

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2022
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, Chad Waltz and Dennis Combs. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor is open for nominations for President. Councilman Schilawski nominates Councilman Perrin and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. There are no other nominations. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

President Perrin opens the floor for nominations for Vice President. Councilman Waltz nominates Councilman Schilawski and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the December 1st meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for December 30th and January 5th for approval. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and ratify the December 30th docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Councilman Combs moves to approve and ratify the January 5th docket and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Testing

There has been some question of accepting home tests for COVID sick leave. Last August the council approved a one time additional 80 hours of paid sick leave for any full-time employee with COVID. The employee will have to submit written positive test results from a qualified provider; like the health department or a physician. If they call in sick and take a home test and it is positive, they need to get a qualified test. If it comes back positive, we can go back to the first day that they called in and pay COVID pay provided they have not used their 80 hours. If the 2nd test comes back negative, they will have to use regular sick leave or vacation.

Grassy Manor Section II

Attorney Robbins states all improvements have been completed and reviewed and are acceptable. The council may now take action to approve and accept the public improvements in Section II of Grassy Manor.

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and accept dedication of the public improvements in Section II of Grassy Manor and release their performance bonds. Also, to authorize John Perrin to sign any documents needed for that release if so requested. Councilman Waltz seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Christmas Display

Councilman Schilawski states he has received many positive comments regarding the

Christmas tree display at the corner of Ashland and Tracy. He commends the Public Works employees for their hours of hard work on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Owen, 1107 Ashland is not present but has requested to be taken off cash only. She changed banks and in the process her check was rejected. She has an excellent payment history and would like to not have to bring cash to the office each month. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve this request and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

M. Collins, 579 Harvest Meadow Way states his account was compromised and he had to open a new account. He has lived here for 18 years and always paid on time. He has paperwork from the bank showing his account issue. He is asking to be taken off cash only status. Councilman Waltz moves to approve this request and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Combs suggests revisiting this policy to allow more authority to office personnel or the Utility Superintendent.

Commercial Property

Attorney Robbins states there has been some interest in the two (2) lots in front of Country Gate for an Assisted Living and a Long-Term Health Care facility. Lee has been assisting the interested party and feels this would be a good use of that property.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2101-10 and 2101-11

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the and explains the end of year dormant fund and transfer ordinances that were signed on December 30th and presents them for ratification.

Councilman Waltz moves to adopt Ordinances 2101-10 and 2101-11 and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinances on final reading. Councilman Combs seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the ordinances in title only for final ratification. Councilman Waltz moves to approve and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Resolution 2101-06

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the resolution encumbering funds for all of the open purchase orders at the end of 2021 that was signed on December 30th and needs to be ratified. Councilman Combs moves to ratify Resolution 2101-06 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Utility Transfer Memorandum

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads the and explains the transfer memorandum for Wastewater and Storm Water that was signed December 30th. Councilman Combs moves to ratify the transfer memorandum and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the memorandum to write off old outstanding checks in both the General and the Wastewater accounts. General Fund total is \$104.07 for seven (7) checks. Wastewater total is \$1,412.94 for twenty-five (25) checks. Council approves.

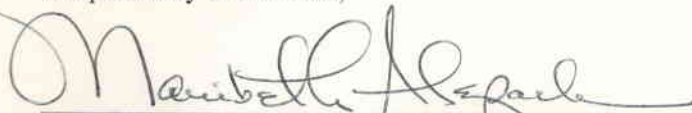
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dee Appleton, 103 Sawmill presents a list of donors for the 2021 Christmas Decorating Contest. She notes they had forty-three (43) participants between the two towns.

President Perrin thanks the committee for coordinating the contest. He goes on to thank Reece Tree Service and Muck's Crane and Contracting for providing their bucket trucks during installation and repairs of the Christmas tree display. He also thanks Festival Country Indiana for the \$5,000 grant that helped with the purchase of the display.

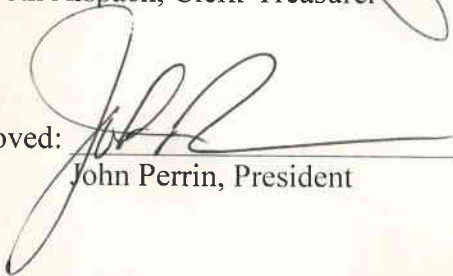
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:



John Perrin, President