

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
MARCH 9, 2015

ROBERT ZEHR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION BY ROGER FORD

PRESENT: ROBERT ZEHR, CHRIS HADLEY, S. ED TICHENOR, KENT BEESON, AND ROGER FORD

OTHERS PRESENT: MICHELLE R. RICHARDS-CLERK/TREASURER, NORM GABEHART-TOWN  
MANAGER/MS4 COORDINATOR/STREET SUPT., NATHAN BILGER-PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR,  
RUSTY SNYDER-PLANT SUPT., JASON CLAYMAN-WATER SUPT., STEPHEN WATSON-TOWN ATTORNEY,  
AND RICK SHIPP – TOWN MARSHAL

S. ED TICHENOR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2015. KENT  
BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

STEPHEN WATSON DISCUSSED THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM FOR S. ED TICHENOR. ROBERT ZEHR  
MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR S. ED TICHENOR. KENT BEESON  
SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0-1 TICHENOR ABSTAINED.

KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHER PACKET 15-3 PLUS ALL WHITELAND AUTO  
SUPPLY INVOICES. ROBERT ZEHR SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0-1 TICHENOR ABSTAINED.

MICHELLE R. RICHARDS REVIEWED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. GENERAL  
FUND HAS A BALANCE OF \$110,553.20 (INCLUDING THE \$144,000.00 LOAN) AND SEWER OPERATING  
HAS A BALANCE OF \$26,617.01.

MICHELLE ALSO STATED THERE WERE 101 PAYMENTS USING CREDIT CARDS FOR UTILITIES TOTALING  
\$12,790.40 AND 2 PAYMENTS FOR GUN PERMITS TOTALING \$100.00 IN FEBRUARY. CURRENTLY THERE  
ARE FEWER DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS BECAUSE OF CARD PAYMENTS.

NORM GABEHART PRESENTED AN INVOICE FROM WESSLER ENGINEERING FOR THE WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,531.85 FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. ROGER  
FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THIS INVOICE. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND  
PASSED 5-0.

NORM STATED THERE IS NOT AN INVOICE FROM GRAVES PLUMBING BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF WORK  
PERFORMED DUE TO WEATHER.

RICK SHIPP PRESENTED A TOWN VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASE PROPOSAL WITH A BREAKDOWN OF  
EXPENSES FOR NEW VEHICLES. RICK IS PROPOSING 2 POLICE CHARGERS AND 2 POLICE TRUCKS WITH A  
THREE YEAR LEASE. THE POLICE VEHICLE SET UP WAS PUT OUT FOR BID. RICK RECEIVED TWO BIDS  
WITH EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERVICES COMING IN \$5,590.46 CHEAPER.

RICK DOES NOT WANT TO TRADE ANY VEHICLES. HE WANTS TO KEEP THEM FOR RESERVE OFFICERS.  
THE OLDEST CAR WILL BE RE-STRIPED AND USED FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

RICK WANTS TO CHANGE THE LOOK OF THE POLICE VEHICLES. NORM GABEHART STATED THE TOWN  
VEHICLES WOULD FOLLOW A SIMILAR SCHEME.

RICK RECEIVED A QUOTE TO STRIPE 11 CARS FOR THE PRICE OF 4, BY USING A SIMPLIFIED PAINT  
SCHEME.

NORM GABEHART REVIEWED THE FINANCIALS FOR THE PROPOSAL OF A NEW TOWN ¾ TON DODGE 4  
WHEEL DRIVE INCLUDING A SNOW PLOW. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES \$11,005.44 PER YEAR PAYING ½

FROM WATER OPERATING AND ½ FROM MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND OVER A 5 YEAR PERIOD. THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES THE NEW ¾ TON TRUCK FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN 2014. THIS WILL COMBINE BOTH TRUCKS INTO ONE PAYMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS.

NORM GABEHART AND RICK SHIPP SHOWED THE COUNCIL PICTURES OF THE POTENTIAL NEW TOWN LOGO.

KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE (4) NOT TO EXCEED \$128,618.00. CHRIS HADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A SECOND TRUCK PURCHASE FOR FINANCES NOT TO EXCEED \$51,000.00 GIVING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE. CHRIS HADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

NATHAN BILGER, PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR: 1 PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE CLARK/PLEASANT SCHOOL STADIUM RENOVATION, 1 INSPECTION, AND NO CODE ENFORCEMENTS.

UPDATES ON PROPERTIES:

SUNOCO HAS NOT REQUESTED A FINAL INSPECTION AS OF YET.

"MR. D'S PROPERTY" NOTHING NEW

"SPEEDWAY PROPERTY" A USED CAR LOT LOOKING AT THIS PROPERTY AND IS PURSUING BMW LICENSING NOW.

