

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 July 16, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 5/21/19 & 5/29/19

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

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ROOFING IN PARK

Eli Hershberger, Amish Roofers, stated I have looked at the roofs for the three buildings. I have put an estimate in (\$34,872.00). We specialize in metal roofing and asphalt shingles. We do good quality work. Ed asked what gage they use. Eli answered standard nine gage, however, you can upgrade to a twenty-six gage. It will be about a 10% price increase. Ed asked if they use formed edges. Eli answered it is all factory built. Eli stated you can check us out on Facebook under Amish Roofers. Ohmer asked for the last three projects and contact for those. Ohmer also asked for a Certificate of Insurance to be provided. Eli confirmed. Ed asked about guttering. Eli answered we do not do guttering. Randy Sims asked about the possibility for cedar shakes to be put back on. Ed answered we decided against that. Clyde asked for shingle colors. Eli will leave them for the Council to look at.

PROJECT UPDATES

MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Trena Carter stated the application for the Main Street Downtown Revitalization has been submitted. Now it's a waiting game. We will find out mid-August if we were successful or not. I want to thank everyone who provided input for the survey. We have a total of ninety-six responses. We have the maximum amount of letters allowed. I appreciate everyone's input.

OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB

Trena Carter stated we currently have five who are under contract. One homeowner had to drop out due to health concerns. There is one we are still getting information from. Trena requested Council approval contingent upon that they meet the IHCD requirements and criteria. The request is for a

shower for a spouse that is disabled. **Clyde made a motion to approve the application pending IHCD requirements are met. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

FEMA

Trena Carter stated that we still don't know if it has been awarded.

WASHINGTON STREET STORM UTILITY PROJECT

Steve Robertson stated the first thing we have is a pay application number one which was included in your packets. The request is for \$73,653.00 less the 5% retainage. The amount to be paid is \$69,970.35.

Clyde made a motion to approve pay application one. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0. Steve stated we did relocate the water line today. Kuddos to Dave and his crew for an excellent job helping out. Things went pretty smooth. We don't know any numbers yet. The water is back on. David has given out utility notices. I also want to give a big thank you out to Norman Funeral Home. They have been very cooperative as far as working with the contractor. The Contractor has also worked with the Funeral Home. Hopefully when we get to this side of Main Street we won't have as many issues. During the course of the project David found a major water leak that he was able to get repaired. Ed stated I have been around construction for a lot of years. He (Roy Holman) is probably one of the easiest persons. He and his people are very conscientious in the way they work. Steve stated we have always heard good things about his quality of work and how people friendly they are. They are used to working in small towns.

2018 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT PROJECT

Steve Robertson stated at the last meeting everyone voted to give them an extension to get the curb ramps in around the square. They completed that on Saturday morning except there are a couple of bricks at the library that still need to be put in. The curb ramps are usable. Steve explained why they are waiting on the one next to Spurling. There will be another one coming out to Harrison Street. They will probably have a pay application at the next meeting for all the curb ramp work.

2019 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT PROJECT/APPLICATON

Steve Robertson stated you hired Strand to fill out the application for the 2019 CCMG application. Jen Alexander will be doing the application. She has already started working on that. She will coordinate with Ohmer. I do need a motion that allows Ohmer to sign a letter and needed documentation to meet the August 2nd deadline. Clyde stated we discussed doing two different projects. The last that we discussed was to drop Robbins down with the remainder number five streets to make it basically even. Clyde also mentioned the ramps on Washington and Walnut Street that we could do within this grant. Steve answered technically the paving starts about forty feet east of that intersection. That is totally up to the town. It is not a decision that has to be made tonight. The application that we turned in will include all of the ramps. **Clyde made a motion to approve the application as presented into two projects including the ramps and for Ohmer to be able to sign the letter and needed documentation. Jerry seconded.** Steve explained it is one application and you can put in up to five projects. Steve reviewed the streets included in the two projects. The estimated costs that you have is still fairly accurate and the ramps are included in that costs. The next step is we will look at design fees and what is going to be involved with that. The range for the design fees is from \$25,000 to \$35,000. The design fees cannot be included in the grant. Jen reviewed Aiken Street. It is a number six. Therefore, it was not

added to the list. INDOT is now making us do an environmental assessment. Randy Sims shared that the asphalt for Columbus came in about 40% higher. Steve stated if you bids come in higher, they allow you to shorten the project. **Motion carries 5/0.**

MAIN STREET OF HOPE UPDATES

Susan Thayer Fye gave an update on the MSRP that was filed end of June. Susan had emailed the Council the long term plan for Main Street. Susan stated the long term plan took about two years to do. Look at that and tell me if you want anything changed. I also emailed two diagrams from Landscape Architect, Joe Dodd. I met with the veterans about flag pole on the west side. They like the pole that is there. They want to light it up somehow. If we do get funding, I have laminated copies of the diagrams that I will put at the Town Hall, Library and Yellow Trail Museum. If you would like a public meeting at that time, I think that would be a good idea since there is going to be some press about that.

