

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MAY 15, 2023

SPECIAL 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 were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman John Perrin offered the opening prayer. Councilman Combs was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Road Repair & Paving Bids

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin shares bids received from the bid meeting on May 8, 2023. Bids received are as follows:

All Star Paving	\$ 812,153.85
Dave O'Mara Contracting	\$1,061,200.00
Milestone Contractors	\$1,021,200.00
Midwest Paving	\$ 801,272.00
Howard Companies	\$ 777,994.00

Supt. McCauslin makes the recommendation to choose the bid from Howard Companies with Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 which will be a total of \$777,994.00 and the lowest bid. Alternates 1 & 2 include the two parking lots he asked for from the ARPA funds but ended up costing more than we wanted to spend from those funds. Supt. McCauslin is holding off for now with construction. Attorney Robbins clarifies that Midwest has the lowest base bid. However, Howard does turn out to be the lowest bidder when you add the base to the 2 alternates. The bids have all been reviewed carefully. Supt. McCauslin states that every year he budgets money in the Local Road and Street fund and in MVH to plan projects like this. Councilman Waltz moves to approve acceptance of the bid from Howard Companies with Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 at \$777,994.00 total and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 Affirmative.**

Fire Department Server

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss shares an email from Fire Chief Curin regarding the fire department's need of a new server as their current server is only accessible by one computer and has other issues. Wright Tech provided a quote of \$5,350 for a refurbished server. It will have all solid state hard drives, so it will be extremely fast and all computers and users will have access to their own private folders as well as shared folders. Purchasing a new server would cost about \$14,000. Therefore Chief Curin is requesting approval to go ahead with the refurbished option while it is available. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the purchase of the refurbished server and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 Affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Request, Fire Department

Captain Steve Wire presents quotes for boots. At the Council meeting on May 3rd, he was asked to try to find at least 3 quotes for the exact same type of boots desired, the Black Diamond boots. He states that Donley Safety provides the lowest bid of the 3 and is a local company that can get them here faster with no shipping cost. Councilman Schilawski moves

to approve purchase of the Black Diamond boots from Donley Safety with ARPA funds and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 Affirmative.**

ARPA Request, Police Department

Police Chief Joe Rynerson presents quotes for training mats and a pop-up tent per the Council meeting on May 3rd. The lowest bid on the training mats was from We Sell Mats (Quote #3) at \$863.96. The lowest bid on a pop-up tent including graphics is Metro Printing (Quote #1) at \$1,334.15. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the purchase of Quote #3 for the mats and Quote #1 for the pop-up tent with ARPA funds and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 Affirmative.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2023-06


Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss reads and explains the transfer ordinance on first reading. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2023-06 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 Affirmative.** This item will be placed on the June 7th agenda.

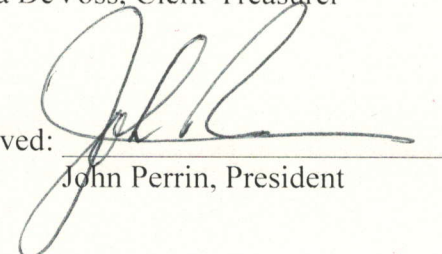
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President