FORMER FAMILY RV PROPERTY- A CAR DEALERSHIP IS LOOKING AT THIS PROPERTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2.5 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM LOVE'S TRUCK STOP.

THE PUBLIC NOTICE ON SAWMILL ROAD IS A USE VARIANCE FOR THE COUNTY.

THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT WAS FILED WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND WILL BE ON GATEWAY THIS WEEK.

THE FIREWORKS DRAFT BROCHURE WAS PRESENTED.

THE SIGN CODE BROCHURE IS IN THE WORKS.

NATHAN BILGER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE US 31 PLAN. THE SURVEY PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER WORKSHOP WAS PUT ON LINE FOR PUBLIC INPUT. 132 PEOPLE SUBMITTED RESPONSES MAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE WORKSHOP AND ON-LINE.

RICK SHIPP, TOWN MARSHAL, STATED THERE WERE 241 RUNS, 36 TO THE TRUCK STOPS. RESERVES WORKED 209 HRS. THE DEPARTMENT APPREHENDED A STABBING SUSPECT FROM INDIANAPOLIS AT THE FLYING J. WHITELAND HOSTED SECTIONALS AND A BAND CONTEST OVER THE WEEKEND. RICK COMMENDED ALL DEPARTMENTS IN WHITELAND STATING, EVERY DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TOGETHER PROVIDING FANTASTIC TEAM WORK.

RUSTY SNYDER, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPT., STATED WEATHER PERMITTING, THE PIPE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE WEEK FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT. THE SUMP PUMP PROJECT IS STILL UNDERWAY. HE REPEATED RICK'S COMMENT ABOUT TEAM WORK WITHIN TOWN EMPLOYEES.

JASON CLAYMAN, WATER SUPT., STATED THE WATER USAGE IS STILL DOWN COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. THE WATER DEPT. HAS BEEN BUSY HELPING THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

NORM GABEHART, TOWN MANAGER, STATED THE QUOTE FOR THE PEARL STREET PROJECT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL STORM WATER MEETING FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

NORM IS WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL ON A MAJOR DRAINAGE PROJECT, A 6 ACRE DRY RETAINAGE AREA NEAR FRONT STREET.

HE COMMENDED THE STREET DEPARTMENT OF A GREAT JOB REMOVING SNOW.  
 NORM STATED MILESTONE WON THE BID FOR THE I-65 PROJECT. THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF MILLING 4 LANES AND REPLACING WITH 6 LANES FROM GREENWOOD TO FRANKLIN.  
 STEPHEN WATSON HAS THE PROPOSED CELL TOWER DEAL FOR HIS REVIEW.  
 THE EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY. THIS COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF EMPLOYEES FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS TO SUGGEST A HEALTH/DENTAL/LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES.  
 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE INTERVIEWING ENGINEERS FOR THE WATER LINE EXTENSION TO I-65 AND AN INFRA STRUCTURE MASTER PLAN.  
 BAILY AND WOODS DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 740 MAIN STREET WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> PLAN COMMISSION MEETING. THIS PLAN INCLUDES A 2800 SQ. FT. ADDITION TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING OFFICE BUILDING.  
 DALE WILLIAMS DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 749 MAIN STREET WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> PLAN COMMISSION MEETING. THIS PLAN CALLS FOR A 9600 SQ. FT AUTO REPAIR SHOP.  
 NORM STATED HE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HAZEN AND SAWYER FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN FROM THE LAST CHANGE ORDER FOR RELOCATION OF PIPE DUE TO A DISPUTE ON DESIGN AND LOCATION OF EXISTING PIPE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. AT THIS TIME IT IS CONSIDERED NO RESPONSE FROM HAZEN AND SAWYER.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SCOT FORD, 17 HILLSIDE COURT, IS PLEASED TO SEE THE DIRECTION THE TOWN IS MOVING. HE IS ALSO HAPPY THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE IS IN PLACE AND COMPLIMENTED ON THE SNOW REMOVAL. SCOT STATED THE WHITELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ON THE STEEL HORSE TV SHOW. SCOT WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE GOING TO BE PRESENT AT THE MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> COUNTY BZA HEARING REPRESENTING THE TOWN OF WHITELAND. SOME MEMBERS STATED THEY WOULD GO TO THE HEARING, BUT NOT REPRESENTING AS A TOWN, BUT FOR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROJECT PROPOSED. SCOT ASKED WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE HOME INSPECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. NATHAN BILGER STATED HE DOES THE HOME INSPECTIONS, HE TOOK CODE CLASSES AND DID SOME HOME INSPECTIONS WITH THE CITY OF GREENFIELD. TIM BROWN PERFORMS COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITELAND.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19PM

PASSED BY THE TOWN OF WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC