

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 14, 2015

Bob Zehr called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Pledge to the flag

Invocation by S. Ed Tichenor

Present: Kent Beeson, James Klenner, Bob Zehr, and S. Ed Tichenor

Absent: Roger Ford

Others present: Debra L. Hendrickson- Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Norm Gabehart- Town Manager, Toby Fields- MS4/Building Commissioner, Dan Cartwright- Community Development, Rick Shipp- Town Marshal and Stephen Watson- Town Attorney

S. Ed Tichenor made the motion to approve the minutes from November 9, 2015 meeting. Kent Beeson seconded it. Motion passed 3-0-1

Kent Beeson made a motion to approve the voucher packet 15-12. Bob Zehr seconded it. Passed 3-0-1.

Norm Gabehart, Town Manager, reported on the financials and voucher packet. We are waiting on our December settlement from the Auditor's office. We should start the beginning of the year without any loans from another fund. Norm also reported using a slideshow the research Dan Cartwright did showing the per capita expenditure totals for the towns in Johnson County. Whiteland had the lowest totals that were derived from taxation. Norm reported the Sewer Operating Fund balance for November was doing well along with the Water Operating Fund going in the same direction.

Norm requested Council to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Trash Ordinance 2015-07 on amending fees and collections in order to keep from operation in the negative in the amount of \$11.25 each year for four years. Kent Beeson made motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Bob Zehr seconded it. Passed 4-0. A Public Hearing was opened up for questions or comments. None were presented. Norm then asked to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in order to start new billing in January. Kent Beeson made a motion. James Klenner seconded it. Passed 4-0.

Norm requested to pay back \$120,000 the town borrowed from the Sprint account, and to pay the Republic Trash Service bill, and to be allowed to pay the contractor to do the drywall remodeling at the Town Hall. Kent Beeson made the motion to allow the payments. Ed Tichenor seconded it. Passed 4-0

Dan Cartwright, Community Development, introduced himself and presented his responsibilities to encourage economic growth and getting Whiteland on the radar. He reported Johnson County is one of the 4 fastest growing counties in Indiana.

Rick Shipp, Town Marshal, reported for the month of November 298 runs, 33 at the truck stop. The Reserves put in 137.5 hours. Whiteland did assist in apprehending a bank robber from Greenwood. The Reserves went to EVOC training. Rick met with school officials about putting an officer in the school funding through a grant.

Rusty Snyder, Wastewater Supt., updated the Council on flow processing at the plant. They had an inspection by the State. Rusty and Norm Gabehart attended a Wastewater banquet. Our plant received a Plant of the Year Award along with town employee Steve Burden receiving an Operator of the Year Award.

Toby Fields, MS4 Building Commissioner, reported everything looks good in Storm Water Department. We are getting documents ready for the first of the year reporting. Toby then reported on permits for the month.

Norm Gabehart reported the Main Street project has been pushed back.

Norm excitedly reported that Mr. D's was purchased by Johnson Memorial Hospital. Norm was glad to also report the Town is starting to get calls on what we have to offer. The Assisted Living Facility is still on going in negotiations and the Roundabout Project is moving along.

Norm updated on the equipment recently purchased has been paid off or will be in the next couple of months. He also asked the Council for permission to sell a piece of equipment that was no longer in use from the sewer plant. Kent Beeson made the motion to dispose of by any means beneficial to the town. Ed Tichenor seconded. Passed 4-0

Stephen Watson, Town Attorney, asked Council to sign a form and return to the Clerk Treasurer's office.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:18