**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**April 21, 2015**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council Vice President Scott Alspach opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were Scott Alspach, Mike Rogier, John Schilawski and Joe Noonan. Also present were Attorney Robbins, Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and Town Manager Spencer. Councilman Noonan offered the opening prayer. Councilman Perrin is absent.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the April 7th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 affirmative. Member Noonan abstains.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

G Dewitt, 181 Hilltop Farms Blvd has submitted a written request to make monthly payments on her bill. Our software is not set up to handle payments. Council advises that the customer contact the Township Trustee to see if assistance is available.

J Oliver, 153 Parkview had a water line break inside the house when no one was home. Water line has been repaired and a copy of the bill is presented. Council approves $757.55 credit adjustment.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Noonan moves to approve and ratify both and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Purchases Update

At the previous meeting the council tentatively approved multiple purchases but directed the department heads to bring back 3 quotes on each item. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents an updated memo along with the requested quotes for each of the items. Low bid on the SCBA Equipment is $99,000.00 from 5 Alarm, low bid on the Police Car is either Don Hind or Bloomington Ford at $23,294.95 and the low bid on the pole barn for Public Works is K & K Construction at $110,650.00. We would also pay for an ICOP Pro Camera and to install lights, sirens, radios, computers, etc. on the new vehicle and pay the remaining balance on the current police car lease. There is some discussion on how the other two 2008 Ford Police cars will be funded. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach is researching funding options but is concerned with how payments will be made in light of the circuit breakers.

Councilman Rogier moves to approve all purchases and add a second car and camera/police package.

Councilman Schilawski seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Marshal Stephenson states these cars will replace the 2008 Fords being driven by Officers Mitchell and Polley.

IDEM Update

Town Manager Spencer states that Patriot Engineering’s reports on the soil samples have been submitted to IDEM. IDEM has turned the report over to State Clean Up and we are waiting on their direction on what, if anything, else needs to be done.

Real Estate Survey Update

Attorney Robbins states the flyer has been amended and Christy’s has started advertising and marketing both buildings. For Sale signs will be posted on both properties within the next week. Attorney Robbins will prepare and publish the required legal notice in the Daily Journal referencing the upcoming auctions on May 15th at noon. Duke is setting a separate meter for the emergency siren located behind 401 Mooreland to remove the power supply from the building.

Concrete Scrap Pile

Town Manager Spencer states he has gotten prices to have the accumulated concrete, rock, dirt, etc. pile at the Wastewater Treatment Plant removed. Has looked at hiring trucks to come and haul it out,

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at renting dumpsters or hauling it ourselves to the landfill. All options are very expensive. Property owner in Bargersville is still willing to take all that we will deliver to his property. Spencer would like to start hauling a few loads a week, as time permits and when all the other work is caught up, to get rid of this. Attorney Robbins asks if there is any hazardous material in the pile. PW Supt. Johnson says no, just concrete, dirt, scrap. Robbins asks if the property owner would be willing to sign a simple waiver. Johnson believes he would. Councilman Rogier moves to allow employees to relocate these materials to the property in Bargersville contingent of the property owner signing a waiver that Attorney Robbins will prepare. Councilman Noonan seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

2014 / 2015 Budgets

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Circuit Breaker Report and states that she met with the department heads earlier today. General Fund needs to be reduced by $119,774.81 because of the lost revenue due to the property tax caps. She also presents a report showing New Whiteland’s General Fund budget totals for the last 10 years. After the Circuit Breaker cuts our 2015 budget is actually less than our 2005 budget and we serve 1,000 more residents. Alspach is concerned about how much longer we will be able to continue to provide the same level of services with less and less revenue. Alspach has prepared Resolution 2015-03 identifying $103,863.64 in budget reductions that were agreed upon in this afternoon’s meeting. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt Resolution 2015-03 and is seconded by Councilman Noonan. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2015-03

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the transfer ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Schilawski with second by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2015-04

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the transfer ordinance and explains on first reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Noonan with second by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and consider the transfer ordinance on final reading. Councilman Noonan seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2015-04

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the transfer ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Noonan with second by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Utility Transfer Memo

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents an additional appropriation memo for the Water Utility and explains. Councilman Rogier moves to approve the additional funds and is seconded by Councilman Noonan. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Meeting Schedule Change for May

Due to some scheduling conflicts the May 6th meeting will be postponed until May 13th at 6:00 p.m. A decision will be made at that meeting on whether or not to cancel the May 19th meeting.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Dennis Poteet, 939 Nicole Way, has pictures of a neighbor’s property. The property has a mini barn and two sheds in the backyard. The 2 sheds are right up against the property line and are in disrepair. There are tall weeds and mice in the yard. Mr. Poteet spoke with Town Manager Spencer who said

there are no required side setbacks for sheds. Poteet is asking that the ordinance be changed to require them. Poteet asks if the number of outbuildings could be limited as well. Attorney Robbins believes that there are side setback requirements for all accessory buildings. He also said that the

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sheds and weeds and mice can be addressed by both the zoning administrator for unsafe buildings and health hazard (mice) and by the police department for an environmental nuisance for the weeds and mice. Attorney Robbins will research the setback issue. Mr. Poteet states that the signage on Tracy Road is somewhat confusing. The same street sign pole has a No Parking at Any Time sign and a No Parking from 2 – 5 a.m. Explanation is given that the No Parking from 2 – 5 is informational and applies to all streets in town. May need to separate the signs. He also inquires about adding language to the 20 MPH Speed Limit Sign on Tracy Road that would say When Children Present or School Zone. PW Supt. Johnson will see about adding additional language.

Councilman Schilawski leaves at 6:48 p.m.

Bill Lamb, 415 Southlane, asks about adding all councilmen’s email addresses to the website. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will contact Jeni Coffey and see what options are available. Mr. Lamb asks if the paving company that did Tracy Road and a small section of Sawmill has been back out to address areas that are not holding up. Lamb says area at Sweetbriar and Tracy is especially bad. Councilman Alspach states the area at Sawmill and Tracy was also missed. The plants were closed for the winter but council directs Town Manager Spencer to have them out to look at problem areas and get them corrected. Mr. Lamb also states that the people living at 21 Tilmore have a dog and a pot-bellied pig. Lamb asks if pigs are permitted in New Whiteland. Council states they are not and the police department will contact the property owner to get rid of the pig.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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 John Perrin, Council President