

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

January 15, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Schilawski, Scott Alspach, Mike Rogier, Frank Vaughn and John Perrin. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Previous President John Perrin opens the floor for nominations for Town Council President for 2019. Councilman Rogier nominates John Perrin and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

President Perrin opens the floor for nominations for Town Council Vice President for 2019. Councilman Vaughn nominates Scott Alspach and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the December 18th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the December 31st, End of Year Fund Report and Docket for ratification and the January 15, 2019 Fund Report and Docket for ratification/or approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both sets of reports and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

2019 Park Goals

Councilman Schilawski would like to establish goals for parks improvements in 2019. Schilawski would like to focus on Tot Park in the Raintree Subdivision. He would like to see a piece of playground equipment added, a new or better gate and signage out near the street. Attorney Robbins has left numerous messages with the bank to try and acquire the adjoining piece of property to create a second access point to the park for better monitoring. PW Supt. McCauslin has been trying to figure a way to widen the drive and install some parking spaces in the existing park. We need to be able to have our officers and the public patrol / monitor that park to protect any future investment. McCauslin has been looking for alternative areas in that neighborhood that could possibly be converted to a playground and be more visible to prevent vandalism. Council agrees that if the investment can be protected, they are in favor of focusing on Tot Park this year.

PW Supt. McCauslin states that installation of the East Park playground is scheduled to begin March 11, 2019 weather permitting.

Councilman Schilawski leaves at 5:17 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents a picture of a bench type monument that will be installed in Proctor Park this Spring to honor the Korean War Veterans.

Johnson County Criminal Justice Center Tax Support Request Update
Attorney Robbins explains that Rob Henderson, Johnson County Council President, met with Councilmen John Perrin and Scott Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and two Councilmen from Princes Lakes yesterday morning in Attorney Robbins' office. Henderson shared more information on the proposed options for raising taxes for the jail expansion. Henderson stated that once that project is complete there are other projects that need to be addressed such as the Correctional Facility and the Juvenile Detention Facility. A request was made that the County put language in the interlocal agreements with New Whiteland and Princes Lakes that any additional tax revenue that passes through our communities and back to the county can only be used for things related to public service. Henderson thought that would be favorably received and will take it to the council and report back to Attorney Robbins.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Perrin suggests moving Open to the Public up to the front of our agenda for a few meetings so that if the public has something they want to discuss they don't have to sit through the entire meeting if they don't want to. Council approves.

Joe McMann, 136 Brentwood is concerned about the condition of many of the properties within town. McMann states he believes every vehicle has to be registered and he sees several sitting around town in yards without plates or up on blocks. He also does not like property owners parking vehicles in their yards, would prefer that all vehicles be parked on hard surfaces. Prefers that people not add gravel driveways to their properties and wishes the town would require property owners to maintain their sidewalks in good repair. McMann states 1028 Ashland has multiple vehicles and structures in the back yard, a Pepsi machine in the driveway, a carport he has enclosed and is using to do car repairs in and is becoming a junkyard. McMann says anyone entering the neighborhood on Ashland has to drive by this house and he would like to see it cleaned up. Council will have a police officer check the property tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

2019 Truck Purchases

Utility Supt. Gillock has budgeted for 2 pick up trucks in the 2019 Sanitation budget. Gillock requested proposals from 3 vendors. Hubler Chevrolet's bid is \$45,530.00 which was the lowest of the 3 bids and is lower than the state bid held by Ford. Truck prices will increase between \$3,500 - \$4,000 per truck on 2/25/19. We will be trading in a 2006 GMC Sierra with 92,878 miles (\$3,500) and a 2010 Dodge Ram with 80,279 miles (\$6,000) for the 2 trucks. We had budgeted \$70,000 and will need to have light bars, decals, etc. installed once the trucks are delivered but should be about \$20,000 under budget.

Councilman Schilawski returns at 6:15 p.m.

Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the 2 trade-ins and the purchase of 2 new trucks from Hubler Chevrolet for a cost of \$45,530.00 and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Snow Removal

Council commends the Public Works Department on the excellent job on snow removal with the past weekend's winter storm event. McCauslin cautions that they are short staffed as Dave Stier recently retired and due to snow removal will be accumulating comp time.

Council understands and asks that they monitor and manage getting employees to use comp time in a timely manner.

Due to some scheduling conflicts we will move to Legislative Business and come back and finish New Business when that is completed.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018-26, 2018-27 and 2018-28

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the final transfer and encumbrance ordinances for 2018 that were approved on December 31, 2018 for ratification for purpose of the written minutes. Motion to approve ratification of both ordinances by Councilman Rogier with second by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2019-01

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the ordinance to correct / amend the 2019 salary ordinance on first reading. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt the ordinance and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Rogier with second by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Resolution 2019-01

Attorney Robbins presents a resolution amending the Employee Policy Handbook. The resolution makes revisions to the sick leave policy as previously discussed and approved. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the resolution and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will distribute copies to all full-time employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Writing Off Old Outstanding Checks

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents a Memorandum of the ten (10) outstanding checks from 2015 that need to be written off. Councilman Alspach moves to approve writing off the old checks and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

NWFD Awards Banquet

Invitations are distributed. Councilmen are asked to RSVP and to bring a covered dish if they attend. The Awards Banquet will be held on February 2nd.

Councilman Perrin leaves at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Pre-Construction Meeting

Utility Supt. Gillock states the meeting went well. Gillock said the contractor has made some great suggestions that will improve the project. Weather permitting, they will begin pumping down the plant next week. Materials have been ordered. Actual construction will probably start mid to late summer.

Supt. Gillock reports that the Vac Truck has been delivered and that the GIS data work has started.

Manhole Rehabilitation Proposals

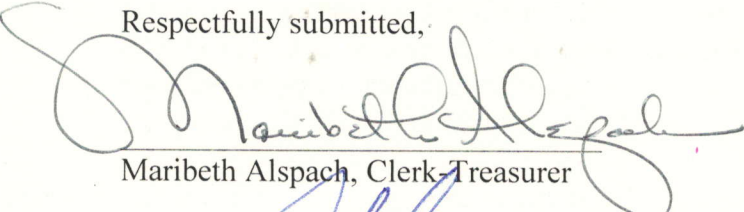
Utility Supt. Gillock has proposals for the repair of the nineteen (19) Priority #1 manholes that were identified in Wessler's report. Proposal #1 from Culy Contracting is for \$41,658.20. Proposal #2 is from I R E in the amount of \$43,194.00 and Proposal #3 is from Municipal Contracting for \$56,025.00. All three (3) contractors were provided by Wessler Engineers. Gillock notes that we have worked with Culy in the past and were well pleased with their work. Councilman Rogier moves to accept the proposal from Culy Contracting and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Community Crossing Grant Update

PW Supt. McCauslin states that he has reworked the detailed cost estimate on our application. He is meeting with Crossroads Engineers tomorrow to review his work and our application. The application must be filed by February 1st.

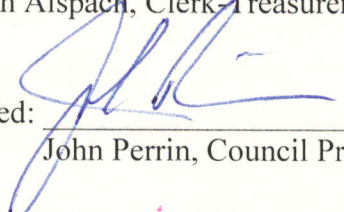
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:



John Perrin, Council President