

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
APRIL 13, 2015

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION BY S. ED TICHENOR

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

ABSENT: ROGER FORD

OTHERS PRESENT: MICHELLE R. RICHARDS-CLERK/TREASURER, NORM GABEHART-TOWN  
MANAGER/MS4 COORDINATOR/STREET SUPT., JASON CLAYMAN-WATER SUPT., STEPHEN WATSON-  
TOWN ATTORNEY, RICK SHIPP – TOWN MARSHAL

OTHERS ABSENT: NATHAN BILGER-PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR AND RUSTY SNYDER-PLANT SUPT.

S. ED TICHENOR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2015. KENT BEESON  
SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

ROBERT ZEHR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHER PACKET 15-4. CHRIS HADLEY SECONDED THE  
MOTION AND PASSED 3-0-1 TICHENOR ABSTAINED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE REVIEWED. THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF 3-31-15 IS \$74761.95. THE  
BALANCE IS DOWN \$35,791.25 FROM LAST MONTH DUE TO THREE PAYROLLS IN THE MONTH AND  
LIABILITY INSURANCE PAID. SEWER OPERATING BALANCE AS OF 3-31-15 IS \$31597.48. THIS BALANCE IS  
UP \$4980.47 FROM LAST MONTH.

NORM GABEHART PRESENTED WESSLER ENGINEERING PAY REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9225.07.  
NORM STATED THE PROJECT IS WINDING DOWN WITH FINAL DETAILS. THE PROJECT WILL BE UP AND  
RUNNING SOON. THIS PROJECT IS STILL WITHIN BUDGET. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO  
APPROVE PAY REQUEST INVOICE #27497 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9225.07. S. ED TICHENOR SECONDED  
THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM PRESENTED GRAVES PLUMBING COMPANY, INC. PAY REQUEST INVOICE #4706 IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$184,481.16. THE TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT IS \$864,958.52. \$132,071.90 IS STILL OWED ON THIS  
PROJECT ALONG WITH THE RETAINAGE AMOUNT OF \$81,431.85. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO  
APPROVE PAY REQUEST FOR GRAVES PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,481.16. ROBERT ZEHR  
SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

THE BZA APPOINTMENT FOR TERM ENDING 12-31-16 WAS TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING DUE TO LACK  
OF COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE LETTERS OF INTEREST.

THE CLARK/PLEASANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION REQUESTS A FEE WAIVER FOR BUILDING  
PERMIT FEES LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HS STADIUM, FIELD, LOCKER  
ROOM/CONCESSION STAND, ETC. NORM GABEHART RECOMMENDS THE FEE WAIVER DUE TO THE  
WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE SCHOOL ON OTHER PROJECTS. KENT BEESON  
MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEE WAIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$763.00 CONTINGENT UPON  
REVIEW OF BOND DOCUMENTS. CHRIS HADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM GABEHART STATED NATHAN BILGER IS HOME WITH BRONCHITIS. NORM STATED THERE WAS  
ONE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR THE MONTH.

RICK SHIPP-TOWN MARSHAL STATED THERE WERE 286 RUNS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH. RESERVED  
WORKED 182 HOURS. ONE RESERVE IS GOING THROUGH THE ACADEMY. BRIAN SMITH PASSED THE

PHYSICAL TEST AT THE ACADEMY. RICK ALSO STATED THE OLD CARS ARE NOW BEING TRANSITIONED TO THE NEW SCHEME. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDERED THREE TRUCKS AND ONE CHARGER. THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AT THE MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

JASON CLAYMAN – WATER SUPT. STATED WATER PURCHASE WAS DOWN 436,575 GALLONS FROM LAST YEAR.

NORM GABEHART TOLD THE COUNCIL OF POSSIBLE FUTURE BUSINESSES MOVING IN TOWN. A COMPANY CALLED ABOUT THE PROPERTY LOCATED BEHIND THE LIQUOR STORE INTERESTED IN BUILDING AN ASSISTANT LIVING FACILITY. NORM ALSO STATED HE HAD FOUR CALLS OF INTEREST ON THE “MR. D’S PROPERTY”. THREE OF THE CALLS WERE A FORM OF MEDICAL BACKGROUND AND ONE INTEREST OF A RETAIL STRIP MALL WITH A FAST FOOD FRONTAGE.

THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND SUNOCO WAS HELD APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>. NORM TOLD THE COUNCIL HE PLANS TO DO THIS FOR NEW BUSINESSES. DALE WILLIAMS MAY HOLD A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AND WILL INFORM THE COUNCIL OF THE DATE AND TIME.

INDIANA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY WILL START CHARGING A FEE OF \$60,000.00 FOR A NEW HOOK-ON STARTING JUNE 1, 2015. NORM GABEHART AND JASON CLAYMAN ARE WORKING ON A CONNECTION ON THE NORTH END OF TOWN TO PROVIDE A WATER SOURCE IN AN EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET THIS COMPLETE BEFORE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> TO PREVENT THE FEE. NORM STATED THIS WILL PROBABLY COST AROUND \$12,000.00. NORM MAY NEED TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING IN ORDER TO GET THIS PROJECT COMPLETE BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.

NORM GABEHART GAVE THE COUNCIL INFORMATION ON SEVERAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWN. AN OWNER OF SEVERAL PROPERTIES ON WHITELAND ROAD WANTS TO HOOK TO THE WHITELAND SEWER. NORM WILL START ON THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND STATED SHOULD COST THE TOWN AROUND \$20,000.00.

THE PEARL STREET PROJECT QUOTES CAME IN HIGHER THAN EXPECTED. THE QUOTES RANGED FROM \$223,688.00 TO \$175,000.00 WITH POINDEXTER EXCAVATING BEING THE LOWEST. NORM IS DOING RESEARCH ON THE TOWN DOING THE EXCAVATION AND BIDDING OUT THE JACK & BORE PORTION. THE OUTSTANDING PROJECT WITH THE CHURCH AT WHITELAND ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WHITELAND, THE TOWN OF NEW WHITELAND, AND THE CHURCH.

NORM STATED THE TOWN IS GOING TO LAY PIPE IN THE VACATED ALLEY BEHIND THE DAIRY QUEEN TO HELP WITH THE DRAINAGE ISSUE IN THIS AREA.

HILL STREET HAD FLOODING WITH THE LAST RAIN FALL. NORM STATED TWO CATCH BASINS HAD SANITARY LIDS, ONCE THESE WERE REMOVED THE FLOODING WAS NOT AN ISSUE.

NORM WILL WORK ON THE DRAINAGE ISSUE AT THURMAN DRIVE AND MAPLECREST.

NORM TOLD THE COUNCIL THE UTILITY OFFICE IS LOOKING INTO AN UPGRADE OF THE UTILITY SOFTWARE. THE CURRENT SOFTWARE CANNOT BE UPGRADED. THE SOFTWARE IN REVIEW HAS THE CAPABILITY TO TRACK HIGH USAGE ALONG WITH OTHER RESOURCES SUCH AS PROVIDING ADVANCED REPORTS AND TRACK NSF CHECKS, ETC.

ART REIFEIS ASKED ABOUT THE START DATE OF THE ROUNDABOUT. NORM GABEHART STATED HE ASKED TO MOVE THE START DATE TO 2016 DUE TO OTHER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA. ART IS CONCERNED ABOUT CONSTRUCTION COSTS GOING UP DUE TO THE DELAY. NORM STATED THE MAXIMUM OF \$238,500.00 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING WAS APPROVED. ART ASKED IF THE BONDS WERE SOLD. NORM STATED THEY WERE NOT.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53PM

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

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ATTEST:

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MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC