

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 18, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

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

NEW BUSINESS

Property & Liability Insurance

Council President Perrin notes that after choosing Mayfield for Property & Liability Insurance last year, there have been a series of issues, with the latest being that the town received rates for the worker's compensation plans 4 days prior to the renewal date. He held a meeting with the department heads and Gibson Insurance on Friday, May 8th. Gibson is a national broker and was founded in Indiana. David Wheatley and Jon Slusser with Gibson are present and explain their approach to handling municipal insurance needs, which includes cost containment, strategic relationships, and contract certainty. Mr. Wheatley points out that the earlier you get to the market with insurance carriers, the better pricing you get. Mr. Slusser recommends taking over the current policy with Tokio Marine with a new effective date of July 1st, which would assist department heads in accurately planning their budgets. Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Slusser recommend Council signing Agency of Record forms. There will be a 10-day rescinding period. Councilman Waltz moves to approve the Town switching insurance brokers to Gibson Insurance and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Consulting Agreement

Council President Perrin and Public Works Supt. Duane McCauslin note that the Town hired Adam Stone of Stone Municipal Group last year to assist with the levy appeal. That contract ended. The Town is in need of further financial consulting with regards to SB1, wheel tax legislation, fiscal plans for potential annexation, and other matters and would like to contract again with Stone Municipal Group. Adam Stone has submitted a Statement of Work with a fee structure that offers a rate of \$295/hour with a not-to-exceed of \$15,000. Councilman Combs moves to approve the terms of the Statement of Work with Stone Municipal Group and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

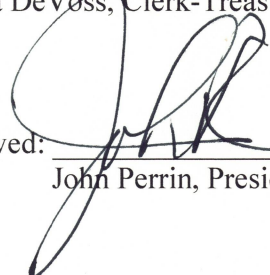
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President