**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**January 19, 2016**

**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, Mike Rogier, Scott Alspach, Frank Vaughn and John Perrin. Also present were Town Manager Spencer, Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

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

Councilman Alspach moves to approve the minutes of the January 11th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Rogier moves to approve and ratify both and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

401 Mooreland Drive

Attorney Robbins reminds the council that Habitat for Humanity has a board meeting January 21st. Robbins will report back at the February meeting.

300 Tracy Road

Attorney Robbins states that closing has tentatively been scheduled for January 29th with the building being sold “as is”. Our counter offer of a $2,000.00 credit / price reduction was accepted and the new owner will make the repairs that were identified in his inspection report. Attorney Robbins asks the Council to authorize President Perrin to sign all necessary documents for the closing. Councilman Alspach moves to authorize Council President Perrin to execute all closing documents and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will provide wire transfer instructions so the proceeds of the sale can be deposited into the Water Account as previously discussed to repay some of the cost of the purchase and renovations at 540 Tracy.

Requirements for SRO Officers

Marshal Stephenson states that he met with Mr. Stalets with Clark Pleasant Schools. Stephenson states the school added a rider to their policy to cover the officers. Stephenson says the rider covers any incident the officer might be involved in as well as workmen’s comp coverage. Stephenson and Councilman Schilawski state that they only want officers in full police uniforms are not interested in providing SRO shirts. The school still does not have a job description. Stephenson states officers are taking vacation time to attend training in early February and would start part time work in March.

Council directs Stephenson to obtain a copy of the insurance rider indemnifying the town and a job description. Stephenson is to deliver these items to Attorney Robbins for review and approval before the council will give final approval on wearing town issued uniforms.

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Attorney Robbins states that we did get a response from the town’s insurance agent that they would defend a claim involving one of our officers arising from this part time work. Robbins adds that the additional rider from the school makes this even better.

Council President Perrin suggests that once Attorney Robbins has reviewed and approved the requested documents, the council consider a 3 month trial period (March – May) and reevaluate continuing the SRO program before school restarts in the fall.

Newly Elected Officials Workshop

The workshop / training session will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th in the council conference room. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bicentennial Ceremony

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of an organizational meeting with several municipalities and entities in Johnson County planning the bicentennial ceremony for Johnson County on Friday, September 23rd. The torch will arrive at the Johnson County Courthouse at 5 p.m. that Friday. Each municipality is asked to participate. Alspach will copy future meeting minutes to the council. The Greater Whiteland Community Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, September 24th. Organizational meetings are beginning for that as well.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

None.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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 John Perrin, Council President