

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
AUGUST 7, 2024  
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 Perrin offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the August 7, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and ratify the August 7, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council President Perrin opens the Public Hearing at 5:02pm. Attorney Robbins explains Resolution 2024-03 which will appropriate money into the Opioid Fund with the purpose of paying it to the County as part of the Countywide Opioid program, which will be introduced during legislative business as Resolution 2024-04. Being no other questions or comments the hearing is closed at 5:04pm. Attorney Robbins has noticed the newspaper of tonight's public hearing and prepared Resolution 2024-03. Councilman Combs moves to adopt Resolution 2024-03 and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Proctor Park Update

Maribeth Alspach, Chairperson of the Proctor Park Committee, gives an update regarding the Proctor Park project. She notes several more donations have come in and they have applied for additional grants, which brings them close to 100% funding for the project. The Sheriff's Ride on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> will raise more money. Ms. Alspach has given Public Works Supt. McCauslin an invoice from Duke to relocate the electrical lines at Proctor Park in the amount of \$2,648.70. They looked at other vendors for the granite because it was originally going to be shipped from India and would be more costly. One vendor can get granite at a reduced price and save a lot on the cost for that part of the project. The goal is to break ground in September. Landscaping will likely be finished in the spring due to other parts of the project that need to be finished first.

Sewer Rate Study Quotes

Utility Supt. Matt Gillock shares that it has been 5 years since the Town has had an increase in sanitary sewer rates. He reached out to 4 companies and received quotes from 3 of them. LWG had the lowest quote which was \$8,000. The study will cover the actual rates and non-reoccurring costs such as availability fees. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the sewer study quote from LWG and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Cyber Coverage

Public Works Supt. McCauslin shares that the Town has the option to add cyber coverage to the liability insurance policy. There have been upgrades with our technology vendor to help protect the Town from cyber issues. We also had to do some upgrades which were mandatory to be compliant with the state. John Parmley with EPIC Insurance has given us a quote for cyber insurance for an annual premium cost of \$3,250. He says this can be canceled at any time.

Councilman Purdie moves to approve adding the cyber portion of the insurance coverage to the Town's policy and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

#### Food Truck Fees

Public Works Supt. McCauslin states that we need to determine fees for food trucks. The fees can be changed at any time, if necessary. Council President Perrin suggests something simple such as \$25/day or \$100/week. This is comparable to what other local municipalities charge. Councilman Combs moves to approve food truck fees of \$25/day or \$100/week and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

#### Outfitting of Police Cars

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss explains that the outfitting for one of the 2023 Dodge Chargers, purchased earlier this year, came back at \$15,106.38 which is \$5,000 more than was originally estimated. She presents documentation showing that the cost was around \$10,000 the last few years to outfit a police car. Prices have gone up around 30% on supplies for outfitting. There is another 2023 Dodge Charger that still needs outfitting as well and the cost should be in the same range. Due to the extra costs that will need to be paid out of the CCD Fund, in addition to the fire department radios (approved 3/6/24), Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss suggests an additional appropriation in the amount of \$34,054.38 to the CCD Fund. Additionally, Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss notes that she missed including the outfitting in the meeting minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting in which the 2 police cars were approved and asks Council to affirm their intention to also authorize the outfitting. Council affirms. Town Attorney Lee Robbins will set notice for the public hearing for the additional appropriation which will take place at our next regular Council meeting on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Liability Insurance

Councilman Purdie contacted a couple different insurance agencies: Mayfield and Morgan. Morgan doesn't have another vendor to seek quotes for the Town that have not already given us a quote. Mayfield has a lot of questions and he will follow-up. It will take about 60 days to receive a quote.

#### Sign for Tot Park

Councilman Schilawski re-opens the conversation regarding placing a sign at Tracy Road and Ashland Avenue about Tot Park. Public Works Supt. Duane McCauslin says that he got quotes at \$50 a sign to have 2 signs made.

#### 2024 Road Project

Public Works Supt. McCauslin shares that the road project with Milestone Contractors has been fantastic. They have been great to work with. However, an issue has come up with regard to the application of the Sealmaster product. Milestone had never applied this product before so Sealmaster was overseeing the application. Sealmaster changed the application from a squeegee application process to a spray-on application process. This would have led to a dramatic increase in the amount of product used, which would be a dramatic increase to the budget for this project. PW Supt. McCauslin made phone calls to INDOT and CCMG. They are allowing us to pull out of the contract and not apply the liquid road, which is the change order that Milestone has submitted. With what has currently been completed with the project, the Town has met the goal of extending the life of the roads this year. The change order submitted by Milestone involves a deduct of the contract of \$191,842.05. This will involve returning the CCMG funds that we are scheduled to receive. It also drops our 25% match. The original amount we were supposed to pay



was \$209,250. If we approve the change order, the match will be \$161,289.48. Councilman Combs asked if we can use the grant money for other projects. PW Supt. McCauslin states that we have to apply for the CCMG with a specific request. We cannot use the funds to do a project outside of the scope and area of what was approved. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Milestone's change order and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Community Clean-Up Day

Utility Supt. Matt Gillock shares that the Town of New Whiteland will combine with the Town of Whiteland again this year for a Community Clean-Up Day which will take place on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am-noon at the Clark Pleasant School Operations building.

#### Audit

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss shares that she was contacted by the SBOA last week regarding an upcoming audit. The introduction meeting is set for tomorrow (Thursday 8/8/24) at 3pm. Councilman Purdie will attend the meeting via Teams and Councilman Schilawski will try to be there in person. The auditors will also be starting the audit tomorrow morning at 7am.

#### Budget Special Meeting

Council President Perrin asks about the upcoming budget public hearing which is set for September 4<sup>th</sup>. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss asks if Council would like to set a special meeting to go over the department head budgets. Council agrees to set a special meeting for Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for this purpose.

#### Town Information

Councilman Combs states that there used to be a Town newsletter when he first moved here approximately 35 years ago. He asks about what other options there might be to get Town information to the public, especially with regard to the road projects. PW Supt. McCauslin notes that all of the roadwork projects are listed on the Town website.

### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

#### Resolution 2024-03

##### Additional Appropriation, Opioid Funds

Introduced and voted during the public hearing.

#### Resolution 2024-04

##### County Opioid Grant Program

Town Attorney Lee Robbins shares that all of the other municipalities have adopted their resolutions so far except New Whiteland and Trafalgar. He told the county attorney that we had our resolution set for tonight. The Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program was discussed at length at both the June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Resolution 2024-04 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Combs volunteers to represent New Whiteland for the Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program. Councilman Purdie moves to appoint Councilman Combs and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2024-04  
Transfer Ordinance

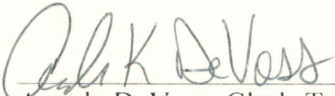
Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the transfer ordinance on first reading and explains.  
Councilman Schilawski moves to approve Ordinance 2024-04 and is seconded by Councilman  
Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This will be placed on the September 4, 2024 agenda.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Council President John  
Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
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John Perrin, President