**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**June 19, 2018**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**MINUTES**

Councilman Rogier moves to approve the minutes of the June 5th and June 13th meetings and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the June 19th Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**INSURANCE RENEWALS**

EMC / Green-Owens

After reviewing the rate renewals which reflect a $315 increase over the 2017 premium, Councilman Rogier moves to approve the renewal package in the amount of $47,956 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

LHD Benefits

After reviewing the revised renewal rate package which reflects a 13% increase in health insurance only, Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the rate renewal and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. Rates take effect 8/1/18 but employee withholdings will be increased in July for the August billing. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2018-12

Councilman Alspach states he has found some minor issues in the codified code. Councilmembers are asked to send any areas of concern to Attorney Robbins. Robbins recommends having the changes made prior to final adoption. This item will be placed on the July 3rd agenda for final consideration.

Ordinance 2018-13

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance on first reading. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt the ordinance and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Surplus / Obsolete Police Equipment

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents a memo from Police Chief Rynerson with a list of old, obsolete equipment that he would like to have declared surplus. There are also some items on the two (2) old police cars that are being traded in that are no longer compatible with our

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vehicles. CopsGear has offered us $200 for the old equipment if we strip the cars. Some of the equipment is 10+ years out of service. Utility Supt. Gillock states his guys are covered up with work right now and it would be difficult to have someone strip the cars. Council agrees to give the equipment to CopsGear at no cost if they will strip the cars. Councilman Schilawski moves to declare the items listed and those that are not of use to our police department in the trade in vehicles surplus and of no value and approve giving them to CopsGear in exchange for them removing the old, obsolete equipment from the cars and our storage room. Councilman Rogier seconds the motion. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

WWTP / PW Status Report

Clarifier Drive Repair

Utility Supt. Gillock reports that the clarifier drive in Plant #1 is down. This was scheduled to be replaced as part of the WWTP Improvement Project, however without the clarifier drive the plant is completely shut down. Gillock has pricing to replace the entire drive or just to order the gear box. The new clarifier would run between $23,000 and $26,000 which does not include installation. It will take 16 weeks to get the new clarifier. The planetary gear box will run around $5,000 and is in stock. Gillock is recommending ordering the gear box. After some discussion the gear box purchase is approved.

Councilman Vaughn arrives at 5:14 p.m.

Raintree Lift Station Repair

Utility Supt. Gillock states that during the annual maintenance in late January some minor repairs were made and a list of parts that needed to be replaced was prepared. These parts were being budgeted for 2019 but they have had to have another service call and they can’t put off replacing the needed parts much longer. If the parts fail all of Raintree could experience sewage backups. Total cost of necessary parts is $7,862.00. Councilman Rogier moves to get repairs done now and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Gillock states that once the repair parts are installed a rotating assembly test will be done.

Tree Removal

PW Supt McCauslin solicited quotes from three (3) contractors to identify and remove any dead trees in the West Park. Two of the contractors walked the park with him. Utility Supt Gillock states quotes to remove 34 trees and grind the stumps were received from two contractors and a verbal quote was given by the third.

Rod’s Tree Service $43,000

Cox Tree Service $25,500

Adam’s Tree Removal $ 1,300 / tree = $44,200

Council directs Gillock to get at least one more written quote.

Oil Spill

Gillock updates the council on the oil spill in the drainage swale behind the old town hall and the ongoing clean-up efforts. Gillock credits New Whiteland Police Officer Chris Wilcher with finding and reporting the issue. Wilcher thought he smelled natural gas and alerted the

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New Whiteland Fire Department who also assisted. PW employees Dave Stier, Matt Gillock and Duane McCauslin were on site for several hours. Johnson County Emergency Management and IDEM were notified. Indiana Spill Recovery was sent out to contain the spill. Gillock has been monitoring it daily and most of the oil has been captured with the booms and removed. They have not been able to identify where the gear oil was placed in the drainage pipe but it appears to be somewhere between Parkview and Hollybrook.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President