

# NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

JULY 7, 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, John Schilawski Frank Vaughn, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also, present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

### MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

### HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

R. Collins, 638 Hanover had a leak and is requesting a sewer adjustment. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the adjustment in the amount of \$462.54 and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for July 7<sup>th</sup> for approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

### OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Renewals

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the insurance renewals for final approval.

EMC General Property and Liability coverage \$46,240.00

Cyber Security coverage \$5334.00

LHD Benefits –

Anthem, Delta Dental, VSP and AUL renewals

Councilman Waltz moves to approve the renewals and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Community Clean-Up Day

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reports the event was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> and was very successful for an inaugural event. In 4-hour period 5.43 tons of trash and debris were collected. A roll-off of appliance and metal was also collected along with a large amount of electronics. We had a great response from those who participated. The contractors involved, Strouse Roll Off and Technology Recyclers were wonderful to work with. Employees and volunteers who worked this event did an amazing job. Total cost of the event was \$1,677.16. Council will schedule next year's event in the Fall for hopefully cooler weather.

Culpepper Merriweather Circus

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reports that the circus is re-opening after COVID lockdown and is scheduling events for 2022. Council would like to reschedule in August of 2022. Alspach will contact them and get a date reserved.

3 on 3 League Agreement

Councilman Schilawski reports the event was cancelled due to a lack of participants.

### NEW BUSINESS

Festival Country Indiana

Ken Kosky shares the 2021 Annual Report along with the 2022 Activities Guide. He reports that since the last time he was here, they have opened a Visitor's Center in downtown

Franklin. They served 543 visitors last Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kosky reports that tourism in Johnson was down 15% last year due to the pandemic. However, he notes Marion County was down more than 80%. Kosky states that his office is ready and willing to assist in anyway possible with helping find grants to fund projects that are not available elsewhere in the county. They will also help promote any future events we plan. They are currently partnering with Johnson County Parks on a military themed obstacle course. They are looking for host sites and funding for an ice-skating rink and a mountain bike course.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2021-04

Attorney Robbins presents and explains the ordinance that expands the claims that the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to pay prior to the council meeting. By going to monthly meetings more bills may be due prior to the docket approval. The ordinance allows payment of claims that have a due date prior to the next meeting, bills that would incur late fees or penalties or when interest could be charged. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Vaughn moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading.

Councilman Alspach seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 by Councilman Waltz on final reading and seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Resolution 2021-03

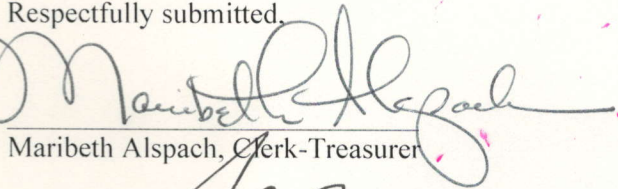
Attorney Robbins presents a resolution stating that New Whiteland approves our participation in the Community Crossing Grant program and authorizing Council President John Perrin to sign all required documents. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 by Councilman Vaughn with second made by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

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None.

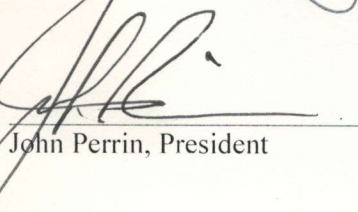
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:



John Perrin, President