

Note to Newspaper: Please publish the following legal ad one time on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in “The Republic”. Billing information and Publisher's Affidavit should be sent to: Diane Burton, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Hope, 404 Jackson Street, Hope, Indiana 47246.

Please send a second copy of the Publisher's Affidavit to: Victoria Bechert, Administrative Resources association, 748 Franklin Street, Columbus, IN 47201. Please contact Victoria Bechert at (812) 376-9949 if this ad cannot be published as requested.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On or about June 30, 2023, the Town of Hope intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant application from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater / Drinking Water Program. This program is funded by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: Upgrades to the wastewater grinder at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and installing a new force main that routes directly from the Goshen Meadows Lift Station to the wastewater treatment plant facility. This will alleviate capacity issues at the Moravian Lift Station. In addition to these improvements, the force main that serves Miller's Merry Manor is to be rerouted to discharge into the gravity sewer system in the Goshen Meadows lift station service area. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$580,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low to moderate-income persons is approximately \$345,796.00. The Applicant also proposed to expend an estimated \$200,535.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Town of Hope ARPA Funds

The Town of Hope will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or as soon as the opening of the meeting of the Hope Town Council allows at Hope Town Hall, 404 Jackson Street, Hope, Indiana to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and require assistance should contact Jason Eckart, Town Manager, Town of Hope, 404 Jackson Street, Hope IN 47246, (812) 546-6403, no later than June 16, 2023. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. Si necesita información en español, por favor de llamar al (812) 546-6403.

Information related to the proposed project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of June 7, 2023 at Town Hall, 404 Jackson Street, Hope, Indiana 47246 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Victoria Bechert, Administrative Resources association, 748 Franklin Street, Columbus, IN 47201 no later than June 16, 2023 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and assist those displaced has been prepared by the Town of Hope and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed wastewater system improvements project, please contact Victoria Bechert, at (812) 376-9949 M-F 8:30 – 4:30 or write to Victoria Bechert, Administrative Resources association, 748 Franklin Street, Columbus, IN 47201.