

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

JULY 16, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:01p.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 Purdie offered the opening prayer.

NEW BUSINESS

SB1 Budget Mastery Presentation

Adam Stone with Stone Municipal Group shares a presentation regarding the impact of SB1 which assumes the bill does not change in future legislative sessions. Amendments are possible however he advises that we have to look at the impact of the bill in its current state. Mr. Stone covers various areas of exposure and notes that our exposure is not significant to business personal property. Our largest source of exposure is residential. Mr. Stone shares information about Local Income Tax (LIT). SB1 requires that municipalities make decisions about LIT by October 2027. Whatever we are collecting today will go to \$0 if we do nothing. The County also has the ability to enact their own LIT. Instead of having a property tax base, the changes will make it an income tax base. This incentivizes job quality. However, there are some issues that come with relying on income tax. People can move. If a high-income earner in New Whiteland moves, it will have a dramatic effect. This makes it more difficult for lenders to consider large loans because it is harder to anticipate revenues based off income tax.

Adam Stone further shares with Council options regarding levy appeals. Currently there are a few options for levy appeals:

3 Year Growth Appeal (this one is going away!)
Annexation Appeal
Emergency Levy Appeal
Correction Levy Appeal

Mr. Stone shares that a municipality can apply for an annexation appeal 5 years from the date of the 1st incurred annexation-related cost. However, with these appeals, the municipality must show and prove a need to the DLGF.

Mr. Stone also provides a 2026 Budget Best Practices along with a list of high impact options and medium impact options for Council to consider.

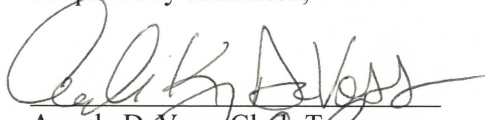
Council asks Mr. Stone to see if we qualify for the 3 Year Growth Appeal and the Annexation Appeal and directs Mt. Stone to contact Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss for more details and to assist with Budget Form 3.

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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President