

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 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, John Schilawski, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Perrin offered the opening prayer. Councilman Frank Vaughn was absent.

MINUTES

Councilman Waltz moves to approve the minutes of the November 3rd meeting and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for November 17th. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jeana Alford, 829 Westview has concerns over unaddressed ordinance violations. She states she has been dealing with the same violations for 18-24 months and has spoken with the Police Chief but nothing gets resolved. She wants to know what other resource might be available. President Perrin asks what type of violations. Ms. Alford states parking on the street between 2-5 a.m., noise/parties and concerns over a fire pit on a front porch. President Perrin will address these concerns with the Police Chief to see what has or can be done. Dee Appleton, 103 Sawmill wants to solicit donations to purchase lights to decorate the flagpole at the fire station. Ms. Appleton has spoken with the Fire Chief and he has approved this and will have his firefighters do the installation. Council has no objections if the Fire Chief can coordinate the installation. She would also like to form a committee to create a Christmas light display contest for homes in New Whiteland and award prizes if she can get some donated. Council says they have no objection but it needs to be clear that this event is not sponsored by the town.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing opens at 5:20 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach explains that the purpose of the hearing is to consider an additional appropriation. Alspach explains that the town cashed out a certificate of deposit in October to self-fund the storm water project. The \$1,000,000.00 was placed in a money market account but needs to be appropriated to the General Fund so that it can be spent for the project. Council has committed to establish a PILOT program in a year to begin repaying these funds. Tonight's hearing was noticed in the Daily Journal. President Perrin asks if there is anyone present who has a question or comment regarding this issue. Being none, the hearing is closed at 5:23 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents Resolution 2020-09 to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Resolution 2020-09 and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach will submit the resolution to the DLGF on Gateway for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Tot Park

Councilman Schilawski asks the status of the progress on Tot Park. President Perrin states there has been some cleanup done at the site. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach adds that PW Supt. McCauslin has been working with the engineer on the final design and is also working on a request for quotes for a piece of playground equipment. We cannot encumber funds from the 2020 budget without a contract or purchase order. We could wait until 2021 and purchase playground equipment from another fund like Rainy Day or file for an additional appropriation. Attorney Robbins will discuss the options with PW Supt. McCauslin.

Bond Approval

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents employee Kim Toler's annual bond renewal for approval. Councilman Waltz moves to approve the bond and is seconded by Councilman Alspach.

Vote 4 affirmative.

Future Council Meeting Schedule

Due to the increasing numbers of COVID cases the council discusses suspending the meetings for the remainder of the year. Council agrees that if there is no pending business to discuss the meetings will be canceled. Cancellations will be posted on the website and on the building.

Thanksgiving Schedule

President Perrin suggests allowing the officer on duty on Thanksgiving to be allowed to go home and eat the Thanksgiving meal with his family. The officer would work in the morning leave for his lunch break and return in the afternoon to complete his shift. Discussion on how far out of town the officer would be in the event of an emergency. Perrin states he has spoken with the Chief and the officer that will be working lives nearby. Council agrees to allow the officer to go home for lunch for the holiday. If there are no issues this could be considered for the Christmas holiday too.

Street Parking

Councilman Waltz states that he has seen and received several complaints about junk vehicles in yards or street parking between 2-5 a.m. In a conversation with a police officer he was told it's the same people over and over and asks is there any recourse for repeat violators. Council agrees that the best solution is consistency – all officers need to write violations when they see things. Attorney Robbins states that we have a compliance officer however the police officers still have a responsibility to address violations. Violations can be reported to the compliance officer or the police department.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-09

Passed during the public hearing.

Ordinance 2020-20

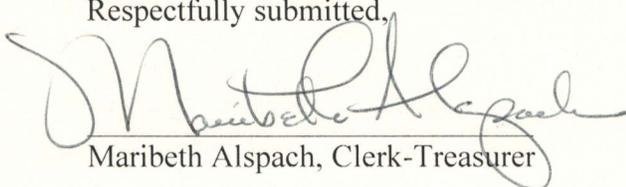
Attorney Robbins states that Matt Gillock, Duane McCauslin and Wessler Engineers have worked diligently to revise the construction standards. Robbins adds that Plan Commission member Angela DeVoss also assisted and thanks her for her input. Robbins notes that the revisions were given to the Plan Commission members in August for review. They approved them in October and sent a favorable recommendation to the council. Robbins has prepared an ordinance amending our Zoning Ordinance to strike the old construction standards and add the revised ones to the Subdivision Control Ordinance. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-20 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Attorney Robbins states that this ordinance only requires a single adoption.

Ordinance 2020-21

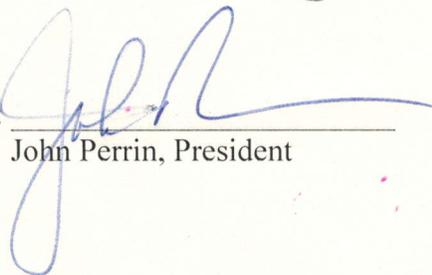
Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the transfer ordinance. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-21 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Waltz seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.** President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Schilawski with second by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:


John Perrin, President