

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 19, 2021**  
**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 Perrin, Frank Vaughn, Chad Waltz, John Schilawski and Scott Alspach. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer. Attorney Lee Robbins was absent.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Councilman Vaughn nominates John Perrin for the office of President and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski nominates Scott Alspach for the office of Vice President and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**MINUTES**

Councilman Alspach moves to approve the minutes of the December 30<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> meetings and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

R. McClure, 433 Hollybrook is requesting an adjustment on a sewer bill due to high usage from a leaking toilet. A copy of the repair invoice is submitted. Council approves a two-month credit totaling \$142.32.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve and ratify all reports and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tot Park

Public Works Supt. McCauslin stats the final construction plans have been completed. Bid documents are currently being reviewed by our attorney. McCauslin is asking for council approval to solicit bids to be opened on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Council approves.

Community Clean-Up Day

Council President Perrin states he met with Mike Strouse of Strouse Roll-Off Services to discuss our Clean Up Day. Strouse is offering to not charge for the roll off containers but would have two (2) drivers working. Their pay rate (overtime) is \$34 / hour and we would be responsible for all tipping fees at the landfill which are \$42 / ton. We would need to supply a backhoe and an operator as well as personnel to check for residency and to screen items before they can be left. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will get a quote from Best Way and PW Supt. McCauslin will reach out to some additional vendors who would take electronics or tires (for a fee) that might want to participate as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Wessler On Call Contract

Utility Superintendent Gillock presents the annual contract for on call services including smoke testing and manhole inspections. Gillock explains that this should be the final year for the smoke testing. The not-to-exceed amount of the contract is \$50,000.00. Brad Robertson of Wessler states that in the last two (2) years they have identified several I & I issues and been able to help correct them. They have prioritized the manholes that needed rehabilitation. He commends the proactive approach that has been taken by Superintendents Gillock and McCauslin in identifying and repairing these issues. Supt. Gillock states that Wessler had a similar contract with us last year and we spent less than \$40,000.00 total for the year. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the contract and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Wessler MS4 Contract

Utility Supt. Gillock presents a contract for MS4 reporting and annual audit assistance. Gillock states that IDEM has made multiple changes to their requirements and our plan will need to be updated. Council requests that Mary Atkins attend a future meeting to explain the MS4 changes and the services that Wessler would be providing.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments

President Perrin states that Matt Gillock and Duane McCauslin have expressed a willingness to serve as the dual appointees from the Plan Commission to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Waltz moves to appoint both Gillock and McCauslin to the Board of Zoning Appeals and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Bond Approval

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the annual bond for Utility Clerk Yates for council approval. Councilman Schilawski moves to accept the bond and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Alspach notes that she is still waiting on the paperwork for Payroll Clerk McCarty and herself.

Vacation Advance Request

PW Supt. McCauslin is requesting an advancement of five (5) vacation days to new employee Brett Dulworth. Dulworth's anniversary date is in July but he is anticipating the birth of his first child in March. Dulworth does not have any accumulated time on the books as he was off with COVID in December. Council directs McCauslin to contact Attorney Robbins to see if we can have the employee sign an agreement that if the time is advanced and he leaves employment prior to his anniversary date the five (5) days of pay will be withheld from their final paycheck.

Community Crossing Grant

PW Supt. McCauslin states that applications for 2021 are due January 29<sup>th</sup>. He has prepared two (2) applications which would cover eighteen (18) road segments. He is not proposing any reconstruction projects this year. This will all be preventative maintenance.

New Hire

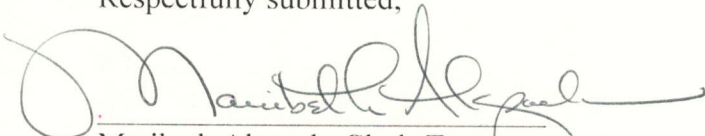
PW Supt. McCauslin states that they ran an ad to fill the vacancy in their department. They interviewed four (4) candidates and have hired Marty Reed. His official start date will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

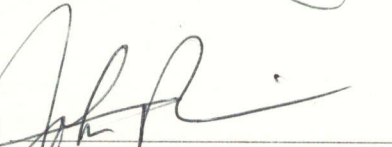
None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

  
John Perrin, President