**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**February 13, 2017**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, Frank Vaughn, Mike Rogier and Scott Alspach. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach, Police Chief Joe Rynerson, Police Officer Craig Whited and Police Administrative Assistant Nicole Dunlavy. Councilman Perrin offered the opening prayer.

**National Night Out**

Discussion on how to better facilitate National Night Out to make it more family friendly and get more participation. Need to improve organization and communication.

* Date is being changed from Tuesday night, August 1st to Saturday afternoon, August 5th. Moves from a school night to a weekend afternoon to encourage more family participation.
* Add a parade to bring back the old 4th of July festival atmosphere. Need to send a request to Dr. Spray and Dr. Schilawski to request permission to line up at Sawmill Woods.
* Create schedule / itinerary for the day so that residents know what is taking place and the exact location and time of each event.
* Solicit all area businesses – no charge for booth space.
* Contact SouthPointe for possible Movie in the Park later that evening.
* Incorporate Neighborhood Crime Watch.
* Consider Fire Station Tours.
* Consider offering seminars or sign-up sheets for future seminars for New Whiteland residents.
* Discussed possible ways to involve students at Break-O-Day in some type of contest.
* Discussed possible outside exhibitors and/or mascot participation.

Joe, Nicole, Craig and Maribeth will meet and create a contact list then put together a proposed itinerary to present to the council at their March 21st meeting.

Chief Rynerson states that they are bringing the bicycle program back. The bicycles are getting some basic maintenance, two of our officers will be assigned to bicycle patrol during special events like National Night Out. He will need to purchase helmets and first aid kits for the bikes. He is also waiting on a quote for some updated graphics for the bikes.

New Whiteland will focus on National Night Out / Family Fun Day and not be participating in the Greater Whiteland Community Day. Council is not opposed to either the Police or Fire Departments voluntarily participating or volunteering for this event if they want.

**Grant Application Request**

Chief Rynerson states that his department is looking into grants to purchase both AEDs (4) and replacement vests (10) at a total cost of approximately $20,000.00. Council asks for

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more information including what percentage of match is required and if the Police Department has that money in their budget.

**Appointment of Plan Commission Members**

President Perrin presents the names of two local residents who have expressed interest in serving on the Plan Commission. President Perrin thanks Plan Commission Secretary Cindy Yates for helping find residents to fill the vacancies on this board. President Perrin appoints Chris Roller and Dennis Montgomery to the Plan Commission.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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 John Perrin, Council President