**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**October 6, 2015**

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

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the September 15th 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 Alspach moves to approve and ratify both and is seconded by Councilman Noonan. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**New Employee**

Town Marshal, Ed Stephenson, introduces Nicole Dunlavy who was hired and started yesterday as the new administrative assistant to the Police Department. Council welcomes Nicole.

**2016 BUDGET HEARING**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states that new budget packets were delivered to all councilmen after the last meeting. Copies of the non-binding resolution from the county are distributed with the recommendation that the budget increase be held to 2.6%. Our increase is currently at 11.73%. If no reductions are made at this time we may be forced to make cuts in the spring when the circuit breaker report comes out. Councilman Noonan moves to adopt the 2016 budget on final reading without further changes and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Council states no large expenditures are to be made until after the circuit breaker report has been received and addressed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

401 Mooreland Drive

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states that she spoke to Attorney Robbins earlier today and Mr. Huter’s GPS equipment has arrived and work should be done quickly on our project.

Street Garage

PW Supt. Johnson states that Lee Weddle is interested in demolishing the old street garage for the materials. Weddle would like to do the work this winter. Council approves and would like the work to be completed within 30 days once started. Attorney Robbins will prepare a waiver for him to sign to release us from liability while he is doing the demolition. Councilman Rogier asks about proof of insurance and Town Manager Spencer says that they will get a copy and ask that we be listed as an additional insured during this work.

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2014 Street Overlay

Town Manager Spencer states that E & B has repaired the place on Sawmill Road twice with a liquid patch since the last meeting. The second repair was made today.

2015 Street Overlay Status

Dave O’Meara is planning to start the work on October 12th and get it completed during the two weeks of Fall Break, weather permitting.

IDEM

Patriot Engineering mailed the final closure letter to IDEM last week. We are waiting on final release and close out from IDEM for the fuel leak at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

300 Tracy Road

Front window was replaced this week. Property is listed at $298,000.00 and has been shown 2-3 times Town Manager Spencer reports. Spencer asks if price should be lowered. Council directs Spencer to get feedback on comments from the people who looked at the building. Attorney Robbins will be bringing a detailed report on the 20th.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Greater Whiteland Community Day

The event was a big success. Only negative was the weather. Spencer reports $1,200 was raised for 5 year old Aidan Fox. Money will be used to make some improvements to his home to make it more accessible for his wheelchair. There will be a cookout this Thursday at noon for employees of both towns at the Whiteland Town Hall. Town Manager Spencer and Clerk-Treasurer Alspach attended the follow up meeting and plans are already underway for a bigger and better event next year. There will a joint meeting of both town councils on October 13th at 6:30 at the Whiteland Town Hall to sign a Proclamation for this event.

Investments

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reports that one of our Certificates of Deposit matured today. She plans to reinvest it and has requested quotes from 3 banks for rates. She has some concern that if we move the money from Main Source we might jeopardize our courier service. They have said that it won’t but it remains a concern. We have another CD invested there that will mature next October as well. We also have one at National Bank of Indianapolis that matures in October 2017. Council directs Alspach to reinvest the money for a four (4) year term at whichever bank offers the best interest rate.

Tracy Road Land

Councilman Rogier suggests using the acre of ground for a community garden or to plant wildflowers there. After much discussion, no action is taken. Concerns are discussed including parking, supplying water, cleaning up the area if the residents don’t take care of their garden spots, etc.

Storage Building

Town Manager Spencer states the concrete has been poured. Water, sewer and gas lines have been run and the electric also. Building should be complete in 5 – 6 weeks.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2015-09

Clerk Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance on first reading. Motion to approve by Councilman Rogier with second by Councilman Noonan. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This item will be placed on the October 20th agenda.

Transfer Memo

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the Transfer Memo. Motion to approve by Councilman Rogier with second by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President