Susan stated I am working on the cleanup day. If you guys have any requests about that or anything you would like to see on cleanup day, let me know. It is just a matter of getting volunteers. I don't have a date for you yet. We did receive Edit approval back in late April for \$450 for dumpsters, \$400 for dump fees and \$200 for tire disposal. I don't think we are going to find anyone to pick up tires that day. Susan reviewed the costs at the land field for specific items. Clyde suggested not taking tires. Ed stated the problem is though they are all over town. Clyde asked if we had an ordinance regarding tires. David stated it is probably a State environmental issue through the health department because of mosquito problems. There was discussion on what the health department can do and what to do about the tires. Randy Sims suggested changing the Town ordinance. Ed stated we need to look into what our ordinance states. Susan stated we need at least four volunteers at all times for our cleanup day. Ohmer suggested work release to help. Susan said she will ask the sheriff.

Susan stated the cruise-ins are going well despite the rain last time. The next one is August 2nd. The band is Hauserboyz, which is a local band. We are having a bake contest. We had a baby contest at the last cruise-in that was extremely popular.

Susan stated Independence Day went well even though they had to move the fireworks.

EDIT FUNDS RESTRUCTURE (RESOLUTION 2019-03)

Clyde stated this is what Scott, based on our suggestions, put out as a draft. Nellie requested the name be changed to Economic Development Income Tax Committee. Nellie also stated the language needs to change to reflect the wards as agreed upon by Council at the last council meeting. Each Council Member will appoint someone from their ward. Jerry will appoint someone from any of the wards since he is an At Large Council Member. The committee members have already been appointed. Nellie also feels it needs to state nonprofit. Steve questioned if the Town can then use it for projects other than nonprofit like the park project. Nellie stated she feels the Town can still use it but this is for Scott to review and give legal opinions. Clyde read off the new EDIT Committee Members which are as follows: Ward 1 Andrea Wallace, Ward 2 Joyce Henderson, Ward 3 Pam May, At Large John Walstead. Clyde is the Council Committee Member. Clyde stated we have all agreed to give to certain groups that we normally give to annually. I went through all the figures and here are my suggestions: Hope Heritage Days \$20,000, Old Fashioned Independence Day \$5,000, Goodies Goblins and Ghosts Stories \$1,300,

Christmas of Yesteryear \$750, Farmer's Market/Cruise-in to Hope \$2100. The new one that we need to discuss and I think we have agreed that it is a good idea is that we offer two scholarships of \$1500 each to Hauser seniors to go to a local college or trade school. They must come from a low income family, residing within Flat Rock Haw Creek School Corporation. They will be chosen by the Hauser High School Guidance Department. That will total \$3,000 per year. **Clyde made a motion to approve this as presented effective immediately. Nellie seconded.** Trena questioned if the full amount is not spent. Clyde clarified they must show receipts. **Motion carries 5/0.** Ohmer thanked Clyde for his hard work. Nellie and Clyde will work with the attorney on the changes.

ATLAS COLLECTIONS CONTRACT – UTILITY

Diane Burton stated Al attended the meeting last month and shared with you what Atlas Collections can offer. He has provided a contract that I emailed to you as well as Scott Andrews. I have not heard back from Scott. Do you want to approve it contingent upon Scott's approval or would you like to table it until next month. Nellie questioned number 11) Authorization to receive payment and endorse our checks. Nellie asked is that legal. Diane stated we would have to forward payments to them. They will be keeping their portion. I assume we will receive it in electronic form from them. I think this is pretty standard but I can ask Scott that question. **Ed made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon our Attorney's approval. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

TRASH PICKUP CONTRACT

Diane Burton stated this contract change was a recommendation from Jeff Yarnell based on the conversation that you had at the meeting last month. He is stating the busier months will be from April to November covering the events that we have. The price he is suggesting for those months, which will be twice a week, is \$375 for the month and then back to the \$250 for the remaining four months, December through March. **Clyde made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

