

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2, 2024
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, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the September 4th regular meeting and the September 11th special meeting and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the October 2, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify the October 2, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

2025 BUDGET ADOPTION

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss refers to the initial budget hearing meeting which was on September 4, 2024 and then the budget workshop special meeting which was on September 11, 2024. The 2025 Budget with revisions has been presented for Council's review. Councilman Purdie moves to adopt the 2025 budget and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Property & Liability Insurance

Discussion is postponed to the next meeting pending the receipt of more quotes.

Phone System

Discussion is postponed to the next meeting.

Fiscal Plan for Annexation

Attorney Lee Robbins notes that it is a requirement of Indiana state statute that a fiscal plan be prepared as a part of an annexation. The purpose is for a financial consultant to look at and project what the town's additional cost would be to serve the annexed area and consider what additional revenue the town will receive. Attorney Robbins presents a quote from Adam Stone of Stone Municipal Group for the amount of \$5,000. Council President Perrin asks if the report will be ready in time for the next meeting in which the annexation will be a topic and Attorney Robbins notes that it will be. Councilman Purdie adds that he would like the opportunity to view the concept plan and plat regarding the new development so he can review in advance of meetings. A discussion ensues regarding the process of the development and the Plan Commission's role as well as the Council's role. Attorney Robbins states that it is not an issue for Council to view the concept plan and plat and be knowledgeable about the process as it unfolds. Regarding the fiscal plan, Councilman Purdie moves to accept the contract with Adam Stone and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss shares the findings of the recent SBOA audit of years 2022 and 2023 and notes she has sent the report to Council's email. The audit had no findings to report.

CD Renewal

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss shares that she received the 12-month CD renewal letter in the mail recently. The CD renewal date is October 16, 2024. She also presents a memo with a variety of rates offered by our bank. Councilman Purdie notes that he has seen rates recently higher than those offered by our bank and encourages that we ask around and make sure we are getting the best rate. Councilman Combs moves to give Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss the authority to reinvest the Town's CD at a rate of 4.4% or higher and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Councilman Purdie abstains from voting.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-05

School Zone Ordinance


Public Works Superintendent McCauslin presents the school zone ordinance and explains. With the new school zone signage recently, it was discovered that the Town did not have an ordinance establishing a school zone. Ordinance 2024-05 seeks to establish that. The ordinance was introduced with the unanimous consent of all members. Councilman Purdie moves to adopt Ordinance 2024-05 and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **By a vote of 5 to 0, the ordinance is adopted.**

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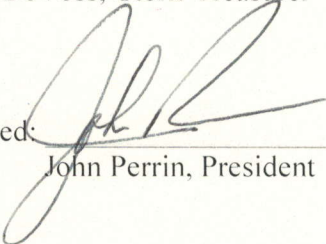
None.

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