

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 2026**  
**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 Schilawski, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman Purdie and Town Attorney Lee Robbins were absent. Councilman Combs offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the February 4, 2026 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and ratify the February 4, 2026 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Dewatering Project Update**

Joe Tierney with GRW shares a project update document with Council. He states that he met with Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock and Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin a month ago. He incorporated their suggestions into the design plans and he notes that the design phase is near 100% completion. Regarding funding, Mr. Tierney points out that the Town of New Whiteland was listed as number 84 on the SRF's PPL for small systems that was released in July of 2025. Mr. Tierney suggests that we instead go with the SRF "pool loan" funding which is offered at current market rates. He states that the Town's financial adviser, Mr. Robert Reynolds, will attend the next meeting to discuss financing with Council. As for tonight, Mr. Tierney asks Council for authorization to start the bidding phase. Council discusses and decides that they would prefer to hold off on the bidding phase until after they hear from Mr. Reynolds regarding financing.

**Findings from the 2025 CCTV**

Nick Lyons with Wessler Engineering reviews the findings from the sanitary sewer CCTV inspection with Council. They have been provided with the 239-page Technical Memorandum, which he refers to. Wessler televised about 15,000 feet of the sanitary sewers in New Whiteland, which is predominately clay pipe. 72 sanitary sewer segments were televised while 12 segments could not be completely televised due to debris. 7 sewer segments were identified for lining and 3 were identified for point repairs that will involve excavation. 1 of those will need a new manhole. The Technical Memorandum has both Priority 1 and 2 rehabilitation project suggestions. The Priority 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project has a cost of \$175,800.00. Utility Supt. Gillock states that the Priority 1 areas for rehabilitation are in the Raintree subdivision where there have been some issues. He also shares that he has \$100,000 in his I&I budget for 2026, which he intends to use for the Priority 1 project.

Wessler has also provided Council with a Proposal for Professional Services for the Priority 1 project which includes the design phase, quote phase, and construction phase at a cost of \$41,960.00. Utility Supt. Gillock states that he is not asking Council approval yet for the Priority 1 project, as that will have to go out for bids. He is asking Council today for approval

for the Wessler Proposal for Professional Services at a cost of \$41,960.00. He states he has the funds in his engineering budget for 2026. Councilman Combs moves to approve the Proposal for Professional Services and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

#### Property and Liability Insurance

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin reminds Council of the property and liability insurance renewal discussion at the previous meeting. At that time Council moved to approve the insurance renewal pending the items that needed correction per that meeting's discussion. The final documents are available and have been signed. The premium did not change at all based on the changes discussed at the previous meeting.

#### Lift Station in Gradison

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock reminds Council that at last month's meeting he shared that Gradison wanted to come to tonight's Council meeting to ask Council for their approval to put in a lift station instead of a gravity sewer in the town home section of the new development. Utility Supt. Gillock sent Council an email from Wessler with the annual cost to operate and maintain the proposed lift station. Wessler concluded that the annual cost would be \$17,200. The original agreement was that Gradison would install a gravity sewer which would not involve such a cost. The gravity line would run parallel to Whiteland Road down to a manhole at the entrance of the wastewater treatment plant. Utility Supt. Gillock further states that this is the hold up right now on the development. Gradison states that it is cheaper to build the lift station now. However, Supt. Gillock is concerned that if the Town takes dedication of the lift station, we will have to assume the cost to operate and maintain it, which Wessler says will be \$17,200 annually. If the Town does not take dedication of it, it will be the town home community's responsibility. He states that Gradison was supposed to be at the meeting tonight to discuss this with Council and they are not here.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Memorandum of Outstanding Checks

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the memorandum to write off old outstanding checks in the General and Wastewater accounts. General Fund total is \$30.76 for two (2) checks. Wastewater total is \$1,463.90 for twenty-three (23) checks. Council approves.

#### Annual MS4 Contract

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock shares that the Town has hired Wessler for on-call services since 2009 for the MS4 program. They help with the annual report and keep the facility compliant with IDEM. He shares that he budgets for this service every year and asks Council approval. The year the cost is estimated to be around \$20,000. Utility Supt. Gillock notes that there is usually money left over at the end of the year as Wessler does not use the whole amount. Councilman Waltz moves to approve the on-call service with Wessler and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

#### Construction Standards Updates

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock shares that construction standards need to be updated for sanitary, storm water and streets. He states that these construction standards have not been updated in over 5 years. Wessler has proposed to look at the current standards for each of the 3

areas and get everything up-to-date. Utility Supt. Gillock states that the total cost will be \$36,000 and both he and Public Works Supt. McCauslin budgeted for this. \$12,000 will come out of each of the 3: sanitary, storm water, and streets. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the agreement with Wessler to update the construction standards and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Bond Counsel Engagement Letter for Plant Project  
This agenda item is postponed until next month's meeting.

Employee Compensation on Emergency Days Off  
Council President Perrin shares that Town Attorney Lee Robbins communicated to him that the Town will need to have a resolution to cover the policy regarding how to handle employee compensation when there are emergency days off such as occurred when offices were closed January 26<sup>th</sup> due to the snow storm. Attorney Robbins will present that resolution at next month's meeting.

Fire Marshal Incident Software  
Fire Chief Dave Curin shares that Fire Marshal Kerry O'Haver has revived the Fire Marshal program in New Whiteland. He states that everything has been done on paper to date and he would like to move forward with getting a software program that would do a better job of keeping track of incident reporting. Mr. O'Haver has done a lot of research and found a program that is suitable for recording inspections, has the option to share reports and provides the best user interface for the cost. The Fire Department did budget for this expense this year. The total cost is over \$5,000 with a \$1,600 one-time cost and a \$4,000 annual subscription cost. Council offers praise for the work Fire Marshal Kerry O'Haver has done in the last year since he has been here. Councilman Combs moves to approve the purchase of the incident software and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

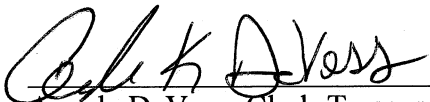
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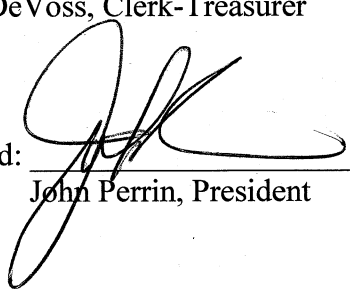
#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
John Perrin, President