

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 January 5, 2021.

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

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

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

#### **APPOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**Ohmer made a motion to continue with Jerry Bragg as Council President. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **APPOINT COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Ohmer made a motion to nominate John Walstad as Vice-President. Ed seconded. Motion 5/0.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **PICNIC TABLES FOR THE PARK**

Jerry Bragg stated David could not be with us tonight. We need to decide how many new picnic tables we need but I would like David's input on that. We, also, need to figure out what sayings we want to have on the back of the thirteen benches. Diane stated I think Jessica Brown would be good at that since she knows a lot about the history of our Town. Ed stated she is already working on that along with a group from the museum board. Ohmer suggested this be tabled until the appropriate people are onboard.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **SALARY INCREASES – UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT & TOWN MARSHAL**

**Clyde made a motion increase the salary of the Utility Superintendent and the Town Marshal 2%. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

##### **HOPE FOOD BANK LIAISON**

Clyde Compton stated we have already approved assigning a liaison for the Hope Food Bank so we can keep track of what is needed or not needed. **Clyde made a motion to appoint John Walstad as the liaison for the Hope Food Bank. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

#### **2021 COMMITTEES**

The 2020 committees were reviewed for changes. The following was recommended:

##### **Plan Commission**

Mary will be asked to serve again.

John Walstad will be removed since he is now a Council member. A Republican will need to be appointed to take his place.

The liaison will need to be changed since Rick Flohr is no longer a County Commissioner.

#### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Clyde Compton will be added as an additional member so there will be a Council member on the committee and to have an odd number for voting.

#### **Personnel Committee**

No changes.

#### **Storm Water Committee**

No changes.

#### **Wellhead Committee**

No changes.

#### **Edit Committee**

Pam May will be asked to serve again.

John Walstad will be removed since he is now a Council Member. Jerry will find a replacement since John Walstad was appointed as an At Large.

#### **Hawcreek-Flatrock Endowment Board**

Diane Burton will remain on the board.

#### **Emergency Warning Committee**

No changes.

#### **Town Hall Committee**

Tim Shoaf will be replaced with Jerry Bragg.

#### **Police Oversight Committee**

John Walstad will remain on the committee but as the Council member.

Nellie Meek will remain on the committee but as a resident.

**Ohmer made a motion to accept the changes as discussed for 2021 Boards and Committees and accept any contingent changes that we may have to make. John seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

Liaisons assigned last year were discussed. The following was decided:

#### **Police Department Liaison**

Jerry Bragg will remain as the Police Department Liaison.

#### **Building and Zoning Administrator Liaison**

Ed Johnson will be the liaison for the Building and Zoning Administrator.

**Utility Superintendent Liaison**

Ed Johnson will remain as the liaison for the Utility Superintendent.

**Ohmer made motion to approve the liaisons as presented. John seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

**BUILDING AND ZONING**

Matt Galbraith asked the Council if they authorized Scott Andrews to take action against Whittington's Auto Sales. **Ohmer made a motion to take action against Whittington's Auto Sales. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** Other properties were discussed. Matt Galbraith already has a letter out to Chad Houchens. Ed asked about the home on the corner of 775. Matt answered no permits were issued. A letter has been sent out. Ohmer asked about the Wentworth vehicles. Matt Tallent answered we counted cars yesterday. I have twenty-one cars that are going to be tagged later this week. Matt expressed concern on the corner of Seminary and depot, the Watson property. Matt stated we have three cars tagged there. Junk is starting to accumulate again. I will have a list of all the cars we are tagging in my council report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



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