

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council Vice President John Purdie opened the meeting at 5:00p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Purdie, John Schilawski, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Council President Perrin was absent. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the April 3rd regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the May 1, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and ratify the May 1, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

DigiTow

Craig Blow, Founder and President of DigiTow presented his digital roadside service platform to Council. There is a \$150 one-time sign-up fee for the platform. After that there is a 20% cost users pay to DigiTow for each event, in addition to the cost of the tow. Council stated that the Town already has an arrangement with a local towing service and directed Mr. Blow to speak with Police Chief Joe Rynerson as he would be involved in deciding with regard to towing services.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock made Council aware of some sanitary sewer issues with flow spiking from Raintree north of Tracy Road. He called out a company to camera some of the lines and had asked if the Town could jet the lines while they use the camera. Fluid Waste Services originally agreed however on the second day of services they said we could not jet the lines while using their camera system. Supt. Gillock called around and got prices from companies to both jet and camera lines in Town and was quoted a cost of \$3.65/linear foot. The Town is responsible for roughly 282,161 linear feet of sewer and storm water lines. His goal is to jet and camera all of the lines in Town in order to be sure everything is working and flowing properly. Supt. Gillock asks Council to revisit the consideration of the Town purchasing a camera system, which he brought to Council last year. Best Equipment is the only distributor for these cameras in the state and the cost is \$135, 536.05. This way we could camera and jet all of the lines in Town and have a camera available immediately when there are issues that need addressed. There have been multiple times an issue has come up later in the day which requires after hours services of a camera service and is more costly. Supt. Gillock confirms he has funds in his budget for this purchase. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the purchase of the camera as described and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Bio-Solids Building

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock reminds Council they approved a contract with GRW to look at the bio-solids building at the March 6th meeting this year. There was a meeting with GRW last week and they did a walk around the plant. A portion of the bio-solids building is in a flood plain. The assumption is that at some point with future growth, they would need to build in a

different location or expand more strategically due to the flood plain issues. It would not be ideal to expand in the flood plain. Supt. Gillock is updating Council that GRW is wanting to expand their proposal to do a more thorough overview. Originally the contract was \$20,000 and GRW is looking to increase it to \$48,000.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-01

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the ordinance amending salary ordinance 2023-13 which adds language regarding the decision on longevity pay that was made at the March 20th special meeting for final reading. Councilman Purdie moves to pass Ordinance 2024-01 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Resolution 2024-01

Attorney Robbins introduces the Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Town's Participation in the INDOT 2024-01 Community Crossings Matching Grant Program and Authorizing Council President to Sign All Related Documents. He explains this is something we do every year if we intend to apply for the matching funds. The Town is required to match at 25%. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve Resolution 2024-01 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2024-03

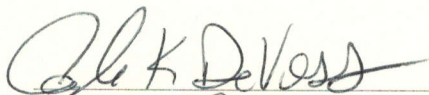
Attorney Robbins presents a Food Truck Ordinance which Council discussed in meetings last year. He has cleaned it up and made some clerical changes as well as adding language regarding penalties which include a \$100 fine. Councilman Combs moves to approve Ordinance 2024-03 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.** This item will be placed on the June 5th agenda.

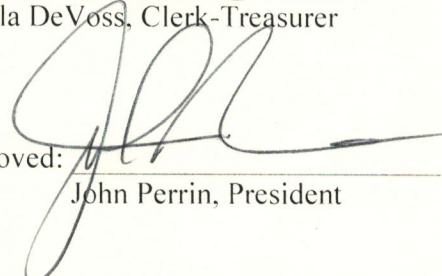
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Rejeana Luttrell, 829 Westview Drive, states that she spoke up at the previous meeting on April 3rd and that she is returning because nothing has changed with regard to the trash and debris piling up at nearby homes. Councilman Schilawski said that both he and Council President Perrin drove by the area after the last meeting and took note of the areas in question. Public Works Supt. McCauslin stated that Council President Perrin spoke with our Code Enforcement Officer yesterday regarding these issues. Ms. Luttrell was advised to continue contacting the Code Enforcement Officer if the issues are not resolved.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm by Council Vice President John Purdie.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President