

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2014

ROBERT ZEHR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION BY ROGER FORD

PRESENT: ROBERT ZEHR, ROGER FORD, CHRIS HADLEY, S. ED TICHENOR, AND KENT BEESON
OTHERS PRESENT: DENNIS CAPOZZI-TOWN MANAGER/BUILDING COMMISSIONER, MICHELLE R.
RICHARDS, CLERK/TREASURER, NATHAN BILGER-PLAN AND ZONING DIRECTOR, JASON CLAYMAN-
WATER SUPT., RUSSELL SNYDER – PLANT SUPT., NORM GABEHART- STREET SUPT./MS4 OPERATOR.
STEPHEN WATSON-TOWN ATTORNEY AND RICK SHIPP-TOWN MARSHAL

S. ED TICHENOR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2014. ROGER
FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 3-0-2 HADLEY AND ZEHR ABSTAINED.
ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHER PACKET 14-3. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE
MOTION AND PASSED 3-0-2 HADLEY AND TICHENOR ABSTAINED

REVIEWED FINANCIAL REPORTS

DENNIS CAPOZZI UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACT. AFTER
DISCUSSION, ROBERT ZEHR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CONDITIONS.
ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0-1 HADLEY ABSTAINED.

NATHAN BILGER REVIEWED THE PROPOSED SIGN CODE ORDINANCE 2014-01. THE FIRST READING
PASSED JANUARY 2014. AFTER A PRESENTATION ON THE CODE, THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION
AND DELIBERATION, PARTICULARLY REGARDING LED SIGNS, TEMPORARY SIGNS, AND POTENTIAL
LOOPHOLES. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO REJECT ORDINANCE 2014-01 ON SECOND READING
IN CURRENT FORM, WITH THE FOLLOWING ISSUES FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION TO CONSIDER IN
REVISING THE CODE: TIME HOLD FROM 8SEC. TO ANIMATION OR MOTION WITHOUT FLASHING,
CLARIFICATION OF BANNERS VS. TEMPORARY SIGNS, TEMPORARY ATTRACTIVE DEVICES FOR SPECIAL
EVENTS AND SIDEWALK SIGNS, ETC. THIS WILL BE SENT BACK TO PLAN COMMISSION FOR REVISIONS.
CHRIS HADLEY STATED THAT THE SIGN CODE IS A BAD USE OF TIME. S. ED TICHENOR SECONDED THE
MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

DENNIS CAPOZZI READ THE LETTER FROM ACCESS JOHNSON CO. REQUESTING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
THEIR PROGRAM AND PRESENTED INFORMATION REGARDING RIDERSHIP AND OTHER DATA. ROGER
FORD MADE THE MOTION TO SUPPORT ACCESS JOHNSON CO. AND PAY \$2791.00 FROM THE CCD FUND.
S. ED TICHENOR SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

NATHAN BILGER REVIEWED THE DUKE ENERGY SITE READINESS PROGRAM. CHERYL MORPHEW WITH
JCDC WAS PRESENT FOR SOME QUESTIONS. IF SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE, THE PROGRAM COULD
RESULT IN A \$10,000.00 MATCHING GRANT TO AID IN MARKETING THE COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTIES NEAR THE INTERSTATE. A \$1,000.00 FEE WOULD BE REQUIRED IF SELECTED TO SHOW
SUPPORT AND BUY-IN BY THE COMMUNITY. S. ED TICHENOR MADE THE MOTION TO COMMIT TO THE
\$1,000.00 ENTRY FEE, IF SELECTED. CHRIS HADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

HAZEN AND SAWYER, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/ INSPECTION CONTRACT FOR THE WWTP PROJECT. DENNIS CAPOZZI PRESENTED THE AMENDMENT. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT USING THE SAME COMPANY FOR MANAGEMENT AS DESIGNED THE PROJECT. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO PURSUE A DIFFERENT ENGINEERING COMPANY.

