

# NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

December 30, 2019

## 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 Frank Vaughn, Mike Rogier, Scott Alspach, John Schilawski and John Perrin. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer. Attorney Lee Robbins was absent.

### MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

### HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for December 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dennis Combs, 1006 Warwick wants better communication to the residents. He states there is no longer a town newsletter or Facebook page and that the website is out of date. The website is being redesigned and will hopefully be up by late March. The town does not have an IT department or a designated employee for social media but the new site will be easier for employees to update. We are also working on an automated system to send alerts to resident's phones if they sign up for the service.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Tot Park Proposal

PW Supt. McCauslin presents a proposal for Phase I of the parking lot and driveway design for Tot Park. The proposal is from IXOYE Engineers in the amount of \$22,700.00. The design will include a one-way drive from Ashland Avenue to Windemere through the park along with trails, drainage calculations and a topographical survey. Council would like to get a staked survey for the park. McCauslin will contact Attorney Robbins for a list of surveyors. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the contract for Phase I and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin states he was approached by a representative of Rock Lane Church. They have left over stone from a recent building project. Original cost was \$500 / skid and are wanting to sell it for \$100 / skid.

McCauslin also presents a proposal for cameras for Tot Park, allowing us to encumber the funds into next year. The cameras will not be installed until improvements begin in the park but will be necessary. Council approves Wright Tech proposal in the amount of \$19,114.00.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2019-17

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the end of year transfer ordinance. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Ordinance 2019-17 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

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

President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Ordinance 2019-17 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2019-18

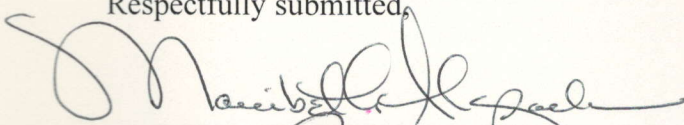
Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the ordinance to write off uncollectible accounts from 2016 (\$600.25) and 2017 (837.89). All attempts to collect these amounts have been unsuccessful. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt Ordinance 2019-18 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This item will be placed on the January 7<sup>th</sup> agenda for final approval.

Resolution 2019-8

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents a resolution listing all open purchase orders which will allow us to encumber the funds for those purchases into the 2020 budget year. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Resolution 2019-8 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

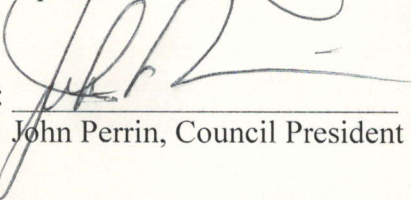
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:



John Perrin, Council President