

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 November 29, 2022.

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

The prayer was given by Ohmer Miller.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Walstad.

OLD BUSINESS:

WASTEWATER PROJECT

Victoria Bechert stated Tony provided a handout with the cost increases associated with the wastewater project. Based on his form, the total project costs is \$750,175. I did add in other fees that you have either already paid related to the grant, like the archeological recon that was a little over \$2,000, and there will need to be a title search done on the three properties that we need easements on. I contacted Meridian Title to get quotes on those and they are at \$250 each. The Town Attorney's price to prepare the three easements will be \$2500. There will be some recording fees associated with those of around \$125 each. The total project cost with those fees is \$756,050. That allows the town to apply for the maximum grant amount which is \$600,000. Therefore, your new local match commitment is \$156,050. That is a little bit over 20% so you will get one or two more points added on to your application for committing a little bit more. Tony explained some of the increase was due to the size of pipe behind the hardware store that he thought was six inch and it is four inch. It has to be six inches so it changed the quantity by a few hundred feet. Clyde stated I think this project is one of the most important ones this Town is going to undertake for years. If we are going to grow, we have to do it. **Clyde made a motion to approve the cost increase. Ohmer seconded. Motion carries 4/0.** There was more discussion on the piping behind the hardware store. Victoria stated the full application is due December 22nd. The awards announcements will probably be in late January. Victoria stated I had a phone call with Neal at OCRA today. They are anticipating announcing the awards for Owner Occupied Rehab next week sometime. They will be awarding four out of eight applications.

T-MOBILE GRANT

Jason Eckart stated I was unable to get any information with the repainting of the Muriel. I did speak with Hitchcock designs. His company requires a \$2,000 fee to design a Town of Hope sign. If this is the project you chose for the \$50,000 grant, I will be happy to have Randy draw something up but there will be a cost. Solar power signs are an option. The cost of the signs will probably be about \$20,000 each. The cost with engineering and installation will probably be about \$50,000. The other option we discussed was to have a walking pathway around Norman Park. It will be 300 feet long by 100 feet wide by 300 feet by 100 feet wide. It will be three inches of asphalt, six inches of rock and dug five feet wide. It will be a total of 4,000 square feet of pavement. Globe estimates the project at \$36,000. If this is the project that you chose, I will have to get two more quotes. Tony corrected T-Mobile does not require

three quotes. They prefer you work with a local contractor. Clyde voiced concern with spending \$2,000 to design the sign with the risk that we may not get the grant. Clyde stated a walking path will make Norman Park a destination for the Town. Ed stated he feels more lighting will be necessary. David reminded the Council dusk to dark is the park hours. Ed suggested just walkway lights. Ohmer added for them to be motion censored. **Clyde made a motion for the grant application to be for the walking path. Ed seconded. Motion carries 4/0.** The Council decided to table the design for the signs for a later date.

DUKE ENERGY LIGHT QUOTE GOSHEN MEADOWS

Jason Eckart stated today I received a lighting agreement for the 100 plus lights, option one, you approved for the main part of Hope. The saving is around \$400 per month. They discovered two more lights for a total of 103 lights. Monthly cost went up to \$685. That is the only change is the two new lights. Jason will complete the paperwork and get it submitted. Jason stated once Duke gets this agreement, we can look for new lights by the end of February. The cost for LED lights in Goshen Meadows will be up to \$440 a month depending on whether or not we have to replace the poles. They have not gotten back with me about that. There was discussion on the lights. Jason reviewed the details of the lights we will be receiving. Jason stated the other agreement is for the \$3,090 rebate that we will be receiving once it's processed.

Omer made a motion to close the meeting. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



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