

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 April 21, 2020.

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

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Bragg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 12/17/19, 1/21/20, 1/23/20, 2/18/20, 3/17/20

Ed made a motion for the approval of the minutes for 12/17/19 & 1/21/20. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

Ohmer made a motion for the approval of the minutes for 1/23/20 & 2/18/20. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 4/0. 1 Abstain.

Ohmer made a motion for the approval of the minutes for 3/17/20. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 4/0. 1 Abstain.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2019-2020 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT PROJECT – PAY APPLICATION 1

Ohmer made a motion to approve pay application 1 to O'Mara Contractor in the amount of \$44,906.50. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

COVID-19 RESOLUTION 2020-03

Scott Andrews stated this is a resolution for the Town of Hope providing for emergency measures including to issue deposits and pay claims. A draft of the resolution has been provided to all Council Members. Clyde made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03. Ohmer seconded. Motion 5/0.

DECLARE 1991 CHEVY S10 SURPLUS

David Clouse requested the Council to declare the 1991 Chevy S10 as surplus. Clyde asked how much do you think you can get out of it. David answered \$800 to \$1000. Clyde made motion to declare the 91 Chevy S10 as surplus. Ed seconded. Ohmer confirmed that we have two red pickups left. David answered and a white tool truck and white dump truck. We have four with plows or five if you count the big yellow truck. It hasn't been used in a while. Motion carries 5/0.

ANIMAL USE AGREEMENT RENEWAL (DUKE EVERROAD)

Matt Tallent stated this is our yearly agreement that we do with the police canine (Duke). He is still going strong. Ohmer asked how often the canine is used. Matt answered eight to ten times a month. Ohmer asked if he is susceptible to the coronavirus. Matt answered no. Canines are not susceptible to COVID-19. **Clyde made a motion to approve the animal use agreement. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

METER INSTALLATION AGREEMENT

Diane Burton stated I have a Meter Installation Agreement between the Town of Hope and Chris Kuhfahl for a sewer tap in the amount of \$750 at 517 Depot Street. David stated it is new construction. The property already had water tap. David explained the situation. Ed asked if everything had been approved by Matt. Nellie confirmed. **Ohmer made a motion to accept the Meter Installation Agreement. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

HOPE FOOD BANK

Clyde Compton stated we all know the economic situation plus the other part of this virus has put the country in economic turmoil. There has been twenty-two million people in the country claiming unemployment in three weeks. Almost 2,000 in Bartholomew County alone last week. The need of the food bank has totally increased. **Clyde made a motion to allocate from Edit Funds \$1,000 in April, \$1,000 in May and \$1,000 in June to be paid on 4th Friday of each month. Clyde stated they are saying 60% of all food banks are new recipients that have never been there before. I think we as a Town need to step up and do this. 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 several people are joining us on Facebook. Nellie clarified that the Executive Order 20-09 allows Council Members to participate in videoconferencing or telephone conferencing. This suspends the rules and allows Council Members to vote from home. Nellie stated this is not normal practice.

Ohmer stated I would like to make a comment about the cruise-in protest on Saturday. I want to thank Matt for his hard work and the HPD. I understand people are wanting to get out. Everything we do is for our protection and their protection. We are just trying to in an essence save our community and our livelihoods as we know it.

David stated I have an update on the street lights. I listed in my report the two on Schaefer Drive has been installed. David explained he received information that brackets for the lights behind Hauser Drive are on backorder. It is scheduled for May 25th.

Matt shared a Facebook comment from Chelsea Warriner. Chelsea stated thank you from the Hope Food Pantry. It is so appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

John Deak

Attest

Gary Briggs

William E. Johnson

Shirley Mills

Nellie Meek

Reyde Compton