NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL APRIL 20, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer. Councilmen Frank Vaughn and Chad Waltz were absent.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for April 20th for approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify all reports and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Community Crossing Grant Update

Public Works Superintendent McCauslin voices concern over proposed 2021 street repairs. The State was supposed to award the Community Crossing grant money in March but pushed it back to April. He is still waiting for those awards to be announced. However, he has spoken with two contractors and discovered they are scheduled out through the summer already, he is afraid that if we don't solicit for bids, we may not be able to get any work done this year. McCauslin recommends soliciting bids that are good for 90 days and that the contract award be contingent on CCG money being awarded to New Whiteland. Council approves. Attorney Robbins will prepare bid specs and notice the newspaper for bid opening on May 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Stephanie Sichting, EMA Director presents a resolution in which New Whiteland adopts the Johnson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan. Sichting explains that we have had a plan in effect for several years and are required to update that plan every 5 – 6 years. Council President Perrin asks if there are any significant changes in the plan and Sichting states there are not. Resolution 2102-02 has been prepared and presented for consideration. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Resolution 2102-02 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

Sewer Connection Request

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock presents a request from an individual who is planning to build a home at 6116 N 25 W across from Hilltop Commons. The builder (Davis Homes) is requesting permission to connect to our sewer system. President Perrin asks if there will be any cost incurred by New Whiteland? Will we have to add infrastructure? Matt states all costs would be borne by the customer. Customer is aware of our connection and inspection fees. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the request and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. Vote 3 affirmative.

King's Trucking Extension Request

Utility Superintendent Gillock presents a Change Order for the storm water project. The contractor is asking for a time extension due to the various utilities not having the utilities moved so that they can complete their work. The extension moves substantial completion to July 31st with final payment on August 20th. Councilman Alspach moves to approve the request and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. Vote 3 affirmative.

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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-02

Johnson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was passed earlier in this meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Angela DeVoss, 137 Brentwood inquires about the markings on the street at Ashland and Tracy. PW Supt. McCauslin states those are for a water line replacement Indiana American will be doing. DeVoss adds many people are complaining about their property taxes. Residents can file for an appeal with the County Assessor but we have no jurisdiction over property taxes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: John Perrin, President