

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:06p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, John Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Council President Perrin offered the opening prayer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Previous President John Perrin opens the floor for nominations for Town Council President for 2024. Councilman Combs nominates John Perrin and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski.

Vote 5 affirmative.

President Perrin opens the floor for nominations for Town Council Vice President for 2024. Councilman Schilawski nominates Councilman Purdie and is seconded by Councilman Waltz.

Vote 5 affirmative.

MINUTES

Councilman Combs moves to approve the minutes of the December 6th regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the December 29th, End of Year Fund Report and Docket for ratification. Councilman Schilawski moves to ratify the December 29th End of Year Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the January 3, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify the January 3, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

CCMG

Public Works Superintendent McCauslin shares that CCMG is doing a pilot program this year in which they are increasing the maximum from 1 million to 1.5 million. He asks if we can look to find \$125,000 for this match. He already has the amount for the original match in his budget (\$250,000). Supt. McCauslin was planning to use a product called liquid road to be able to repair as many roads as we can. The product is for mid-rated roads. The CCMG application is due January 29th. Council advises Supt. McCauslin to go ahead and apply to see what we will be approved for from CCMG.

Public Safety Panel

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss reminds Council about the Public Safety Panel at Johnson County Public Library on Saturday, April 27th at 2pm and asks if Councilman Schilawski would be able to attend.

Proctor Park

Council President Perrin refers to the previous meeting in which we agreed to cover Phase II of the Proctor Park project. Maribeth suggested using Thomas Monuments for Phase II. Council President Perrin contacted two other vendors to meet the requirement to secure 3 quotes. He contacted Midwest Monument who stated they were not interested in this project. He also contacted Allen Monument, had a meeting set up to discuss the project, and they did not show up for that meeting. The 3-quote requirement has been satisfied so the Town is going forward with Thomas Monuments for Phase II of the Proctor Park project.

2024 Solar Eclipse

Councilman Schilawski asks for an update to the Town's action plan regarding the 2024 Solar Eclipse. Public Works Superintendent McCauslin says he is meeting with the other department heads soon. He suggests considering closing the office that day. There is further discussion about what could potentially be required of employees due to the Eclipse.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonds for Office Staff

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the bonds and oaths of office for the employees who work in the office. These will need to be signed by Councilmembers and then she will file them with the county Clerk. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the bonds and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2023-16

End of Year Transfer Ordinance

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss reads and explains the end of year transfer ordinance that was signed on December 29th and presents it for ratification. Councilman Purdie moves to adopt ordinance 2023-16 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. The ordinance was introduced and passed with unanimous consent and unanimous vote of all five (5) members present.

Resolution 2023-04

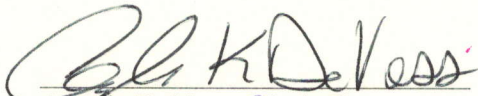
Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss reads and explains the resolution encumbering funds for all of the open purchase orders at the end of 2023 that was signed on December 29th and needs to be ratified. Councilman Schilawski moves to ratify Resolution 2023-04 and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

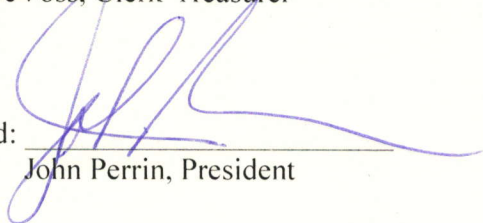
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President