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 9TH MEETING.

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


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 1ST 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 1ST.

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 ROUNDBOUGHT. 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.
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MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC