

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

August 8, 2016

James Klenner called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Board members James Klenner, Andy Brock, Scot Ford, David Hawkins
- **Absent:** President Kent Beeson
- **Others Present:** Norm Gabehart-Town Manager, Rick Shipp-Town Marshal, Steve Burden-Sewer Supt., Joe Csikos-Planning Director, Stephen Watson-Town Attorney, Julia Meece-Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Invocation by Norm Gabehart

Adoption of the Order of Business for the Day:

- Klenner asked for the written copy of the agenda to have "public comments" section added to the official agenda due to it being listed on the electronic version on the power point, but missing in error from the paper copy.

Approval of Minutes:

- Klenner asked for any amendments or changes to the minutes. None were stated. Scot Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2016. David Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0

Approval of Voucher Packet:

- Klenner inquired about the amounts on Stormwater appropriation accounts of 600001116.000 & 600001314.000. What are these accounts for and why are they showing in the negative? He also inquired on the funds disbursed from the 2014 General Anticipation Bond (BAN) appropriation account in the month of July 2016. Was this for the repaving on Whiteland Road?
- Norm Gabehart addressed those questions. Account ending in #1116 is a payroll account that was selected in error, these were appropriated, but listed on another account number. Account # ending in #1314 is a MS-4 consultant that is used by Rusty Snyder occasionally. This was also approved by the Stormwater Board and funds were appropriated. The funds disbursed from the bond were for costs of the roundabout at Whiteland Rd and Graham Rd. The funds were also used towards the repaving of Whiteland Rd by the Roundabout, with about \$40,000 being paid out of the BAN (General) and about \$70,000 being paid out of the Cell Tower Fund (Sewer) at this time, as to not overdraw the BAN at this time. There will still be more funds to be paid on the finalization of the roundabout project. Julia Meece stated that detailed information on those account could be sent to the Council Members this week also.
- Scot Ford made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 16-07. Andy Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0

Financial Reports:

- Deputy Clerk Treasurer gave the financial reports. General Fund, Sewer Operating and Water Operating accounts are running as normal. Klenner asked about the higher disbursements from Water Operating. At the time, details on the higher disbursement was not available, but this information would get sent out to the Council Members as well. The water loss percentage is 9% due to the water main break on Woodruff. It was not reported to us until the first week of August, but had been happening in July, so may have a loss for August as well.

Old Business:

- 2017 Budget Calendar
 - Gabehart presented the 2017 Budget Calendar to the board. We had our meeting with the State representative last week. Working to get information entered into the Gateway system to report budget to the State. Clerk Treasurer entered the needed numbers for RDC fund and LOIT funds. There is anticipation of much higher circuit breakers in 2017 and these need factored into the budget. Comparing Whiteland to others like New Whiteland and Clark Pleasant Schools, we are not in as bad of shape. Our proposed budget is able to allow for the current or increased circuit breakers due to the Town not using all the funds appropriated in some areas. Revision was done to the General budget of \$900 due to change in RDC fund. Town no longer has to get County approval of budget per new State guidelines. Town also only needs to advertise the publication of public notice on budget meetings on the Gateway site. We will try and but a link to the Gateway site on the Town's web page to make it easier for residents to access this information. Town is also petitioning to get matched funds from the State for repaving on Emerson. We do not foresee the need for any Town Council Special Meetings to be scheduled with this calendar. Town is making a recommendation to approve the 2017 Budget Calendar as presented after verifying dates and requirements with the State.
 - Klenner asked for a motion to approve the 2017 Budget Calendar as presented. David Hawkins made the motion. Andy Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0

New Business:

- None

Department Head Reports:

- Town Marshal
 - Rick Shipp reported that there were 338 runs for the month of July. Up about 40 runs from June, that was due to agency assist calls with New Whiteland. New Whiteland has hired new officers now. Reserve officers put in about 128 hours. National Night Out event had an excellent turn out. A number of gun safety cable locks were given out to residents, finger prints done for the kids, and was happy to see the support of the Council Members at the event also. It was a hot night and went very well. There was a great response from residents that signed up for the Neighborhood Watch Program. That will be conducted jointly with the Town of New Whiteland PD. Will have sign ups at Community Day also. A couple accidents at the new roundabout due to residents still learning to use the lanes of the roundabout. School starting back again has been running smoothly traffic wise and calls. The resource officers are back in the schools now also. Previously looked into solar or flashing school zone signs, waiting for a response from the schools on this, nothing has moved forward on this from them at this time.
- Wastewater Superintendent
 - Steve Burden reported good numbers. Averages of rainfall in June and July have shown an increased trend.
- Planning Director
 - Joe Csikos reported that he will be covering sections for MS-4 Coordinator Rusty Snyder and Commercial Development Director Dan Cartwright from here on out at meetings and providing their summaries. Dan working on leads still for new businesses. Rusty issued 7 building permits, performed 5 inspections, had 3 code enforcement activities and no new homes. On the planning side, been working with Rusty on updating violation procedures

and zoning ordinances. Focus right now on off street parking requirements.

- Town Manager
 - Gabehart reported that we are working on community service projects for Main St about planting trees. Working with REMC to get electrical back on poles for holiday decorations. Community Day committee has been working on creating another successful event. Talking with Dr. Spray to get student names to consider for awarding two reasonable scholarships to deserving students. JMH project is continuing and is on track for timelines. There is a company that is doing environmental clean up from the Speedway gas station that was located next to JMH location. They are meeting IDEM requirements of cleaning wells that are in the ground, there is nothing to worry about, they are just ensuring the levels are within requirements of IDEM. Talks going on with an apartment developer that is looking at the location east of the Bailey Woods building (the old VFW building). These are said to be market value apartments. Assisted living project has asked for a 45 day extension, nothing has closed, waiting to hear from them.
- Clerk/Treasurer
 - None

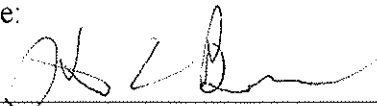
Public Comment:

- Would like to make a 2nd request for there to be more transparency and information to the public prior to meetings especially regarding previous meeting minutes, financial information, and items scheduled to be discussed on the tentative agenda.

David Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Scot Ford seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 12th of September, 2016

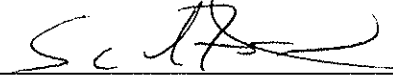
Aye:




Kent Beeson



James Klenner



Scot Ford



Shawn A. Brock



David Hawkins



Attest: Julia Meece

Nay:

Kent Beeson

James Klenner

Scot Ford

Shawn A. Brock

David Hawkins