

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
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, John Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Combs moves to approve the minutes of the January 3rd regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the February 7, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify the February 7, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Longevity Pay & Salary Matrix

Council discussed various options for longevity pay and a salary matrix presented by Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock. Ultimately Council decided to take additional time to review the information presented along with the most recent AIM Salary Survey and will set a Special Meeting to specifically go over longevity pay and the salary matrix.

Police Department Accident

Police Chief Joe Rynerson shares that one of the officers was in an accident recently. The other driver admitted fault. The doctor released her to return to work based on how she feels and she will be returning to work on Friday. The insurance adjuster came out today to look at the car which is currently not driveable. They will wait to see what insurance determines.

Roundabout Project

Councilman Waltz asks for updates regarding the roundabout project with Whiteland on Sawmill and Whiteland Road. Public Works Superintendent McCauslin shares that Whiteland submitted everything for the roundabout project at the same time the Tracy Road project was submitted. They won't know until sometime next month whether either of those projects will be funded.

Sweetbriar

Councilman Schilawski asks regarding the Sweetbriar island, noting that traffic is getting more congested. He asks if there is a way to get rid of the island altogether. Public Works Superintendent McCauslin will look into options on creating a better left-hand turn off of Sweetbriar as part of the Tracy Road project.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Outstanding Checks

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the memorandum to write off old outstanding checks in the General, Wastewater, and Payroll accounts. General Fund total is \$1,156.45 for seventeen (17) checks. Wastewater total is \$172.45 for three (3) checks. Payroll total is \$18.70 for one (1) check. Council approves.

Merger

Councilman Purdie asks for clarification as to how Whiteland and New Whiteland became two separate Towns and asks for input as to whether a merger would be something to consider. He would like to know the benefits and drawbacks to a merger. Council discusses and suggests Council President Perrin and Councilman Purdie have a meeting with a couple of the Whiteland Councilmembers to have a preliminary discussion.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-01, Food Truck Ordinance


Council President Perrin notes that House Bill 1288 recently passed in the House and will be going to the Senate for consideration. He would like to postpone adopting a food truck ordinance until we have a chance to see what regulations will be made at the state level.

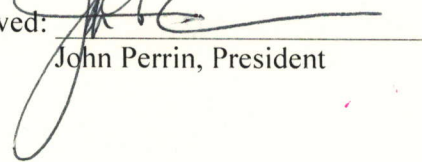
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jamie Rainey, 103 Sawmill Road, notes that he has filled in the front yard of his residence with two dump truck loads full of dirt. The front yard keeps flooding. He asks if there is any reason this might be happening. Public Works Superintendent McCauslin notes that the area has been doing this for at least eighteen years. Utility Superintendent Gillock states that as improvements are made to storm water systems those issues are being addressed. Supt. McCauslin also notes there are road projects planned for that area in the future that might affect or improve those issues.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela De Voss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President