

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2025
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, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Combs was absent. Council President Perrin offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the September 3rd regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the September 17th special meeting and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the October 1, 2025 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify the October 1, 2025 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

2026 BUDGET ADOPTION

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss refers to the initial budget hearing meeting which was on September 3, 2025 and then the budget workshop special meeting which as on September 17, 2025. All 2026 budget documents including changes to the 2026 budget made at the workshop meeting have been provided to Council for review. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt the 2026 budget and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Flock Camera Presentation

Assistant Police Chief David Brooks presents information to Council about the flock cameras which were approved at the September 17th meeting. He states flock cameras are a public safety operating system for a safer community. There are currently 50 flock cameras in Johnson County, which does not include the 2 for New Whiteland. Asst. Chief Brooks shares that our flock cameras will be placed at Proctor Park and at US31 and Tracy Road facing northbound traffic. The flock cameras have license plate recognition and give officers real time updates on their laptops. Information can be searched and shared across communities providing access to data nationwide to help solve crimes.

Road Project / E&B Paving

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin shares roadwork updates regarding E&B Paving. He states that E&B Paving is being more responsive now. They admitted to dropping the ball with this project. As of right now they expect Sawmill Road to be back open by the end of next week. Supt. McCauslin approaches Council tonight asking about the deadline which had been extended to October 1st and the liquidated damages the contractor would be required to pay. Attorney Robbins shares that in conversations with E&B Paving they are now taking our project more seriously. They have stated they cannot complete the project until November 5th.

Attorney Robbins summarizes what Council decided at the previous meeting and that was to give E&B paving until October 1st to complete the project and assess damages, per the contract, of \$500 per day until the project is completed. He shares that he will follow their instructions from tonight and do that tomorrow if that is what they would like done.

However, he would like Council to consider the obstacles outside E&B Paving's control, things unique to this project including issues with road elevations, and staffing issues.

Attorney Robbins also stresses that the project is now advancing at a better pace and he feels confident they can meet the November 5th deadline. He encourages Council to maintain cooperation and a good working relationship with the contractor. However, they do have a contract, a performance bond, and liquidated damages to consider.

Council President Perrin shares his opinion stating that nothing Attorney Robbins mentioned is the Town's fault – the staffing issues, overbidding on projects, and issues with the road elevations. He states the only way he will agree to an extension of the project deadline is if we inspect it every Friday. If E&B Paving is not making significant progress every week then we will start assigning the \$500 per day in damages beginning the following Monday and to continue until the project is complete.

Public Works Superintendent McCauslin states that he can see what Attorney Robbins is saying about the value of working through it amicably with the company. However, there needs to be accountability on their part. If they knew from the beginning they thought 45 days to complete the project was going to be an issue, they should have come to the Town and asked for additional time.

Attorney Robbins suggests that the Town notify E&B Paving that they are going to impose damages of \$500 per day as of October 1st, but that they remain open to waiving the liquidated damages or reducing them based on how well the project proceeds from this point forward and provided the project is complete by the November 5th deadline that they have promised. This incentivizes them to keep the project moving.

After discussion, Council agrees with Attorney Robbins' suggestion above. Councilman Purdie moves to impose the fines of \$500 per day as of October 1st while waiving said fines or reducing them based on how well the project proceeds going forward and provided it is completed by November 5th. Councilman Waltz seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

NEW BUSINESS

CD Renewal

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss shares a memorandum with Councilmembers showing 2 CDs which mature on October 16th along with rates from various banks. Citizens bank offers the best rates at this time. Council approves of reinvesting the 2 CDs and depositing the interest earned into the Money Market account as we have done in the past. Instead of reinvesting \$500,000 and \$750,000, they suggest making the 2 CDs even and reinvesting 1 \$625,000 CD for 18 months at 4.00% and 1 \$625,000 CD for 24 months at 3.75%.

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the CD renewals as described and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 3 affirmative.** Councilman Purdie abstains from voting.

Laptops for PD

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss refers to an email that she sent to Council on September 24th regarding the urgency that the police department order new laptops. She included an estimate from Wright Tech along with a list of reasons why the new laptops are needed so urgently, namely, that the current ones they are using cannot run Windows 11. After the October 14th deadline this year, Windows 10 will no longer be officially supported. Several apps and software the police department use rely on having an up-to-date device. In her email, Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss provided various cost options. The 12 refurbished units for \$7200, recommended by Wright Tech, were approved via email by Council on September 25th. We are needing to ratify that decision at tonight's meeting. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the purchase of the 12 refurbished laptops for \$7200 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz.

Vote 4 affirmative.

Merger

Councilman Purdie asks if other Councilmembers have heard anything more about the Whiteland and New Whiteland merger discussions and if anyone has been contacted from Whiteland. Council President Perrin states that Brad Goedeker texted him. He responded to Mr. Goedeker indicating he did not believe that either town was in the financial position to fund the studies required to get things going on a merger discussion. Council President Perrin suggested that both towns meet and put together an equipment co-op to share, and not duplicate, equipment expenses. Councilman Schilawski stated that he had not been contacted by any residents about a potential merger until today and the one who contacted him today said that they are not interested in merging. Councilmembers state they are concerned we would lose Community Crossing Grant Funds for street repairs if the two towns merge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2025-11

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the Transfer Ordinance and explains. Councilman Waltz moves to approve Ordinance 2025-11 and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. Ordinance 2025-11 is passed with unanimous consent and unanimous vote of all four (4) members of the Town Council present.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bob Matthews, 1052 Hilltop Commons, states that he is concerned about 2 roads that border his property – Tracy Road and 25W. He said he found information on the Town website about the paving project which was supposed to begin August 11th. He said that he did not see any information regarding what type of road work would be occurring on Tracy Road. He noticed that the county did some road repairs on 25W and did a phenomenal job. He wonders why the Town did not coordinate with the county to finish our part of 25W as part of that job.

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin responds that at this time Tracy Road is not getting widened. It's just getting milled and overlayed. He's been talking to an engineer about designs and concepts for Tracy Road in addition to looking at funding options. Supt. McCauslin states that he did not know anything about the county paving 25W. If they would have communicated with the Town he could have coordinated something. He is aware it is deteriorating and will look into it as part of a future CCMG project.

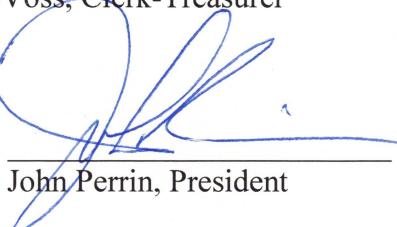
Tony Biasi, 1037 Hawthorn Bloom w/ Scenic Construction, gives a brief update on his 14-acre parcel at Hawthorn Bloom and Tracy Road. He has been building on the north end. He just finished one building, Safeguard Solutions, which will have 20 employees. He started another building next door but doesn't have a tenant yet. It is an 8500 sq ft building and it can be divided into 2 if necessary as there is plumbing in both ends of the building.

Councilman Schilawski states that the school reached out to Councilmembers and invited them to the old Sawmill Woods building. There will be a dedication November 7th at 3pm. At that time they will unveil the new name and officially open.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President