

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
JULY 5, 2023
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, Chad Waltz, and Dennis Combs. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the June 7th regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the July 5, 2023 Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Wish lists

Fire Chief Dave Curin states that they have received the new boots. He brought a pair of old ones & new ones so Council can see the difference.

Fire Chief Dave Curin leads a demonstration on the new LUCAS Device while Captain Steve Wire demonstrates with a mannequin. The LUCAS device makes it easier to perform CPR and increases the survival rate over doing manual compressions. If there is a monitor system to monitor cardiac activity, that can be used together with this device. The battery will last at least 8 hours of continuous use and is rechargeable. Everyone in the department has been trained on how to use the device.

Fire Chief Dave Curin shares vehicle quotes with Council for the replacement support vehicle on his ARPA wish list. There are 3 quotes for a truck platform and 3 quotes for an SUV platform. Chief Curin notes that the Chevy option costs more but also includes some of the features that would be done with the upfitting, which is an additional cost and that cost-wise there isn't much difference when factoring in the upfitting. Discussion between Council and Chief Curin regarding the differences between using a truck versus an SUV for this purpose. Chief Curin notes that with the SUV platform everything is enclosed and temperature controlled. Council advises to get 3 quotes of SUVs along with the upfitting cost for each.

Fire Chief Dave Curin notes that he had requested 5 sets of turn out gear on his ARPA wish list. They normally use Lion Brand from Dinges Fire. He tried to find other companies that sell Lion Brand so that he could get 3 different quotes. He even contacted the Lion headquarters and has not received a response yet on whether there are additional reps in the area. Council approves moving forward ordering the turn out gear from Dinges fire as Chief Curin has done his due diligence on getting quotes.

Council President Perrin notes that he receives notifications of the emergency calls that come in and wants to commend the department on getting calls answered. The other day there were 3 calls within 12 minutes and between Whiteland and New Whiteland all the calls were responded to in a timely manner.

Police Chief Joe Rynerson asks Council to consider the quotes presented for window tinting on the officer's vehicles. He states that the officers have asked for window tinting to keep their cars cooler and their equipment cooler. He notes that other departments are doing window tinting as well. With the computer equipment in there it will help keep costs down and reduce damage. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the quote from Circle City Tint using ARPA money and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Camera System

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock asks if anyone has any questions regarding his presentation from last month's meeting. He's still doing research on various systems and costs. Council President Perrin says it's a lot of money for something we may or may not use a lot. He wants to make sure that if we get it that it's going to be used. Supt. Gillock will continue gathering information.

Council President Perrin also notes, regarding cameras, that by July 1, 2025 all municipalities will be required to live stream all meetings. He asks if we are equipped to do that and if not what we need to do to comply with the new requirement. Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin says he will ask our IT provider what to do to view our camera system live and notes that we might have to make improvements to the sound.

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin reports on the road paving project that Howard Company is doing. He states there is already an issue and that is with the way the current sidewalks are and the elevation of the houses. It's a compliance issue. He's made contact with Joe Tierney with GRW. They are willing to come up and see what they can do. The maximum current percentage is 10% and we're already there.

NEW BUSINESS

Whiteland Road & Sawmill Intersection

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin reminds Council about previous conversations with the Town of Whiteland about doing upgrades to the Whiteland Road and Sawmill Road intersection. Carmen Young, Shaun "Slim" Young, and Trent Newport from Crossroads Engineers are here to discuss. Ms. Young, the Director of Administration for the Town of Whiteland, states that they have been looking at this intersection for years. Pre-Covid they had a traffic study done. She shared the studies with Duane. They're looking at pursuing a roundabout and felt it would make more sense to work together. She states that regarding the CMAC funding, if we get the 80/20 split the MPO would pick up 80% and the municipalities would pick up 20%. We could engage the county as well since the west side of Sawmill and Center Line Road belongs to the county. Trent Newport, the president of Crossroads Engineers, introduces himself. He lives in Bargersville and has been in business since the mid-90s. He has done a lot of roundabouts and specifically most of the ones in Johnson County. He notes there are a lot of utilities in this intersection and he is putting together a plan that will help minimize the impact of utility relocation. He also did an evaluation of the right of way costs. Mr. Newport also notes that with the NPO scoring, it helps when multiple agencies are involved as would be in this case. Councilman Purdie asks where the money would come from for this project. Supt. McCauslin says that if Council is interested in moving forward, he will look into it. He can also revise the CEDIT plan and dedicate those funds for this project.

Councilman Schilawski left at 5:45pm.

Mr. Newport notes that this roundabout would not need to be a multi-lane project. It would be similar to the one at Fairview and Morgantown. They're trying to keep the size down.

Ms. Young thanks the New Whiteland Fire Department for hosting the Whiteland Fire Department in the aftermath of the tornadoes that hit Whiteland March 31, 2023.

Ordinance Regarding Billing Credits

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock shares with Council that there was a leak at 209 Crestwood going through the meter. Indiana American Water takes responsibility for anything within a certain distance. It has taken IAW a while to fix their water leaks and there are months worth of extra water usage due to these water leaks. Supt. Gillock states that we have an ordinance that allows a maximum of 2 months of credits however the resident at 209 Crestwood is on the 3rd month of increased bills due to this leak. The leak was fixed on June 7, 2023 so we shouldn't see any more issues. He is asking Council to give 209 Crestwood a credit for the last 2 bills back down to her average previous usage and any late fees. Council President Perrin notes that he's aware of a few other cases where this has happened and that we cannot penalize our residents for something they have no control over. He suggests we credit the difference and the late fee. The other thing we need to look at is making changes to the ordinance to reflect situations like this. Attorney Robbins states that it makes sense to revise the ordinance to give Supt. Gillock more discretion on granting credits in these situations. He will draft and present an ordinance at the next meeting. Councilman Purdie moves to credit the difference and late fee for 209 Crestwood and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2023-07

Ordinance Transferring Funds

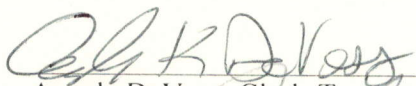
Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents the transfer ordinance on first reading and explains. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Ordinance 2023-07 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.** This will be on the August 2, 2023 Agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President