

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 10, 2014

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION BY ROGER FORD

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

ABSENT: CHRIS HADLEY

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

ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2014. S. ED  
TICHENOR SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHER PACKET 14-11 NOT TO INCLUDE BEESON  
MECHANICAL AND WHITELAND AUTO SUPPLY INVOICES. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND  
PASSED 4-0.

REVIEWED FINANCIALS OF THE GENERAL FUND AND SEWER OPERATING FUND

REVIEWED THE WATER REPORT

DENNIS CAPOZZI REVIEWED THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT.

2015 SEWER BUDGET IS TABLED TO THE DECEMBER MEETING.

ORDINANCE 2014-11, TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII WAS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF 1<sup>ST</sup> READING. NATHAN BILGER STATED THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL ADD ANNEXED AREAS,  
NEW DEVELOPMENT, CHANGE INTERSECTIONS TO REFLECT CURRENT CONDITIONS, ADD SIGNALIZED  
AND ROUNDABOUT INTERSECTION, NO PARKING, SPEED LIMIT, AND TRUCK STREET SCHEDULES.  
KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-11 IN FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY.  
ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PAY REQUEST  
#3 FROM GRAVES PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,195.50 WAS PRESENTED. KENT BEESON MADE  
THE MOTION TO PAY GRAVES PLUMBING THE AMOUNT OF \$43,195.50. S. ED TICHENOR SECONDED  
THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

ORDINANCE 2014-12 FIREWORKS ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> READING  
APPROVAL. NATHAN BILGER REVIEWED THE ORDINANCE STATING IT DUPLICATES MUCH OF CICERO'S  
ORDINANCE TEXT, BANS THE USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS: THE  
STATE-REQUIRED DAYS AROUND JULY 4 AND NEW YEAR'S EVE, MEMORIAL DAY AND LABOR DAY, AND  
FIVE DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR BY PERMIT ONLY. ROBERT ZEHR ASKED IF IT WAS ENFORCEABLE. RICK  
SHIPP STATED THE PERMIT WOULD GIVE THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT AN ADVANCE NOTICE OF  
THE FIREWORKS AND BELIEVES THIS WOULD GIVE THE POLICE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE. ROGER FORD  
STATED HE DOES NOT LIKE THE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTS AND THINKS THE STATE MANDATE WITH

LARGER FINES IS MORE EFFICIENT. THE COUNCIL WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A REVISED ORDINANCE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

2015 SALARY ORDINANCE 2014-13 WAS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL IN FIRST READING. STEVEN WATSON SUGGESTED TO REMOVE "TO BE KEPT BY THE CLERK-TREASURER" IN SECTION 3 AND ADDING "MONTH MAXIMUM, PAID ONLY IF IN ATTENDANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING" IN SECTION 4. MICHELLE R. RICHARDS SUGGESTED ADDING "TO BE PAID ON REGULAR PAY DATE AROUND JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> AND DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>" IN SECTION 5.

ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-13 IN FIRST READING WITH CHANGES STATED AND TABLE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READINGS TO DECEMBER MEETING. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE WAS REVIEWED.

2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WAS REVIEWED.

THE COUNCIL AGREED WITH THE SCHEDULES

NORM GABEHART STATED A STREET LABORER ASKED FOR AN EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY DUE TO A KNEE INJURY. THE EMPLOYEE IS OUT OF VACATION DAYS. HE WANTS TO EXTEND THE LEAVE TO DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AND REVIEW AT THAT TIME. ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO GRANT THE LEAVE. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

JASON CLAYMAN STATED THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS HELPING THE STREET DEPARTMENT DUE TO BEING ONE EMPLOYEE SHORT IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT HAD A FAILED SAMPLE REQUIRED BY IDEM RESULTING IN A BOIL ORDER FOR 5 DAYS. THIS ONLY AFFECTED A CERTAIN AREA OF TOWN. THE PROBLEM WAS FOUND TO BE A PLUMBING ISSUE AT THE TESTING LOCATION, WHICH THE OWNER REPAIRED AND THE BOIL ORDER WAS LIFTED.

ONLY ONE BUSINESS METER IS STILL IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT ALL OTHERS ARE COMPLETED.

