

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
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, Frank Vaughn, John Schilawski, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Vaughn offered the opening prayer. Attorney Lee Robbins was absent.

MINUTES

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

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

M. Riley, 128 Hollybrook is asking that he not be placed on cash only status. Riley explains that his checking account was hacked on July 31st. His bank closed the account and opened a new one on August 1st but his direct deposit retirement check went to the closed account and bounced back causing his check to us to be returned. Riley has been a customer since 1973 and never had a bad check until this happened. The direct deposit issue has been rectified. Council waives the NSF fee and agrees to allow Mr. Riley to continue to pay by check.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for September 1st. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ron McGriff, 6010 N 25 W states that he attended the Plan Commission meeting on August 25th and was directed to this meeting to discuss his drainage concerns. McGriff states that the water that is carried into the Hilltop Commons detention pond runs onto his property when the pond overflows. He has erosion issues on his property and is concerned they will get worse due to the new Senior Services building and the Habitat homes. President Perrin states that he discussed this with one of our employees and understands that there was an existing 18" pipe that ran under 25W to carry water before Hilltop Commons was developed. The overflow from the pond is tied into that pipe. Utility Supt. Gillock explains that the 18" pipe cannot release more water on the McGriff property than it did before the new development. The only time additional water would come onto his property would be during a large rain / flood event when the pond overflows its banks and crosses the road. Mr. McGriff states he has an erosion problem. Gillock believes that is due to a 6" clay pipe that the farmer who owned the property, prior to the McGriff's and other property owners purchasing the land to build their homes, put in to help drain his fields. Gillock believes the pipe may have collapsed or broken and is causing the erosion as water is being drawn to the open/broken pipe. President Perrin adds that the Senior Services building is in the county, not New Whiteland. Any drainage concerns on that would need to be directed to the county. Supt. Gillock adds that he has a call in to the county trying to get more information as well. Perrin adds that when Habitat is ready to build, they will have to submit drainage calculations that will be checked by our engineer.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Road Work Extension Request

Council President Perrin says that all councilmen received an email from PW Supt. McCauslin requesting a 30-day extension for Harding Group on the 2020 Road Work project. All of the work has been completed with the exception of Warwick Road and a few punch list items. The work on Warwick was stopped so that the gas company could relocate gas lines. They are doing that now. Councilman Alspach moves to grant a 30-day extension beginning 9/7/2020 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

NEW BUSINESS

New Town Councilman

Council President Perrin introduces Chad Waltz who is filling the vacancy left when Mike Rogier resigned. Chad has served on both the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. As the new Ward I Councilman, he has resigned his seats on the other boards. The council welcomes Chad.

2021 Budget Hearing

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach distributes the budget packets along with the schedule for the hearing. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. rather than 5:00 as previously discussed.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-15

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Alspach with second by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2020-16

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the ordinance rescinding the waiver of late fees / penalties on utility bills, as discussed at the last meeting, on first reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Schilawski with second by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

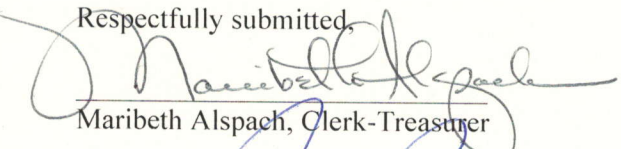
Councilman Vaughn moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading.

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

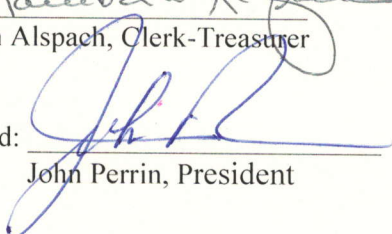
President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Waltz with second by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:


John Perrin, President