**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**September 1, 2015**

**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 Scott Alspach, Mike Rogier, John Perrin, John Schilawski and Joe Noonan. Also present were Attorney Robbins, Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and Town Manager Spencer. Councilman Noonan offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the August 18th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both and is seconded by Councilman Noonan. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**2016 TRASH & RECYCLING BID OPENING**

Attorney Robbins has reviewed the bids and finds that the Republic bid is the lowest as well as being both responsive and responsible. In the instructions we require that both towns select the same contractor. Attorney Robbins states that New Whiteland can award the contract to Republic contingent on the Town of Whiteland doing the same.

Town Manager Spencer met with Craig Lutz of Republic and they are requesting two (2) minor changes. Republic would like to sell the $15 heavy item stickers rather that have us sell them in the office. That way they can schedule the pickup and notify their driver. Mr. Lutz explains the customer will call Republic, prepay for the sticker and be told to place the large item out on their next regular pickup day. The driver will have the information on the item to be picked up and the address.

They are also asking permission to begin picking up trash & recycling at 7:00 a.m. rather than 8:00 a.m. Councilman Rogier moves to amend the contract specifications to allow Republic to handle the sale and scheduling for heavy item pickup on any day other than our Heavy Trash pickup the first pickup of each month and to allow them to start their routes no earlier than 7:00 a.m. Councilman Schilawski seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to award the contract to Republic conditioned on Whiteland also approving Republic’s bid and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Norm Gabehart, Town Manager for Whiteland is in attendance and states that he will be recommending that Whiteland accept Republic’s bid at their next meeting September 14th.

401 Mooreland Drive

Attorney Robbins has ordered the elevation survey certificate. Robbins has spoken with Eric Prime, the attorney for Habitat who has assured him the certificate will satisfy the lender. Survey work should be completed with the next couple weeks. Robbins will ask to be provided with confirmation from the lender before incurring any cost.

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Police Vehicle

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents an “Expression of Interest” letter from Home Bank to finance a police car at a cost not to exceed $31,000 for a period of 36 months at an interest rate of 2.05%. Semi annual payments are estimated at $5,189.00. Councilman Alspach makes a motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Alspach to execute the “Expression of Interest” letter and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Rogier asks about Ford’s 0% financing. Marshal Stephenson is to check tomorrow to see if it applies to municipalities before we order a car or secure a loan. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states we would still need to finance the police package equipment which will run about $8,000.00 and is included in the $31,000.00 loan amount. She will notify Home Bank tomorrow. Police Department appropriation 316 will be reduced by $11,000.00 in the 2016 budget.

Street Overlay

Councilman Rogier asks if we could get a quote for a Change Order to repair the area at Sawmill and Tracy just south of the stop sign. When work was done by E & B last fall they did not mill that area deep enough and failed to put in asphalt to cover one area. The area is now cracking. PW Supt. Johnson will check on the spot and Town Manager Spencer will ask O’Mara about a quote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Greater Whiteland Community Day

Town Manager Spencer states the Town of Whiteland is hosting a Community Day on Saturday, October 3rd from Noon – 4:00 p.m. and have invited New Whiteland to participate. They will be closing off some streets and have invited area businesses to set up booths. Spencer asks if New Whiteland would like to be involved. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach has offered to set up a booth for Proctor Park with council approval. Norm Gabehart, Whiteland Town Manager states they are planning a Car Show, a Tractor Show and a Parade as well. Council approves Proctor Park booth and would like to be involved. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 3:30 at the Whiteland Town Hall.

Anthem Rebate

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach shares the rebate information with the council and the various options available. Councilman Rogier moves to accept Option #1 and is seconded by Councilman Noonan.

**Vote 5 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will calculate the rebates and apply them to the payroll deductions on the next payroll.

Old Street Garage

Town Manager Spencer states that Lee Weddle, with Weddle Farm Drainage and Excavating, has offered to tear down and remove the old Street Garage for the materials. Councilman Noonan moves to approve Mr. Weddle demolishing and removing the building for the materials and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.** PW Supt. Johnson will notify Mr. Weddle and schedule this.

Councilman Schilawski asks when the concession stand will be removed. PW Supt. Johnson states it is on his schedule and will be done before winter.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

None.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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 John Perrin, Council President