

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2021
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, John Schilawski, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Combs was absent. Councilman Perrin offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for December 1st for approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states she will do an end of year docket on the 30th and a final transfer ordinance that councilmembers will need to stop in and sign. These items will be ratified at the first meeting in 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

PILOT Program

Attorney Robbins explains that when the town funded the storm water project instead of financing the project through the State Revolving Fund to delay raising residential rates due to the pandemic, they agreed to set up a PILOT Program to repay those funds within a year. Since the town is tax exempt, we do not collect taxes on the property or assets at the utility plant. Indiana Code allows us to collect money from the utility as a Payment In Lieu of Taxes. Attorney Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will bring back a recommendation to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Compliance Forms

Attorney Robbins distributes and explains the required compliance forms for each councilman affirming that they have not violated our contracting or nepotism policies in 2021.

2012 Dodge Charger

President Perrin states that we are selling our 2012 Dodge Charger on GovDeals.com. PW Supt. McCauslin is asking that if another Police Department purchases the vehicle he be allowed to leave the lights operational. If anyone else purchases the vehicle the wires will be cut before the car leaves our possession. Council approves.

Employee Christmas Party

Councilman Schilawski asks what can be done to recognize our employees for their service this year since due to COVID we can't hold a catered Christmas party. Motion by Councilman Schilawski to provide a Christmas Bonus of \$100.00 for full-time employees and \$50.00 for part-time employees, firefighters and reserves. Councilman Waltz seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Resignation Letter

Councilman Alspach submits his letter of resignation effective December 31, 2021. Alspach has served on the council for 19 years. Council thanks Alspach for his years of service and dedication to the town.

Passing of Former Councilman Joe Noonan

President Perrin states that Joe Noonan served on the council for many years and recently passed away. Mr. Noonan's Celebration of Life service will be held on December 18th. Town flags will be lowered on Friday evening December 17th and raised again on Monday morning, December 20th in honor of Joe Noonan and his years of service to New Whiteland.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2101-07

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the and explains the ordinance to write off uncollectible accounts in 2019 and 2020 on first reading. The total for 2019 is \$69.05 and for 2020 the total is \$162.53. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Ordinance 2101-07 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Alspach seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2101-08

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the and explains the ordinance to transfer funds on first reading. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt Ordinance 2101-08 and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Alspach seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Utility Transfer Memorandum

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the and explains the transfer memorandum for Wastewater and Storm Water. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt the transfer memorandum and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2101-09

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the and explains the ordinance to declare certain funds dormant and transfer their funds to similar accounts on first reading. She explains that we are required to change our fund numbers by January 1, 2022 and we are consolidating some funds. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Ordinance 2101-09 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Waltz moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Alspach seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

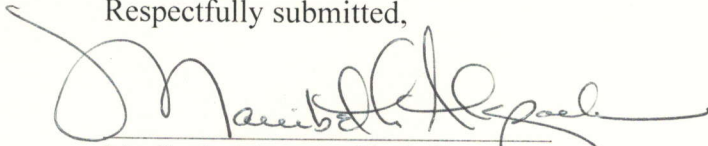
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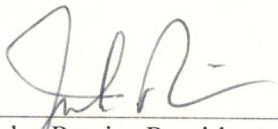
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:



John Perrin, President