

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 March 11, 2019.

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

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ohmer Miller.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

Ohmer stated the purpose of this meeting is to talk about the vacancy of the Building and Zoning Administrator. This has been a sore spot among us. The goal is to try to resolve our conflicts here tonight and to get somebody placed in that position. Scott stated some time ago maybe in December, there was a vote to bid for the position of Building and Zoning. I researched that issue and there is no statutory requirement or ordinance requirement that you bid that position. It is basically just a contract for services. You can certainly, if it is the will of the Council, vote to not bid that position out. Then a vote to appoint whoever the Council wants to appoint in that position. **Nellie made a motion to rescind the vote from December to bid positions for the Building and Zoning Administrator and for any other employee including Town Manager. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** Ohmer asked do we need to advertise the position. Scott answered I don't think there is any requirement in an ordinance that I can find that requires you to post a position. They serve at the pleasure of the Council. **Clyde made a motion to approve the contract with Greg Potts for 2019. Nellie seconded.** Clyde questioned if the Council wants to include a 3% pay increase. Scott answered it needs to be a separate motion. Clyde also asked if Greg has done work after January 1st. If so, can we pay him? **Motion carries 5/0. Nellie made the motion to approve a 3% increase in the amount of \$6,131.97 for the year and make it retroactive to the first year. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

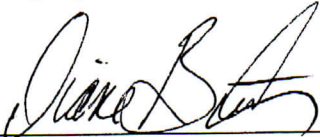
ROOF FOR SHELTER HOUSE & BANDSTAND

Ohmer stated the other point of business is the roof for the shelter house and the bandstand which I think needs to be addressed. Ohmer questioned if there was money available for this. Diane answered there is money available for projects. I believe the amount from Edit budgeted for projects is \$90,000. There is also \$25,000, I think, budgeted in Riverboat that is designated for parks. There was discussion on who to get to quote the job and what type of roof will be best. Ed suggested a metal shingle. Jerry agreed. Clyde stated he spoke to Michael Dean, Heritage of Hope, on their responsibility of the square. Basically it is their job to keep it up so they can use it for Hope Heritage Days. It belongs to the Town. Clyde stated we will have to look at cost. It may not be something we can do this year. We may have to budget for it. Nellie questioned if both needed to be done at the same time. Ed answered cost wise it

will be better to. There was discussion on different types of roofing and the process. Ed volunteered to contact some contractors to determine an approximate cost. The Council gave some suggestions on who to contact. The Council decided upon Jerry's recommendation to get the job quoted separately and together. Clyde brought up the fundraiser of selling bricks to help with the last park project. Clyde asked is there anything we can do with this project to help with the cost. There was discussion on what we can do to raise funds. Suggestions were plaques or an event. Scott shared with the Council \$50,000 or less is a different process than if it is more than \$50,000. If it is more the \$50,000 but less than \$150,000 we have to get three separate bids.

Nellie stated Diane and I met with a lady about the Census for 2020. She is wanting the Town to help make people aware. Diane emailed you the program. I am going to go over it at the next meeting. I think the Town did help with the last census.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



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