HOPE WELLNESS PHARMACY

Tim Jarnagin, Hope Wellness Pharmacy, gave an update on our pharmacy. Tim stated we are very fortunate and it is quite rare to have a pharmacy in a town of our population. Tim shared the services they can offer including being available for counseling and for questions. Tim stated there is a reason there are not many independent pharmacies. We can't always get as good of a cost as some of the chains. The number of big chains is less and less every year. Tim explained the current situation that pharmacies are facing with changes in the costs of medications. Tim shared the Hope Pharmacy is a telepharmacy and expanded on what that means. Tim stated we were the second one approved in the State of Indiana. This means prescriptions are able to be filled at a location without a pharmacist physically present. There are lots of rules and regulations that must be met. On days that I'm not here, the prescriptions are checked at Panacea Pharmacy out of Bloomington. This helps with costs. We are fighting for survival. The Town of Hope needs a pharmacy. I have Teresa Turner, a Hope native, she is fantastic with the people in your town. We do a lot of things. We are doing delivery within the city, we have the drive-thru and we offer convenience packaging. We give vaccinations. We are working with WindRose and Miller's. We are looking at expansion in the County. We are looking at an expansion of hours including Saturday hours. We want to be more involved in the Community. Clyde stated I have

used the Hope Pharmacy ever since they have opened. There is no way I would switch from there. They go out of their way to do stuff for you. They are fantastic. The whole Town needs to utilize that pharmacy. Ohmer thanked Tim for coming in. Ohmer stated I appreciate your comments. I'm glad you are here. I understand the business end. Wish you a lot of luck.

UNITED WAY 2019 DAY OF CARING

Chelsea Warriner, Community Center, stated I'm representing United Way. Their 2019 Day of Service is coming up on Friday, September 13th. If anyone knows of any projects, residential or commercial, let me know and I can submit those to United Way. The deadline was August 5th but they can still be submitted. Chelsea shared the type of work they can do. Chelsea can submit the forms online and has written forms as well that can be picked up at the Community Center.

PARK REQUEST – ARTS AND ANTIQUES FESTIVAL

Donju Taylor, Chamber of Commerce, requested use of the park on August 25. Donju stated the Arts and Antiques fair is a free event for the public. Last year we had over nineteen vendors. We had some interactive vendors. A lot of these are local vendors or vendors that have antique shops. We had some new artisans last year. **Clyde made a motion to approve the park request. Jerry seconded.** Ohmer asked if any of their vendors are participating in Hope Heritage Days. Randy Sims said we are looking for a person to do pottery. Ohmer suggested they coordinate with each other. **Motion carries 5/0.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPLAT – ROMINGER

Randy Sims stated the Plan Commission had a meeting on July 1st to consider the Samuel Rominger Addition replat of lots 118 & 119. This is on the northwest corner of Jackson and Walnut. The Petitioner Ed Schwering is here tonight. The Plan Commission recommended a favorable approval of this replat to remove the lot line. Mr. Schwering is going to have a stick house built by Davis Homes. The home will be 2200 square feet. **Ed made motion to approve the replat. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

PROPERTY BEHIND 912 JACKSON STREET

Ohmer stated Ed and I were both out there and we've had discussion with you about the berm that impedes water flowing off the property. Jeff Hadley stated it is like a little pond back there when it rains. The other concern that I have is that it is built right on top of the city sewer. David answered I know it is not on top of it at the driveway. I have not looked from manhole to manhole. I can't answer that. He knew where it was at. Ed stated there was an easement recorded in there. There was discussion on the situation and a possible solution. Randy Sims volunteered to call and speak to the property owner. Ohmer requested Randy let the Council know the outcome.

METER INSTALLATION AGREEMENT

Diane Burton stated I have a Meter Installation Agreement between the Town of Hope and Tony Philyaw for a water tap in the amount of \$1,000 and a sewer tap in the amount of \$750. The address is 625 Grand Street. **Ed made a motion to approve the Meter Installation Agreement. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT SUBMITTED REPORTS


*A Police, Animal Control and Utilities report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Nellie stated David was not able to schedule a couple of his vacation days due to current projects. I am hoping the Council agrees to roll them over so he doesn't lose them. **Clyde made a motion to allow an extension until the next pay period. Jerry seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Nellie questioned blocks and bricks people are putting up around their property close to the street. Randy Sims answered if they are on a public right away, you can have them removed. Steve Robertson confirmed they cannot do it on a public right away. The requirements vary from street to street. The Bartholomew County GIS website will show you the right away.

Steve Robertson requested the Council set priority for the CCMG. Steve stated am I safe to assume that priority one is the first group and priority two is the second group of streets. The Council confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Attest

