

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 4, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the 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 were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the May 7th regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the June 4, 2025 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify the June 4, 2025 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Property & Liability Insurance

Dean Mayfield and Kim Merideth with Mayfield Insurance share that after doing a thorough walk-thru of the properties they have identified 11 areas with inadequate coverage. He shares documentation with Council listing these 11 areas and notes that it would be an additional premium of \$1,733.00 to properly cover all of these areas. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the additional coverage and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Career Fireman Coverage

Dean Mayfield also states that he needed to rewrite the Fire Department Accident and Sickness policy to meet the statutory minimum of \$290/weekly benefit. However, he suggests for a small additional cost to raise that amount to \$500/weekly. He also suggests adding 1 "career fireman" to the policy which would be an additional premium of \$448 per year. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the additional fire department coverage up to \$500/weekly and add 1 career fireman and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Building Inspection Fees

Plan Commission President Matt Gillock informs Council that the Plan Commission hired GRW to take over the task of conducting inspections. GRW put together a fee schedule. Attorney Robbins notes that there is no requirement for the Council to approve the fee schedule. He states that the Plan Commission will approve the fee schedule. Attorney Robbins notes that Plan Commission President Gillock wanted to make Council aware of the suggested changes.

Wheel Tax

Attorney Robbins shares information with Council about a Wheel Tax Ordinance they recently passed and how it relates to House Bill 1461. Attorney Robbins states that he had informed Council that a Wheel Tax ordinance would need to be passed as a condition to receive CCMG funds. He also had said it is not a double tax. At the end, changes were made to HB1461 and it was no longer a condition of CCMG to impose a Wheel Tax. In addition, it is likely that if municipalities impose a wheel tax, that people will probably be taxed twice. Attorney Robbins lets Council know that he has not taken the ordinance to the BMV yet and until it is filed with the BMV, nothing will change. Therefore, there is no urgency to rescind the ordinance tonight. Attorney Robbins suggests that Council wait until the July 16th meeting with Adam Stone where he will cover various strategies we might need to consider in light of Senate Bill 1 which

drastically cuts property taxes. Robbins asks Council to approve a contract with Adam Stone of Stone Municipal Group for \$10,000 for financial consulting services related to these strategies. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the contract with Adam Stone and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Gradison Subdivision

Plan Commission President Matt Gillock shares that Gradison is asking to amend the Plat at the June 17th Plan Commission meeting. He states they are seeking waivers to the entrance requirement. They are saying that verbiage in the commitments alleviate them based on the results of the traffic study. However, they had our construction standards very early on in the process and they are aware. Under our ordinance and procedures they can request waivers.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Car

Police Chief Joe Rynerson presents 3 quotes to Council for a new police car and states he would like to purchase the 2024 Dodge Durango from Fletcher for \$40,520. He notes it will cost an additional \$15,000 to get it outfitted. Councilman Combs moves to approve the purchase and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Wessler On-Call

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock refers to an email he sent Council on May 21st regarding an emergency issue with the Raintree lift station and Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). Sewage had backed up into several houses and he rented a pump to assist. At that time he had to secure immediate on-call services from Wessler. Council approved the contract via email with a do not exceed of \$50,000. They've already found a few issues which will need to be repaired. Tonight Supt. Gillock asks Council to ratify the decision. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the on-call services with Wessler and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Interlocal Agreement

Attorney Robbins presents an Interlocal Agreement to Council regarding the roundabout at Sawmill and Whiteland Road. It is a collaboration between Whiteland, New Whiteland, and Johnson County. Whiteland has the lead on the project and has more authority and discretion in decision-making however decisions must be within the scope of the project as listed on the application with the IMPO. Council discusses various aspects of this project including maintenance, the drain in that space, and rights-of-way. Several Councilmembers express hesitation with approving and signing the agreement tonight because they received it an hour before tonight's meeting. Attorney Robbins suggests Council can go ahead and approve it however he will wait until June 12th to deliver the signed document to the County, pending any questions or comments from Council after they have had time to read it thoroughly. Councilman Combs moves to approve the Interlocal Agreement regarding the roundabout and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Outfitting of Fire Marshal Truck

Fire Chief Dave Curin states he has possession of the pickup truck that the DPW offered to the Fire Department for the Fire Marshal. He would like to get it outfitted. He asked for quotes from 5 different companies however he only heard back from 2 of them. He would like to go with the quote for \$3200 from Tillman's and says he has money in his budget to cover this. Clerk-

Treasurer DeVoss notes that this is below the \$5,000 large purchase policy requirement and that if he has the funds in his budget, he can make the purchase.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2025-01

Non-Emergency Calls

Discussion regarding this ordinance has been postponed.

Ordinance 2025-06

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the Transfer Ordinance and explains. Councilman Waltz moves to approve Ordinance 2025-06 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. Ordinance 2025-06 is passed with unanimous consent and unanimous vote of all five (5) members of the Town Council present.

Ordinance 2025-07

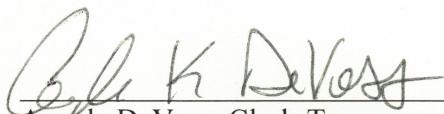
Attorney Lee Robbins introduces the ordinance amending sewer rates and explains. He states that he has made notice of a public hearing regarding Ordinance 2025-07 for the July meeting. This item will be placed on the July 2nd agenda.

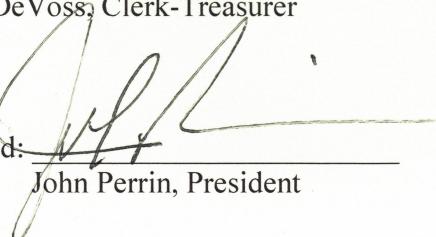
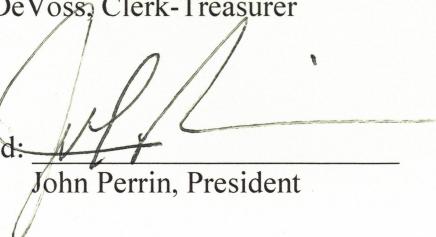
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dolores Roberson, 9 Tilmore Drive, states that she has a drainage issue in her yard due to dirt pushed into the fence line by a nearby business. She indicates this has affected other neighbors as well. Attorney Robbins states that because the dirt is also obstructing the flow of storm water, the Town can and should intervene based on an existing storm water management ordinance.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer


Approved: 
John Perrin, President