

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
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, and Chad Waltz. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman Combs and Attorney Lee Robbins were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Levy Appeal

Adam Stone from Stone Municipal Group is here to discuss a levy appeal for the town. He states that the state allows a growth of 4% however the town grew closer to 15%. After December 31, 2025, municipalities will no longer be able to request the growth levy appeal. If the town qualifies and it is approved, the town will receive this extra levy every year thereafter. Mr. Stone states that the next steps, if the town chooses to go forward, are to work with staff to complete the application which is due October 21st. Council must also adopt a petition at the October 1st meeting. Councilman Perrin moves to move forward with the levy appeal application process and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Flock Cameras

Police Chief Joe Rynerson refers to the previous meeting on September 3rd where he shared with Council about the town getting flock cameras. There are not enough funds in the police department budget this year to purchase the cameras. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss notes that funds have not been used in her equipment appropriation this year and there is enough to purchase the cameras. Council approves the purchase using the equipment appropriation.

Each department head discussed their budget with Council and the following changes were made:

General Fund Budget					
Dept	Code	Line	2026 Requested	2026 Approved	Amount of Change
Admin	120	Office Manager	\$38,606.00	\$38,063.00	-\$543.00
Police	223	Gasoline	\$53,000.00	\$40,000.00	-\$13,000.00
Fire	361	Repair & Maintenance	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Fire	452	Other Capital Outlay	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Plan Com	119	Recording Secy	\$48,634.00	\$47,951.00	-\$683.00
Plan Com	120	Office Manager	\$15,443.00	\$15,225.00	-\$218.00
Properties	161	Superintendent	\$15,714.00	\$15,493.00	-\$221.00
Properties	162	Operators	\$23,445.00	\$23,343.00	-\$102.00
Properties	192	Social Security	\$3,276.00	\$3,075.00	-\$201.00
		TOTAL CUTS TO GENERAL FUND			-\$24,968.00

Dept	Code	Line	Notes
Police	132	Deputy Marshals	Wait until 1/2 year mark to assess if new hire is needed
Police	454	Vehicle	Leave in budget but do not consider until 1/2 year mark
Fire	443	Machinery & Equipment	Leave in budget but do not consider until 1/2 year mark


Utility Budget					
Dept	Code	Line	2026 Requested *	2026 Approved	Amount of Change
San	117	Utility Clerk	\$13,896.00	\$13,701.00	-\$195.00
San	120	Office Manager	\$15,443.00	\$15,225.00	-\$218.00
San	161	Superintendent	\$94,280.00	\$92,954.00	-\$1,326.00
San	162	Operators	\$193,856.00	\$192,573.00	-\$1,283.00
San	191	PERF	\$39,600.00	\$36,000.00	-\$3,600.00
San	192	Social Security	\$30,300.00	\$29,000.00	-\$1,300.00
Storm	117	Utility Clerk	\$15,714.00	\$15,493.00	-\$221.00
Storm	120	Office Manager	\$23,445.00	\$23,343.00	-\$102.00
Storm	161	Superintendent	\$47,140.00	\$46,477.00	-\$663.00
Storm	162	Operators	\$90,900.00	\$90,307.00	-\$593.00
Storm	191	PERF	\$21,800.00	\$18,000.00	-\$3,800.00
Storm	192	Social Security	\$16,300.00	\$14,500.00	-\$1,800.00
		TOTAL CUTS TO UTILITY			-\$15,101.00

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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President