**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 5, 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, Frank Vaughn, Mike Rogier and John Perrin. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the November 21st meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1114 Ashland

Attorney Robbins reports that he is still waiting for a return call from the attorney for the mortgage company. He notes that the property is not on the Sheriff’s sale docket for December or January. Attorney Robbins will contact the mortgage company again.

Camera System for Parks

George Perez with F.E. Moran is present with the revised quotes as requested at the last meeting. There are two proposals / quotes:

The first is to purchase the equipment outright and then have a monthly maintenance agreement with F.E. Moran for 36 months. At the end of the maintenance period we would have the option to continue on a month to month basis but would probably need to purchase new equipment.

The second option is to lease the equipment with a 60 month lease agreement that includes the maintenance also. At the end of the lease period we would have the option to renew the agreement and have our equipment replaced and upgraded at no additional cost. During the 60 month period if the equipment fails it would be repaired or replaced by F.E. Moran. Maintenance does not cover direct lightning strikes when equipment shows evidence (burn marks) of the lightning strike or vandalism. Councilman Rogier asks about a power surge where lightning may strike a transformer and the surge through the line takes out one or more cameras. Mr. Perez states that would be covered.

After some discussion council prefers the lease option. Council directs Attorney Robbins to review the contract, make revisions as needed and submit it back to Mr. Perez for F.E. Moran approval. This will be on the January 16th agenda.

Council asks that cost information be gathered prior to the January 16th meeting for the electrical wiring and posts as well as the WIFI drops for each park. George Perez will come down and walk the parks with Duane and Matt to finalize camera and pole locations and where the WIFI drops need to be installed.

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Sewer Project Updates

Interim Superintendent Gillock states that he, Interim Supt. McCauslin, Attorney Robbins, Financial Consultant Steve Brock, Engineer Mark Sullivan and Clerk-Treasurer Alspach met last Friday to review deadlines to get reports and design completed to apply for next year’s State Revolving Fund funding cycle. Gillock states it was a very productive meeting. Mark Sullivan is meeting with Gillock and McCauslin this Friday to go through the proposed project line by line and fine tune it. Both Sullivan and financial consultant Steve Brock will attend the December 19th meeting to present the final proposal for approval. We are recommending moving forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades in 2018 and then looking at a Collection System project in 2020. Attorney Robbins explains that we have 2 funding options; the State Revolving Fund Loan which is what we will be applying for to do the Plant Upgrades and Rural Development which appears to be a better fit for the Collection System Project. The application and approval process is much shorter with an SRF loan. With the council’s approval and that of the SRF, we hope to begin work on this project in the late summer of 2018.

Interim Supt. McCauslin notes that they would like to get pricing on a GIS system and have that added to this project so that our infrastructure could be mapped and stored on the computer and any and all repairs, replacements, upgrades could be tracked keeping the infrastructure map current and updated moving forward. Council President Perrin asks that they schedule a demonstration of that type system for the council to listen to.

Interim Superintendent Gillock states that when Whelan Construction and Maxim Automation came in today to install the new influent meter they discovered that the existing flow meter is encased in 1 – 2” of concrete. While trying to remove the faulty one it completely quit working. Gillock notified IDEM and has been told to estimate flows until the issue can be resolved and document in his monthly report what happened. IDEM is asking how quickly we can get the new flow meter installed and online. Gillock has contacted four companies to get quotes to dig out the old flow meter and concrete and install a new vault, with bypass valves and the new meter.

Eco Infrastructure Solutions

Interim PW Supt. McCauslin presents picture taken when they tried to clean and camera 1,300 feet of storm and sanitary lines at Melrose and Parkview. They were only able to camera 715’ before running into an obstruction they could not safely remove or get around. They removed 15 – 20 tons of debris from that 715’ of line. We have two options to remedy this issue:

Option #1 – Clean as best we can with our jet machine and the have the entire run lined with fiberglass epoxy.

Option #2 – Dig out sections of the line and replace, section by section.

McCauslin recommends putting in a catch basin at the midpoint in the line so that moving forward they could clean one half at a time. Councilman Rogier asks if the road would have to be closed for this work to be done. McCauslin thinks possibly 1 lane would be closed temporarily but not the entire street.

Eco Infrastructure also looked at the sink hole issue at Parkview and Ball Park Drive on the Waltz property but could not identify any problems with the line. McCauslin has a plan to try and remedy that issue.

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EPN Violation – 219 Mooreland

Interim PW Supt. McCauslin states at dumpster was on site (in the street) at 8:00 a.m. this morning. Four (4) of our Public Works employees and Police Chief Rynerson were on the property for one (1) hour collecting all of the trash and placing it in the dumpster to abate the ongoing violation. An invoice will be prepared and if not paid a lien will be placed on the property.

One Stop Auto

President Perrin states that the property owner received a letter from Attorney Robbins and was very upset and contacted Perrin. Perrin states the property has been cleaned up and that there are about 20 vehicles there now. Perrin asked the owner to get rid of some car parts but states that he needs more time to get the cars moved. Council questions if these are customer cars being repaired or cars being stored for the family’s other business. In a prior council meeting President Perrin had informed the council that the owner was moving and would be off the property by the end of October. Perrin directed the police department to photograph the vehicles that are on the property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2017-13

Attorney Robbins presents the amended ordinance with language changes on how violations will be tracked on final reading. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2017-13 and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

James Farno, 29 Rypma Row has concerns about flooding issues on the properties east of Sunny Lane. Public Works will check the beehive to be certain it isn’t stopped up. Farno asks if the nuisance ordinance that was passed this evening will prohibit his neighbor from leaving her trash cans in the street on Sunny Lane. Council states that it will. Trash cans should not be in the street and can only be out the day prior to and following your trash pickup day.

Interim Superintendents Gillock and McCauslin submit their letters accepting the Superintendent positions on a permanent basis effective January 1, 2018. Council thanks them and commends them on the work done so far.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President