**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**MARCH 6, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Council President, John Perrin, began the meeting at 5:00 pm. Members present were Frank Vaughn, John Perrin, John Schilawski and Mike Rogier. Scott and Maribeth Alspach were not in attendance, as they are on vacation. Police Chief, Joe Rynerson was in attendance as well as WWTP Superintendent, Matt Gillock and Property Superintendent, Duane McCauslin. Attorney, Lee Robbins was present and Cindy Yates took the minutes to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and John Perrin opened with a prayer.

**MINUTES**

John Schilawski motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike Rogier seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative.

**HARDSHIP/ADJUSTMENT**

No one was present.

**APPROVAL OF FUND REPORT & DOCKET**

Mike Rogier motioned to approve the fund report and docket as presented. Frank Vaughn seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

**Police Interviews / Hiring Update**

Police Chief, Joe Rynerson, states that the hiring board condensed the applicants down to two that scored very close to one another. They offered the position to Andrew Robison. Andrew will be in town tomorrow and will stop by the Town Hall to fill out new hire paperwork. The second applicant is Reed Harrington. He is in line for the next open position and to be a Reserve Officer for the Town.

**HARDSHIP / ADJUSTMENT**

Lindze Scrogham residing at 142 Tracy Ridge Blvd walked into the meeting room.

John Perrin stopped Joe, to go back to the Hardship subject. Ms. Scrogham explained that she set up her water account with Indiana American Water, and she got shut off yesterday from the town. Ms. Scrogham states that she didn’t receive a sewer bill. To have service restored, she needs to pay $308.44. She doesn’t get paid again until March 15th. John Perrin asked if she got our new move in package in the mail, she replied yes she did. She stated it was a big envelope with about 5-6 pages. John Perrin states that from everything he has seen, the sewer bill has your name and your correct address on it. Ms. Scrogham asked to pay the disconnect fee and make arrangements for the rest. I stated that once the service is shut off, there is nothing more anyone can do. As the move in information states, hardships are given prior to the service being shut off.

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**HARDSHIP / ADJUSTMENT (continued)**

John Perrin states that once you are shut off, by ordinance, the Council’s hands are tied. John Perrin asked to adjourn the meeting for a minute and asked to speak with Ms. Scrogham outside. They spoke. John Perrin came back in with a signed piece of paper that she will pay John Perrin back $308.44. John Perrin states that he will be in the Town Hall first thing Wednesday to pay this bill. John called the meeting back to order.

**Indemnification Form**

Police Chief, Joe Rynerson states that this indemnification form is necessary for the New Whiteland Police Department for Family Fun Day. This is to have insurance coverage for one day because our insurance carrier won’t cover it. Mike Rogier clarified that the form is coverage to protect people and the Johnson County Sheriff’s Department. Frank Vaughn motioned to sign the indemnification form. Mike Rogier seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative. John Perrin signed the form.

**National Night Out & Community Celebration Update**

Joe Rynerson states that National Night Out will be held in East Park on August 7, 2018. This is geared primarily toward law enforcement and crime prevention. It will be about three hours long. The Fire and Police Departments will be there. There will be air soft guns, a Taser Demonstration and we will talk about the “Stand your Ground Law”. There will also be DNA & fingerprinting and Bicycle Rodeo sign up for kids. Questions and answers with the community. Jenny Bell with Animal Control with be there, as will “Assist.” There will be free hot dogs. On August 25th, that will be the Community Celebration with all the businesses and food vendors.

Matt Gillock states that he contacted Liz, who owns The Mattress Company in Tracy Plaza, to order bounce houses. Matt states that Maribeth called our insurance company so we could get a rider for one day. The insurance company sent a questionnaire for Liz to fill out. Matt e-mailed it to Liz. John Perrin states that they are easy to work with. John Perrin suggests having two to three different size rides in order to accommodate small children as well as the older children.

**2018 Police Cars**

Joe Rynerson states that due to one of our police cars being totaled on January 25th, he has ordered two more police cars. One car may be in next week, and then will be fitted with lights

from Cops Gear. There was about a 16 week waiting period, there are other people in front of us, so Joe went with Ford.

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**WWTP / PW Status Report**

Mark Sullivan with Midwestern Engineers, Inc. gave copies of the preliminary engineering report on the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion, to the Town Council. The report is all ready to submit.

Mark Sullivan states that some good news is one of the things the SRF reviewers look at is PPL = Project Priority List. They rank them by who has the worse problems when they pass out the money. Green Infrastructure/technology will move you to the head of the line. After talking to some people he learned that ductile iron is considered green infrastructure, and the proposed WWTP expansion will have that.

Concerning the VFD = Variable Frequency Drive, the paperwork is still in progress. State still has to approve it. Mark Sullivan states that this WWTP expansion project plan will be a living document as more documents go into the project. Mark states there will be a Public Hearing on April 3rd, 2018. Maribeth has the ad ready. The ad has to be published 10 days in advance and a copy on display at the Town Hall. Allow 5 days after that for public comment. Mark states as more documents come, the Town Council will get them.

