**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

**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, John Schilawski and John Perrin. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer. Councilmen Vaughn and Rogier were absent.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the November 21st Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Council President Perrin explains that due to one of the councilmen having another meeting to attend we are going to consider tonight’s legislative business at the beginning of tonight’s meeting.

Ordinance 2017-13

Attorney Robbins presents the amended ordinance with language changes on how violations will be tracked. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Ordinance 2017-13 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.** This will be placed on the December 5th agenda.

Ordinance 2017-14

Attorney Robbins presents the ordinance on final reading. The revised ordinance reduces the permitted height for grass and weeds (rank vegetation) and adds the graduated violation fee schedule.

Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2017-14 as revised on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2017-15

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the ordinance writing off the uncollectible utility accounts from 2014 totaling $696.38 on final reading. Councilman Alspach moves to approve Ordinance 2017-15 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2017-16

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance on final reading. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve Ordinance 2017-16 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2017-17

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the 2018 salary ordinance. Councilman Alspach moves to approve Ordinance 2017-17 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Camera System for Parks

George Perez with F.E. Moran is present and introduces Aaron Soehnlein, Securities Systems, Inc. Territory Manager for Indiana and Illinois. Mr. Soehnlein demonstrates 4 different camera options. He recommends that the Town purchase 2 - 3 tablets that the officers on duty would pick up on station at the beginning of their shift and return at the end of their shift. Council asks for lease figures for the equipment and maintenance including the additional cameras at 540 Tracy Road and the cameras at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and asks that the gentlemen return for the meeting on December 5th.

1114 Ashland

Attorney Robbins reports that Wells Fargo has a judgement against the property for $111,000.00. He notes that the property is not on the Sheriff’s sale docket. Attorney Robbins has reached out to the attorney for the mortgage company but has not heard back.

Tree Payment Request

Interim PW supt. McCauslin states that Adam’s Tree Trimming removed the 7th tree today. McCauslin is requesting approval of 1/3 of the contract amount rather than making the vendor wait until the next meeting in December. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve a payment of $6,666.67 and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

Rotary Press Update

Interim Utility Supt. Gillock reports that the technician from Fournier came out and after making some settings adjustments the press was running at 31 gallons / minute. It has dropped as low as 23 gallons / minutes but is performing much better than it has in the past. Due to the settings being wrong it has been determined that we were not using as much polymer as we should have been. Fournier said that our equipment is in great shape, that it has been well maintained by our employees and should last at least 10 more years. Gillock believes this could reduce the cost of our proposed project and eliminate the need for the proposed centrifuge. He will track the data on the rotary press for the next 30 – 60 days before offering a final recommendation.

Sewer Project

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach requests permission to schedule a meeting with Superintendents Gillock and McCauslin, Attorney Robbins, Financial Consultant Steve Brock and Engineer Mark Sullivan to review deadlines to get reports and design completed to apply for next year’s State Revolving Fund funding cycle. Council approves.

550 Tracy Road

Council President Perrin states he received a purchase agreement from the realtor for $112,000 - $115,000 for the vacant lot. Council states they have no use for the vacant lot and have no interest in it at this time. President Perrin will notify the realtor.

Eco Infrastructure Solutions

Interim PW Supt. McCauslin states he has scheduled them to come in and clean and camera 1,300 feet of storm and sanitary lines at Melrose and Parkview. They will also look at the sink hole issue at Parkview and Ball Park Drive on the Waltz property.

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Electronic Gate

Interim PW Supt. McCauslin states the installation of the gate is nearing completion.

Class III Uniforms

Interim PW Supt. McCauslin states Class III rain gear, jackets, hip waders and gloves were ordered for all Public Works employees.

Councilman Alspach asks about the sink hole on Morningside. McCauslin states this has been looked at and is scheduled to be repaired once leaf pickup is finished sometime after December 11th. McCauslin believes they will be able to do the repairs with town employees.

McCauslin adds that there have been flooding issues on Mooreland between Hollybrook and Parkview. Town employees have replace two sections of broken pipe and will replace the final section in the spring of 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Treasurer Alspach distributes copies of a letter from the Fire Department explaining that they have checked all of the fire hydrants in town and addressed any issues that would present problems if they needed to access the hydrants. Council commends the members of the New Whiteland Fire Department. The Santa Parade will take place on December 23, 2017. Santa will leave the fire station at 6:00 p.m. and should be at Tracy Plaza between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. that evening.

Due to the end of year docket on December 29th the regular council meeting on January 2, 2108 will be cancelled.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President