

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00p.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. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Previous President John Perrin opens the floor for nominations for Town Council President for 2026. Councilman Purdie 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 2026.

Councilman Schilawski nominates Councilman Purdie and is seconded by Councilman Waltz.

Vote 5 affirmative.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the December 3rd regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the December 31st End of Year Fund Report and Docket for ratification. Councilman Purdie moves to ratify the December 31st End of Year Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the January 7, 2026 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and ratify the January 7, 2026 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

HVAC System

Council President Perrin reminds Council of the decision at last month's meeting to go ahead with replacing the HVAC system in Suite A. The Town received a quote from Vasey for \$30,647.00. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss found the funds available in her budget to cover the cost with 2025 money. Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin did get a verbal quote from a previous vendor we have used for HVAC and received no response from a third vendor he reached out to. After consulting with Town Attorney Lee Robbins, he found the Town did everything how they should. Council approved going forward with the replacement, however Council President Perrin wants to get it on record that Council is aware and had no issue with replacing the units. Councilman Waltz moves to approve the quote from Vasey for \$30,647 using 2025 funds and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Lift Station

Utilities Superintendent Matt Gillock shares with Council that Gradison will probably come to the Council to ask their approval to put in a lift station instead of a gravity sewer. Those construction plans are in review with the engineers. He has an engineer doing a lifetime cost assessment on what lift station they are planning to put in. Supt. Gillock shares he does not have the final information yet. Gradison wants to install a lift station instead of a gravity sewer because it would cost less for them to do so. Attorney Robbins asks for clarification about what Gradison is asking. Are they wanting to change the plans or have the Town go

ahead and take ownership of it? Supt. Gillock states he believes Gradison wants to make sure the Council approves the changes to construction plans. Attorney Robbins states that if they are seeking approval for changes to construction plans, that would be an item for the Plan Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Renewal

Dean Mayfield with Mayfield Insurance shares packets with Council regarding the upcoming property and liability insurance renewal which takes place on February 12th. Insurance premiums increased from \$124,607.25 to \$139,091.25 based off of additional information they have received since last year. They did a walk around with Superintendents Matt Gillock and Duane McCauslin in the spring of 2025 where they found items that had not been listed previously. Those changes were disclosed to Council at the June 4, 2025 regular meeting. Changes which occurred from June, 2025 to now include inflation. The values went up roughly \$1,736,706. The Inland Marine schedule which handles the equipment went up \$209,461. Miscellaneous property went up \$155,000. There is also an additional vehicle. Mr. Mayfield asks if an old vehicle was retired when we added a new vehicle. The Town population was incorrectly listed last year. Mayfield took the population number from the previous policy which was incorrect. Since our population is over 5,000 that puts us in the next higher bracket. Mayfield is waiting on the Cyber Application and a few forms. Discussion ensues about the number of full-time employees and the number of fire department employees along with the number of hours they usually work. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss states that she can get that information to Mayfield next week. Mr. Mayfield shares that if employees work more than 30 hours a week it is a different category than if they work less than 30 hours per week. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the insurance renewal pending the items that need corrected per tonight's discussion and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Employee Bonds

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the bonds and oaths of office for her and 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 Purdie moves to approve the bonds and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Friday After Christmas

Council President Perrin reminds Council of the decision that was made to give the employees a paid day off the day after Christmas which was a Friday. He asks Council to ratify that decision tonight. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the paid day off and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Council President Duties

Council President Perrin shares with Council something he has been thinking about but does not want any action taken tonight. He states that all of the municipalities around us either pay a town manager or town administrator. We do not and have gotten by really well. However, a lot of those duties are spread out between the superintendents and office manager. He would like Council to consider assigning to him some additional duties. Those duties would include

dealing with vendors, researching equipment, collecting quotes, and meeting with department heads. Council President Perrin offers that he is willing to take on these extra duties at no cost and try it for a year. He can commit to either a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon in the office in addition to one Friday per month all day. He would like to go back to having quarterly department head meetings with department heads. Discussion ensues and Council President Perrin states he can put together and submit a more concrete plan before the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2025-15

End of Year Transfer Ordinance

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss reads and explains the end of year transfer ordinance that was signed on December 31st and presents it for ratification. Councilman Purdie moves to adopt ordinance 2025-15 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 2025-03

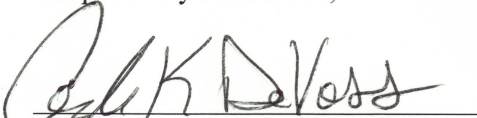
Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss reads and explains the resolution encumbering funds for all of the open purchase orders at the end of 2025 that was signed on December 31st and needs to be ratified. Councilman Purdie moves to ratify Resolution 2025-03 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President