Matt Gillock states that some things happened prior to all this. Maxum Automation ran our specs for SCATA. Mike Sullivan states that the construction costs match the previous costs.

**Pumps**

Matt Gillock states they have had lift station pump issues lately. They aren’t down, just need some maintenance. Matt is concerned if the WWTP gets more rain, there could be an emergency with the pumps. Zylum came back with a price for a surge pump of $15,100.00. Ours is only 20 years old, it’s the only non-flight pump the town has. Raw Pump #2 went out on Friday and is at Zylum’s shop now. A new Raw Pump #2 is around $8,403.00. Zylum did an inspection and you can see through the impellers. There was discussion about two brand new pumps for $27,000.00. Life span on the new pumps is 10 + years and a five year warranty. Our current Pump #2 is about a 2008 or 2010 pump. The #1 pump is older. John Perrin suggested buying the brand new ones and trade in the existing pumps.

John Perrin asked Matt what is in his budget. Matt replied around $70,000 - $71,000.00. Matt stated that it’s hard to anticipate what he may spend out of that this year. The Town Council gave their approval to buy the two new pumps. The Council directed Matt Gillock to get with Zylum and negotiate the best deal he can. Lee Robbins reminded the Town Council, that any purchases over $5,000.00 has to have Town Council approval. John Schilawski motioned to buy the two new pumps. Mike Rogier seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative.

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Duane McCauslin reports that the basketball goal is coming this Thursday. Rod’s Quality Concrete will be removing and replacing the concrete pad at Tot Park. Duane states that he will have a town employee stay with the wet concrete to avoid any vandalism.

Duane states they are working on the sink hole in Chad Waltz’s yard on Parkview Drive. Actually right at Parkview and Ballpark Drive. Hydro Excavating at 2:00 tomorrow afternoon.

**Melrose Drive Project**

Fluid Waste was in town to clean and camera the storm line yesterday and they should be complete by noon tomorrow. Potentially a 20’ x 18” storm drain may have to be lined.

The sewer mains at 904 Willark, 327 Tracy Road and 851 Westview will be fixed tomorrow. Friday, Fluid Waste will patch a pipe on Westview. Duane met with Kip Rowland with EMC Insurance about the assessment on our parks. Mr. Rowland said our parks look really good, there were a few questionable things. Kip should have his report ready by the end of the week.

**Seasonal Employment**

Duane McCauslin states he will hire two part time seasonal landscapers/mowers at the beginning of April. He has received two applications so far. Duane is waiting on a quote from CRC Properties concerning the wall in the training room at the Police Department.

**Streets**

Duane McCauslin reports that he started pulling street core samples. The asphalt & concrete was 4” to 6” thick. Some places it is nothing but gravel. Lee Robbins comments that this sampling is a good thing. Duane states that it is their obligation to the community to get the best quality that we can and watch the contractors when they are doing the streets.

**Tennis Courts / East Park**

Duane McCauslin states that EMC Insurance has a huge issue with the idea for East Park with the playground equipment being on the previous tennis courts. So we will have to go in a different direction. Duane mentioned the 30’ x 44’ kit for a shelter house and gave the members a flyer with the information on it.

**New Shelter House / East Park**

Frank Vaughn brought up the verbal agreement the council members made at last year’s Community Celebration, that a shelter house would be in place by the next years’ celebration. A pavilion with electricity is needed for such community events. Frank continued to say that it is just a little over 5 months away from this years’ Community Celebration and nothing has been done. The lack of such a pavilion affects the planning of National Night Out and the Community Celebration. John Schilawski agreed to move the East Park pavilion to the front of the line on

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**New Shelter House / East Park (continued)**

the priority list. John Schilawski states that if Duane gets decent pricing that the board should go forward with a pavilion that has water and electricity.

**TREES**

Mike Rogier asked about the trees in West Park. Duane reports that they have two more trees to take down this week. There is a tree that is located by a house and garage, the tree is about 10-12” from the structures. They are a little concerned about that.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BZA & Plan Commission Vacancies**

John Perrin brings up the subject of needing members to fill the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Plan Commission vacancies. There was discussion and they will think about it and work on filling the vacancies before the next BZA meeting, which will be March 27, 2018.

**Eagle Scout Project**

John Perrin states that a young man named Brandon Burns came to the Plan Commission asking to waive the building permit fees for a second concession stand behind Sawmill Woods on

Sawmill Road. This concession stand will be built for the Greater Whiteland Girls’ Softball League. He is working on earning his volunteer badge. Frank Vaughn motioned to waive the building permit fees for the concession stand project. John Schilawski seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative. John Perrin states that Tim Guyer has agreed to waive his inspection fees. John Perrin states the league will do the electrical later.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Mike Rogier motioned to declare Jason Fryar’s bullet proof vest surplus. John Schilawski seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative and approved upon first reading. This will be placed on the next agenda for second reading.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

 Respectfully submitted:

 Cindy Yates