

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 6, 2020  
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, John Schilawski, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Waltz moves to approve the minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup> budget workshop and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**2021 BUDGET HEARING**

Council President Perrin opens the budget hearing at 5:05 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach has provided revised copies of the 2021 budget with the minor changes discussed in the budget workshop. Council President Perrin asks if any members of the council or the public have any questions regarding the proposed 2021 budget. Being no questions or comments the budget hearing is closed at 5:08 p.m. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt the 2021 budget as presented on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This will be placed on the October 20<sup>th</sup> agenda for final approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Certificate of Deposit

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents a letter / proposal from Citizens Bank regarding reinvestment options for the certificate of deposit that matured October 5<sup>th</sup>. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach cashed in the CD and opened a money market account with the \$1,000,000.00 investment. This account will pay 0.30% interest. After the storm water project is completed, we can invest the remaining balance in a new CD if interest rates improve. Council agrees to leave the money in the money market account.

Harding Group Extension Request

Attorney Robbins shares an email from PW Supt. McCauslin. Harding is requesting an extension through November 1<sup>st</sup> to complete Warwick Road without any penalties being assessed. Councilman Schilawski moves to agree to the extension with the condition that if the work is not completed by the end of the day on November 1<sup>st</sup> they will go back to the original completion date and assess damages from that date forward to completion.

Councilman Alspach seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Attorney Robbins will notify PW Supt. McCauslin and the Harding Group.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### NWFD Vehicle Purchase

Attorney Robbins presents a resolution he has prepared to mirror the resolution passed by the Franklin City Council stating our intent to purchase a 2007 Ford SUV from the Franklin Fire Department for \$3,500.00. Attorney Robbins introduces Resolution 2020-07 for council approval. The City of Franklin has also forwarded an Interlocal Agreement for our approval. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve Resolution 2020-07 for the purchase of the 2007 Ford SUV from Franklin and to authorize President Perrin to execute the Interlocal Agreement and further authorize Clerk-Treasurer Alspach and Fire Chief Saucier to proceed with the purchase. Councilman Alspach seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

#### Community Clean Up Day

President Perrin asks about previous discussions to host a community clean up day. Councilman Alspach recommends delaying until Spring 2021 due to social distancing restrictions with COVID-19. Council agrees.

### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

#### Ordinance 2020-16A

Attorney Robbins presents the ordinance that amends Ordinance 2020-16 clarifying the date of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as the date that penalties and suspensions of service for non-payment were rescinded. The effective date was left out of the original ordinance in error.

Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-16A on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading.

Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin presents Ordinance 2020-16A in title only on final reading.

Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-16A on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

#### Ordinance 2020-17

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the 2021 Salary Ordinance on first reading. Alspach notes these salaries are taken from the 2021 budget passed earlier this evening. She further adds that the Grant Money column funds were deleted as Police Chief Rynerson is not participating in Operation Pull Over next year. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-17 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This item will be placed on the October 20<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### Ordinance 2020-18

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-18 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading.

Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin presents Ordinance 2020-18 in title only on final reading.

Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-18 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2020-19

Attorney Robbins presents the ordinance that formalizes the fee of \$5.00 for accident reports. This is a statutory requirement and while we have been charging the correct amount and depositing the funds collected into the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund as mandated, we did not have the formal ordinance in place. Robbins adds that the statute requires a minimum charge of \$5.00 but notes other entities do charge more. Council approves the minimum fee of \$5.00. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-19 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

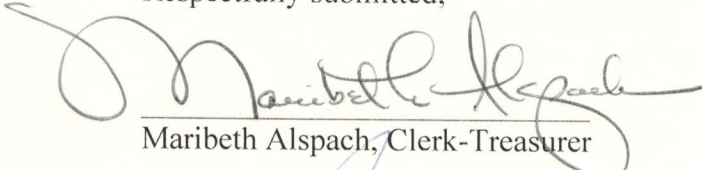
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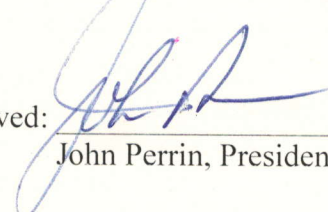
Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-19 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

President Perrin updates the council on the Police Department hiring process. Applications are being accepted through October 16<sup>th</sup>. Once the top candidates are identified interviews will be held. Past practice of maintaining an "Eligibility List" will no longer be done.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
John Perrin, President