

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 4, 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 Alspach offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

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

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None. However, President Perrin states several residents in his neighborhood may have been affected by a water main repair made by IAW.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for August 4th for approval. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Culpepper Merriweather Circus

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reports that we are on their schedule for August of 2022.

Storm Water Project Change Order

Utility Supt. Gillock presents the change order asking for a 90-day extension due to utilities still not being moved so that the work can be completed. We are waiting on MetroNet to get their lines moved. CenturyLink delayed the project for 4 – 5 months now MetroNet is causing a delay. The Hilltop Farms and Raintree portion of the project has been delayed a year because the utilities were not moved in a timely manner. MetroNet has stated they will begin work this week. Councilman Waltz moves to approve the completion date extension and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn.

Vote 5 affirmative.

Hardship Procedure

There is discussion on how to handle hardship requests moving forward. Request is made to establish policy to authorize the office staff and the Utility Supt. to grant extensions and to authorize credits on sewer bills. Council directs Attorney Robbins to draft an ordinance to address a new policy.

WWTP Shop Roof

PW Supt. McCauslin states that after meeting with Jim Wise with EPIC Insurance the shop roof has been returned to replacement value until December 31st, 2021. At that point it will return to cash value coverage unless we repair the metal roof. McCauslin states a replacement roof will cost \$50,000 and to recoat the existing roof would cost \$20,000 and would not be covered with a warranty. This building sits in the flood plain. A second option would be to expand the garage at the plant and add four (4) more bays to relocate the inventory and office currently in the old shop building. Council directs McCauslin to get specs and estimates for adding on to the new building.

Community Crossing Grant

PW Supt. McCauslin reports that we did receive our grant money earlier today. Our employees have repaired six (6) storm sewer locations in preparation for the street work. We are waiting on Dave O'Mara to start work.

NEW BUSINESS

TSW Design Proposal

Utility Supt. Gillock asks that this be tabled. Attorney Robbins states that the first step in future annexations would be a fiscal plan to compare the costs to the town to provide services to the area to the revenue that the annexation would generate. We would also want to reach out to the property owners before spending any money to see if they have an interest in being annexed into New Whiteland.

American Rescue Plan

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach has prepared the required paperwork for a payment request for our allocated ARP funds along with the required documentation requested by the Indiana Financing Authority. These items need to be approved and executed by the Town Council President and submitted before the end of the month. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the request and authorize John Perrin to sign all necessary paperwork. Councilman Schilawski seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

2022 Budget Hearings

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will meet with the DLGF on August 11th to review the proposed 2022 budget. Alspach recommends setting our hearing dates as September 1st and October 6th during our regular council meetings. Council agrees and would like to schedule a budget workshop with the department heads to review each budget as well. No date for the workshop is determined at this time.

National Night Out

Council asks about National Night Out when is it being held?

Tot Park

PW Supt. McCauslin states they have been dealing with several issues including utility relocation and engineer elevations. They have worked through most of these issues. The walking trail has been cut in, stone has been put in place, the parking lot has been excavated and the curbs have been scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Utility Transfer Memo

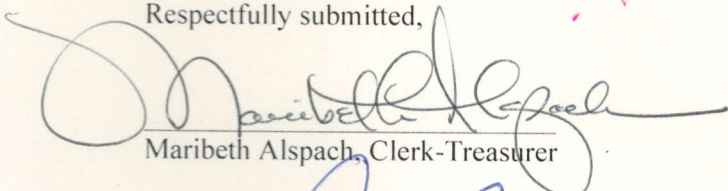
Clerk-Treasurer presents the transfer memo and explains. Motion to approve the transfers by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

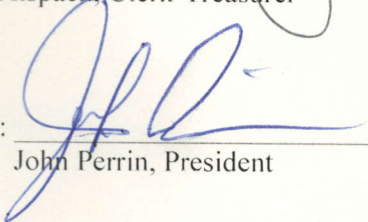
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President