interest. It is a property we would have to upkeep, taking additional time and resources from the utilities office. Clyde asked if it is a buildable lot. David answered it is not a full size lot. Ohmer stated there was no reason to continue to maintain that lot. Adjacent property owners may have interest in the lot. JT stated it will have to go through an appraisal process, public notice and then potentially receive offers on it. **Ohmer made motion proceed with the process to sell the property. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** Clyde questioned the one on Grand which is being utilized and maintained by the home owner. David confirmed. David stated the well was capped in the 60s. It does not have to be torn down.

#### **WASHINGTON STREET WATER MAIN/STORM SEWER PROJECT**

JT Doane stated I just wanted to bring this to the attention of the council and to those in attendance tonight. We have an additional water main and storm sewer replacement project on Washington Street. Maps were displayed. JT stated Utility Superintendent Clouse and I met with Strand and walked this area to discuss this plan. We also have some framework for that plan that was submitted to you in your council packets. It has a breakdown of cost that we need to consider for this project. The last page of this report has some cost pertaining to the asphalt. As you can see quite a large ticket item but it is something that we at least need to be aware of. It is a project that we will need to look to complete. This is not necessarily for decision but a project that is on our agenda that we need to consider and look into.



David added what brought this up was it was on the list for the Community Crossing's Grant for this year. I informed JT that we have issues underneath. I hate to pave it and then have to dig it up in a year or two. David reviewed some of the issues. JT asked for a timetable. David answered whenever Diane states water can afford it. It is not going to happen in a year or two. It's something to plan for. JT stated I have asked Trena let us know of any funding or grant opportunities to utilize toward this. We will have all hands on deck to be able to complete it and fund it sooner rather than later. Steve Robertson added that we will want to coordinate with Main Street as well. John Clark asked if there is an estimate on the costs. JT answered the estimate for the water main portion of the project is \$262,728. The storm sewer installment total project cost is \$478,224. There is another storm sewer installment total project cost of \$355,716. The paving depends on the direction that you go are as follows: Church to Harrison Street Option 1 \$69,372, Church to Harrison Street Option 2 \$134,390, Harrison Street to Main Street \$57,600, Market Street to Church \$72,000.

### HOPE FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

JT Doane stated I am very pleased and excited to announce our efforts in organizing a HOPE for Hurricane Relief. I spoke with United Way and Red Cross. I reached out to some colleagues of mine in AIM and I've had conversations with Utility Superintendent Clouse to set up a relief to where we can assist in some products that will be needed for those in Texas and in Florida. Once I get that list from Red Cross and United Way, I will share that and disseminate that through social media and also council meetings. I have been provided a few from Red Cross which are: Bottled water, snacks in packs, baby wipes and baby diapers. Those items can be brought down to the Town hall or utility office. I am working with arrangements with United Way and Red Cross to those to Texas and Florida. I am very exciting that we are going to lead that effort.

### TOWN REPORT

JT Doane HOPE TOWN MANAGER JT DOANE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

#### BRIEF SUMMATION

- 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 early fall per update from INDOT.
- New Town Hall: Meeting scheduled with Heritage Fund to discuss potential grant opportunities; set for October 4<sup>th</sup> ; attendees: Town Manager Doane, Clerk Treasurer Burton and ARA Administrator Trena Carter
- Water Tower fall paint: project underway and on schedule.

fall paint: task	anticipated date of completion
design services	February 17, 2017
bidding advertisement	February 20, 2017
bid opening	March 15, 2017

notice to proceed	September 5, 2017
substantial completion	December 5, 2017
final completion	December 30, 2017

- Voted in as Vice President for the Indiana Municipal Managers Association (IMMA) within the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM); Currently serve as Vice President; next board meeting held in Evansville, October 10<sup>th</sup>- October 12<sup>th</sup> during AIM Ideas Summit;
- Building and Zoning Administrator Potts and Town Manager Doane in discussions and review of unsafe building ordinance; will be preparing revisions to submit to Cindy Boll for review and advising further; ordinance currently lacks some “teeth” in areas; more details to follow;
- Meeting with Strand Associates on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss water main project on Washington; further analysis report and detail provided at town council meeting; not immediate project, but needs to be planned for near future, potentially 2 year period; Utility Superintendent Clouse will be providing further detail as well as September town council meeting;
- WCSI radio show: next meeting, Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM; Adora Paetzel also attended to discuss Hope Heritage Days Parade;
- East Bartholomew water rate matter: Utilities Superintendent Clouse and I attended meeting on August 23 in Indianapolis; matter had reached settlement; requested specifics regarding town of hope residents and effect of said agreement;
- Attended pre-construction meeting with Strand Associates at Town Hall on August 17<sup>th</sup>;
- Attended Plan Commission Meeting on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall;
- 2017/2018 Hope Student Enrichment Committee established; first meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at school with students; next meeting set for October; school assembled an excellent group of students; discussed community and gave homework for next meeting;
- Personally invited to attend lunch and discuss Hope happenings at Methodist Church on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Kare Klub meeting;
- Farmer’s Market meeting at Town Hall on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss October farmer’s market that will include car cruise-in, tractor cruise-in and Hidden Creek Farms set up beside town hall (yes, as indicated at your August Town Council meet, I will have bib overalls for any additional clean up necessary);



- Will be assisting Hope Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
- Will be in attendance for Hope Ride on September 16<sup>th</sup>;
- Will be in attendance for Hope Heritage days on September 23-25<sup>th</sup>

JT stated I also want to mention the Hope Volunteer Fire Department will be having their open house at their new fire house. Chief Wood was unable to be here tonight so he asked that I invite you. It is on October 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the fire house and it is my understanding that they are dedicating it in the name of Mr. Merrill Clouse. Ed Stone added they will also be dedicating the new truck they received.

#### 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.

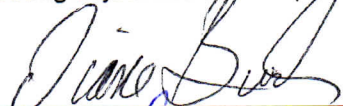
#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Nellie Meek stated I don't intend to sit here and be verbally insulted by you or anybody else. Let me make that very clear. I have the same right here as you do. We were both elected. We all have one vote here. I want to say that right now. Anytime I want to call and check on anything to get a compliance guideline, there is nothing wrong with that. I did not do anything wrong. Clyde stated I understand you have that right. It is probably the third time you have done it this year. You were not verbally assaulted. I just pointed that out.

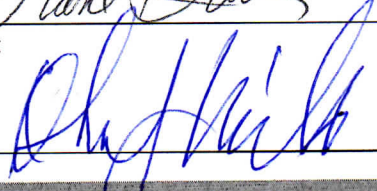
Ed Johnson stated I have a question I would like to ask JT. In March or April on our agenda there was supposed to be a lady with United Way who does projects and things like that. She is asking why we didn't ask for any projects this summer. JT answered they were here in May and they worked on a couple of projects. They had two homes out here near the gas station. They worked on a barn, someone that they helped with a sink and some plumbing. I am in discussion with them right now about this HOPE for Hurricane relief. They can help with a lot more homes here. David added they filled a dumpster with those two homes.

Ohmer stated I am pleased to see that our Grand Marshal (Shirley Robertson) is here for our 2017 Hope Heritage Day Parade. Applause.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
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