

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 1, 2023  
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 was Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Perrin offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Combs moves to approve the minutes of the October 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Waltz moves to approve the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Purdie moves to approve the minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the November 1, 2023 Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proctor Park

Maribeth Alspach, Chairperson of the Proctor Park Committee, shares with Council that the Proctor Park Committee has partnered with UpLift Johnson County for the new memorial project which would add memorials for recent fallen heroes Aaron Smith and Tim Guyer. She shares details about the planned project which involves three different phases. Existing memorials will be repainted and resealed and a granite memorial will be added remembering heroes lost to suicide. Mrs. Alspach states that there will be a meeting on November 19, 2023 and they hope to have the design concept by then. As far as a timeline, they are hoping to have the project completely planned by spring, 2024 and break ground on the project summer, 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Flood Plain Manager

Council notes that we have until the end of 2024 to designate a Flood Plain Manager and will take additional time to reach an agreement as to who should fulfill this role.

Bridge Tax

Council President John Perrin shares with Council that Whiteland Town Council President Joe Saylor contacted him regarding getting involved in a potential case regarding the Bridge Tax. Council President Perrin discussed this with Town Attorney Robbins. He states that if he hears something new and if the Town needs to get involved he'll keep Council informed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

JCPL Bookmobile

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin states that JCPL called him and asked if Proctor Park could be on the list as part of the route for the Bookmobile. Supt. McCauslin requested that the Bookmobile visit various parks in Town and that they submit a schedule.

2024 Solar Eclipse

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin brings to Council's attention the expected influx of people for the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. His concern is that if we don't make some plans, there will be issues. Perrin says Indianapolis has already booked hotels at a high price. If we want food vendors we need to go ahead and organize those. We will also need to secure additional port-o-lets.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2023-11

Stormwater Management Ordinance

Attorney Lee Robbins presents and explains the Stormwater Management Ordinance, which will bring us into compliance with the new requirements. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and adopt Ordinance 2023-11 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. Ordinance is adopted by majority vote of Council.

Ordinance 2023-12

Ordinance Amending 2023 Salary Ordinance

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the Amendment to the 2023 Salary Ordinance which accounts for the increase to the Office Manager's salary which was voted on at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and adopt Ordinance 2023-12 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. Ordinance is adopted by majority vote of Council.

Ordinance 2023-13

2024 Salary Ordinance

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the 2024 Salary Ordinance on first reading. Councilman Combs moves to approve Ordinance 2023-13 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 Affirmative.** This item will be on the December 6, 2023 Agenda.

Ordinance 2023-14

Trash Ordinance

Attorney Lee Robbins states that earlier in the year the Town approved extension of the contract with Best Way. He will publish notice for the December meeting for Council to vote on any potential rate increases. The Town will adopt a new Trash Ordinance at that time.

Ordinance 2023-15

Food Truck Ordinance

Attorney Lee Robbins introduces discussion about a food truck ordinance and various options to consider. Public Works Superintendent shares information he has collected and summarized regarding potential food truck vendor requirements. After discussion, Council would like to add this to the December 6, 2023 Agenda.

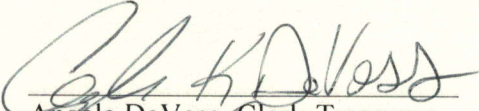
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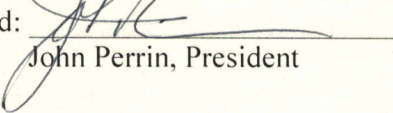
Bob Matthews, 1051 Hilltop Commons, states he is on the HOA for Hilltop Commons. He takes part in the Wreaths Across America program which is a nonprofit that honors fallen heroes by sponsoring wreaths. He would like to place 2 wreaths at Proctor Park and asks permission to do so. Council approves.

Dee Appleton, 103 Sawmill Road, shares information about the Annual Light Up the Communities event with Whiteland and New Whiteland in which residents can participate with a food donation to Wild Sapphire Boutique. Those will be taken to Senior Services. The judging will occur on the same date as the Santa parades in each Town. Ms. Appleton also shares a recent issue when calling the Town Hall and the employee answering the phone was not kind and did not offer her name when answering the phone. Council President Perrin states that we should be treating those who call as customers and be courteous.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
John Perrin, President