

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 6, 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, Frank Vaughn, Chad Waltz, John Schilawski and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the March 16th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for April 6th for approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify all reports and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bob Matthews, 1052 Hilltop Commons Blvd. shares concerns over drainage issues with water being pumped from the Habitat build site to the pond at Hilltop Commons. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach has spoken with PW Supt. Gillock and reports the water from the south side of Tracy is supposed to drain to the pond at Hilltop Commons. Once Mr. Matthews reported his concerns both Tim Guyer and Supt Gillock visited the site. The pump was removed 2-3 weeks ago and the contractor was instructed that if they needed to use it in the future, they are required to install a filter sock on the pump and a silt fence around the culvert to catch any silt or sediment and prevent it from flowing into the pond. Matthews adds that their pump in the pond has stopped working and they are investigating the reason why.

Tom Linville, 1015 Hilltop Commons questions how much dirt will be added on the build site when they grade the lot. Mr. Linville also states that a farmer has driven his equipment across the culvert behind the Johnson County Senior Services building and has broken the concrete. He says this has happened before. President Perrin states that it is not within our jurisdiction as the property belongs to the County. Perrin directs Clerk-Treasurer Alspach to ask the PW Supt to look at the site and see if it is having any impact on drainage in New Whiteland.

Penny Abbott, General Manager for New Whiteland Self Storage is here to report concerns with response from our police department. Abbott states they have had 3-4 units broken into since February 25th. Locks have been cut and items were taken. Some items have shown up on social media for sale. Stolen property is in excess of \$31,000.00. Abbott is concerned with the way this has been handled. Council asks for an itemized printout of when the break-ins occurred and any interactions with our officers in regards to the thefts. Ms. Abbott will provide that within the next week. She also stated she can provide camera footage of the break-ins as well as a log showing who accessed the property from the automated gate system. Council President Perrin states they will do an investigation and he will get back with her within a couple of weeks.

Jon Miller, 209 Southlane is requesting permission to connect to our sewer system. He recently purchased land on the west side of 75W north of Tracy Road and is planning to build a home. He would rather connect to our utilities than dig a well and septic. His property is approximately 800' from Liberty Tabernacle's manhole. Council states Mr. Miller will need to contact Indiana American Water for a water hook-on and contact PW Supt. Gillock to see if there is a sewer line available in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson County Library Year in Review

Lisa Lintner, Library Director, distributes copies of the April 2021 Library Guide and reviews some of the new programs planned for this year. She also covers some of their accomplishments in 2020. Mrs. Lintner states that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new library was held last month. She adds that there is a live camera feed on their website of the ongoing construction. She notes the new building will be 72% larger than the existing branch. It will have the largest meeting room in the county along with study rooms, children's areas and a living room setting. They are also in the process of fundraising to add a walking trail and community garden. The anticipated move in date is early Spring of 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Clean-Up Day

Council President Perrin has confirmation from Strouse for the June 12th date. Technology Recyclers is also confirmed for that date. A list of those items that will be accepted is being compiled along with any associated fees and we will put together a notice to send our residents. This is a New Whiteland only event and a photo ID and proof of residency will be required.

Street Sweeping Contract

Council has a proposal from Sweeping Corp. of America for residential street sweeping in the amount of \$8,650.00. The contract would have work done on April 19th, 20th and 21st. Councilman Waltz moves to accept the proposal and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This information will be posted to both the website and the Facebook page advising residents to not park on the street on these dates.

Mask Advisory

Council is not making any changes to our current policy at this time.

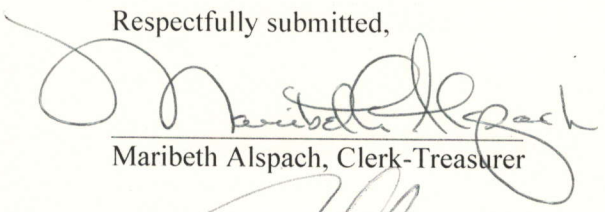
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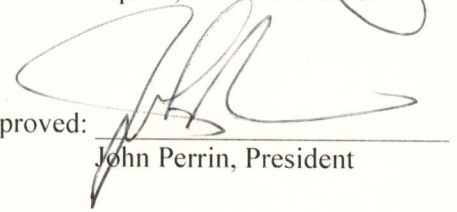
Ordinance 2021-02

Attorney Robbins introduces the ordinance to create the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as mandated. This fund must be established so that when the monies are disbursed, we have a fund to deposit into. The new fund number will be 176. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt Ordinance 2101-02 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and consider the Ordinance on final reading. Councilman Waltz seconds that motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Council President Perrin reads the Ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion by Councilman Vaughn to adopt and second by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President