DENNIS CAPOZZI EXPLAINED THE SCHNEIDER ENGINEERING, SIGN INVENTORY CONTRACT. IT IS A - 90/10% FEDERAL GRANT TO INVENTORY AND PRIORITIZE REPLACEMENT OF STREET SIGNS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS. LEGAL HAS REVIEWED THE CONTRACT. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH L.P.A. CONSULTING AND SCHNEIDER ENGINEERING NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00 WITH PAY SCHEDULE PROVIDED AT 90/10 SPLIT WITH FEDERAL GRANT TO BE PAID FROM CCD FUND. S. ED TICHENOR SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

DENNIS CAPOZZI PRESENTED AN EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR A POSSIBLE EXTENDED LEAVE. DEPENDING ON THE PROCEDURE, THE EMPLOYEE COULD BE OFF FOR MARCH 26TH AND MAY BE BACK ON MONDAY OR IT COULD BE UP TO 30DAYS. ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO GRANT THE REQUEST. CHRIS HADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 5-0.

DENNIS CAPOZZI DID NOT RECEIVE ANY LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE VACANCY ON THE PLAN COMMISSION. THE POSITION MUST BE FILLED BY A TOWN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL. NORM GABEHART EXPRESSED INTEREST DURING THE MEETING. ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT NORM GABEHART TO THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH THE TERM ENDING 12-31-15. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0-1 HADLEY ABSTAINED.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

RICK SHIPP- MAN HOURS/ RUNS DOWN HALF FROM LAST MONTH IN THE NEWLY ANNEXED AREA. RADIOS ARE REPROGRAMED. WORKING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT ON HELPING CITIZENS TO WORK ON SAFETY, A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM STILL IN THE WORKS, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON TWITTER @WPD IN, WORKING ON WEBSITE FOR THE DEPARTMENT THAT WILL ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT. VFW DONATED \$250.00 FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT.

JASON CLAYMAN – IN THE PROCESS TO FIND WATER LABORERS FOR TWO OPEN POSITIONS. REPLACED FIRE HYDRANT AT THE STREET DEPT.

RUSTY SNYDER – THE UV SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING, IDEM INSPECTION/VIOLATION NOTICE REGARDING THE WWTP CONFIGURATION IS BEING TENDED TO. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NOTICE.

NATHAN BILGER WROTE TWO NUISANCE/VIOLATION NOTICES IN FEBRUARY. NO BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED. SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE UPDATE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MARCH PLAN COMMISSION MEETING, AND CONTINUED TO THE NEXT MONTH TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENT. THE RDC WILL BE EXPANDING THE ALLOCATION AREA AT BRIAR HILL, AND POSSIBLY THE EASTERN COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES. HE PRESENTED A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SANITARY SEWER INFLOW PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE COUNCIL FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PROCEED WITH INSPECTING HOMES FOR SUMP PUMPS AND OTHER POINTS OF INFLOW INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM.

NORM GABEHART- STORM WATER AND STREETS; PLOWING SNOW AND PATCHING POTHOLES HAVE BEEN BIGGEST PROJECTS. CENTER STREET BRIDGE PROJECT WILL START AS SOON AS SCHOOL IS OUT. FILED AND COMPLETED 10 OF 12 NOTICE OF TERMINATIONS FOR STORM WATER PROJECTS.

DENNIS CAPOZZI- WATER TRACKER AND INCREASE WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1ST BILL. GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE "MR. D'S PROPERTY".

PUBLIC COMMENT

SCOT FORD, 17 HILLSIDE, DISCUSSED HAVING REDLINE VERSIONS OF PROPOSED CODE CHANGES AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. INQUIRED ABOUT THE ONGOING CONDITION OF THE "MR. D'S PROPERTY".

KIM LEE 740 CYNTHIA LANE STATED A SECOND REQUEST FOR VOUCHER PACKETS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

STEVE GUTERMUTH 222 PARK FOREST NORTH DRIVE. COMMENDED THE POSTING OF THE SCO ON THE WEBSITE. HE ALSO GAVE HIS OPINIONS ON THE PROPOSED SIGN CODE PROVISIONS.

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PASSED BY THE TOWN OF WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2014.

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ATTEST:

MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC