

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2024
SPECIAL 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 Purdie, John Schilawski, Dennis Combs and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Purchases / Obligating Funds

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin shares that Attorney Lee Robbins has found a way in which the Town can use the ARPA funds in such a way that will free up general fund dollars to still be used for road projects, which is what the Town originally intended to do with any remaining funds. Attorney Robbins shares that Council has multiple options to obligate the remaining ARPA funds:

- Council can choose to buy stuff/items that are needed as long as we are contractually obligated to make those purchases and spent by next year.
- An alternative to spending the money on things, Council can obligate the ARPA funds to personnel costs from the general fund until it's exhausted. Doing this frees up money in the general fund to use for the road projects. Attorney Robbins has prepared Resolution 2024-10 for this purpose.
- Council can choose to do a combination of the above two options.

Resolution 2024-10

Obligating ARPA Funds to the Payment of Personnel Expenses

The Resolution was introduced and discussed. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Resolution 2024-09 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2024-12

First Amendment to 2025 Salary Ordinance

Attorney Robbins shares that this Amendment adds the following language: "Pursuant to Resolution 2024-10, all of the Town's remaining ARPA/Local Fiscal Recovery Funds shall be used to pay the General Fund portion of compensation paid to all town employees, who are not elected officials." There is also a correction, adding a line for the Fire Marshal position, which was approved with the 2025 budget and not included in the original Salary Ordinance.


Councilman Combs moves to approve Ordinance 2024-12 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. Ordinance 2024-12 is passed with unanimous consent and unanimous vote of all five (5) members of the Town Council present.

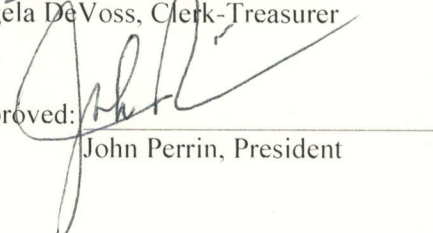
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President