NORM GABEHART STATED WARRIOR TRAIL IS COMPLETE AND CAME OUT BETTER THAN ANTICIPATED. WORKING ON EMERSON RIGHT NOW. STILL PURSUING FLOOD CONTROL IN COOPERATION WITH CLARK/PLEASANT SCHOOLS. THANKS TO ALL DEPARTMENTS FOR MUTUAL EFFORTS IN HELP ON WARRIOR TRAIL AND OTHER ROAD PROJECTS.

RICK SHIPP- 258 TOTAL RUNS FOR OCTOBER, 45 WERE FROM THE ANNEXED AREA.

THE DEPARTMENT RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY AT THE PAWN SHOP.

LOCATED SUSPECT IN DRUG DEALING WITHIN THE GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE DEPARTMENT QUALIFIED IN SHOOTING WITH RIFLE AND HAND GUN AT THE SHOOTING RANGE ON SATURDAY.

RICK REVIEWED THE RESERVE PROGRAM HOURS WORKED.

RUSTY SNYDER IS WORKING ON SUMP PUMPS. 60 ARE COMPLETED 3 WERE HOOKED TO SANITARY.

FALL LIFT STATION CLEANINGS WILL BEGIN SOON.

GRAVES PLUMBING IS APPROX. TWO WEEKS BEHIND SCHEDULE.

NATHAN BILGER- OCTOBER 2014 NUISANCE/VIOLATION WRITTEN NOTICES: 1 TRASH/JUNK.

"NEIGHBORWOODS" PLANTED TWO TREES.

DR. FISHER HAS INSTALLED A NEW SIGN PER THE NEW SIGN CODE.

SWIFTY/SUNOCO WILL BE COMING BACK FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THEIR APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO REVISE THE SIGN HEIGHT.

US 31 VISIONING WORKSHOP KICKOFF IS NOVEMBER 19, 2014 AT 7:00PM. NEW WHITELAND HAS SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST, BUT MAY SEND THEIR TOWN MANAGER TERRY SPENCER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKSHOP.

DENNIS CAPOZZI STATED THE AGREEMENT IS BACK FROM RAILROAD ON PEARL STREET CROSSING. CENTURY LINK HAS THEIR PERMIT.

ROGER FORD THANKED DENNIS CAPOZZI FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE TOWN OF WHITELAND.

ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT NORM GABEHART AS INTERIM TOWN MANAGER. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

ROBERT ZEHR WISHED DENNIS THE BEST.

STEVE PRYOR ASKED HOW MANY MAN HOURS WOULD IT TAKE FOR FIREWORK AFFIDAVIT AND WHO WOULD COVER THE TIME FRAME. RICK STATED THE AFFIDAVITS WOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE AND FILL IN AT THE SCENE.

ART REIFEIS DOES NOT LIKE THE STATE MINIMUM FIREWORKS ORDINANCE AND THAT THE TOWN SHOULD LEAD THE COUNTY INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING OTHER TOWNS. HE ASKED IF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASES ON THE VOUCHER PACKET WERE FOR THE ROUNDABOUT AND WHY IS THE PRICE DIFFERENT THAN PREVIOUSLY STATED? KENT BEESON EXPLAINED THE AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY STATED WERE ENGINEER ESTIMATES.

KIM LEE 740 CYNTHIA LANE ASKED HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WERE NOT PAID AT MAXIMUM SALARY ON THE 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE. ROBERT ZEHR WENT THROUGH THE ORDINANCE AND STATED IF THEY WERE NOT AT A MAXIMUM SALARY. SHE ASKED NATHAN IF HE CONTACTED WHITELAND BUSINESS FOR THE US 31 VISION MEETING. NATHAN STATED THAT OWNERS ALONG US 31 RECEIVED NOTICE POST CARDS. OTHER BUSINESS OWNERS WOULD BE NOTIFIED IN THE SAME WAY AS RESIDENTS.

DENNIS CAPOZZI STATED THE TOWN DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE LAND ALONG EAST WHITELAND ROAD SLATED FOR AUCTION IN WHITELAND AND THE TOWN IS NOT GOING TO PURCHASE THIS LAND.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57PM

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

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ATTEST:

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MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC