

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
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, Frank Vaughn, Chad Waltz, John Schilawski and Scott Alspach. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer. Attorney Lee Robbins was absent.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

K. McDermott, 514 Delbrook is requesting that she be taken off cash only status and that the NSF fee be rescinded. She paid by check through her credit union and when her check didn't arrive at the office, she stopped payment and came in and hand delivered a new check. The credit union check was finally delivered and when it was processed it came back due to the stop payment. Councilman Vaughn makes a motion to remove the customer from cash only status but not to rescind the fee. Councilman Waltz seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify all reports and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kevin McGinnis introduces himself. He is the new town manager for the Town of Whiteland. McGinnis is here to offer any interlocal assistance we might need moving forward. Council President thanks him and says we are also willing to offer any interlocal assistance between departments that they might need.

BID OPENING

President Perrin opens the single bid that was received for the land improvements at Tot Park. The bid is from Milestone in the amount of \$240,782.00 and covers the parking lot, the drive, the walking trail, excavation of the foundation on Ashland and some fencing. Public Works Supt. McCauslin will deliver the bid to Attorney Robbins for review. Councilman Schilawski moves to accept the bid contingent on approval by Attorney Robbins and funding availability. Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This will require an additional appropriation.

OLD BUSINESS

Advanced Vacation Request

President Perrin states the request was approved in a previous meeting. Attorney Robbins prepared the agreement as directed and the employee has executed it. A copy will be placed in their personnel file.

Community Clean-Up Day

Council President Perrin has received a packet of information from Princes' Lakes which we will need to tweak. He is still waiting on a written proposal from Strouse.

Website

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach explains the new site was launched but it caused issues with our email. Those issues are being corrected and the new launch date is March 1st.

Code Enforcement – Commercial Properties

Councilman Alspach states that both the Auto Repair business and the Dollar General have multiple violations for outside storage. Alspach states he took pictures of both properties this past weekend. There are not as many cars stored at the Auto Repair business but they do have a stack of tires behind their building. Dollar General has metal rolling carts filled with cardboard all along the side of their building, however a semi was there on Sunday afternoon loading up the carts. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states that Wessler Engineering was unable to access a manhole behind the Auto Store last week because an old truck was parked on top of it. Compliance Officer Downey was going to have it moved. Discussion on both businesses is that they have been warned in the past, the businesses need to be monitored more diligently and if the violations exist, they need to be issued tickets.

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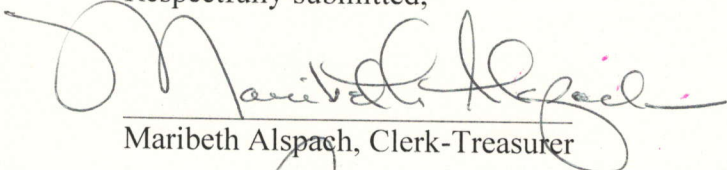
Clerk-Treasurer Alspach commends the Public Work employees for snow removal – they have been working 12 hour shifts and are short two (2) employees. She also recognizes the Police Department who are currently short staffed due to sick leave and training as well as the Fire Department. Alspach states Lt. Burtner spent the entire weekend on station in case of a call out; concerned that other firefighters might not be able to get to the station. Alspach states that our employees went above and beyond dealing with the recent snow storms.

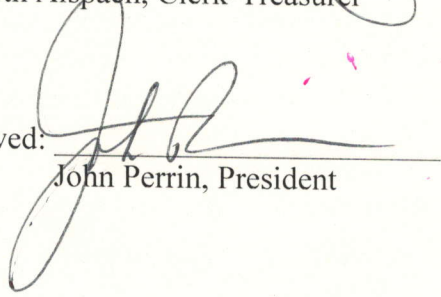
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President