

Whiteland Town Council Meeting
April 11, 2016

Kent Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge to the flag

Invocation by Norm Gabehart

Present: Kent Beeson, James Klenner, Andy Brock, Scot Ford, David Hawkins

Others present: Norm Gabehart-Town Manager, Steve Burden-Wastewater Supt., Dan Cartwright-Community Development, Rusty Snyder-MS4/Building Commissioner, Rick Shipp-Town Marshal, Debra L. Hendrickson-Clerk/Treasurer, Stephen Watson-Town Attorney

Scot Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2016. Andy Brock seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

Andy Brock made a motion to accept Voucher Packet 2016-03. James Klenner seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

Debra L. Hendrickson gave the financial report for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Water Fund. She reported the increase in disbursements was due to an extra pay period for the month of March and the April bond payment was made on March 31st instead of April 1st. Sewer had an annual charge of \$12,406.74 for sludge removal. Water gallonage purchased was 6,477,750. The town billed for 6,169,264 gallons. The difference was 308,486 gallons equals 4.76% loss which could be due to any of the following: water leaks, meter issues and hydrant flushing. Anything below 6% is considered good.

Old Business:

- Norm Gabehart reported on Salary Ordinance 2016-01 second reading and asked if there were any questions. James Klenner asked if we were adding positions and numbers and there were no break downs or job descriptions. Because we are a public entity we need to have justifications. Norm replied it was discussed and David Hawkins vouched for that discussion. The existing jobs do have descriptions and the new jobs will come with job descriptions. James Klenner asked if this ordinance affected the ability to hire a new police officer which Norm replied that it doesn't because the police salaries are paid out of the General Fund and the new Salary Ordinance 2016-01 is paid out of the utilities. Kent Beeson said the town has run on limited resources for too long and working several jobs at once and needs to move forward because of the town's growth. Kent asked Norm how many employees Greenwood, IN has which Norm replied over 300. Kent then asked how many does Whiteland, IN have and Norm replied, 21 full time. Kent asked for a motion to accept the second reading. Scot Ford made the motion for approval of the second reading. David Hawkins seconded the motion. Passed 4-1. Scot Ford asked to suspend the rules to allow the third and final reading. Passed 4-0-1. Scot Ford made a motion to approve the third and final reading. David Hawkins seconded the motion. Passed 4-1.

New Business:

- Introduction of Resolution 2016-01 amending Resolution 2013-05 to assign the Title VI Coordinator and Designation of an ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. Dan Cartwright-Community Development Coordinator introduced the Resolution 2016-01 shall be the Town Manager or who he designates and is a state mandated requirement to have a certified Title VI/ADA Coordinator in order to obtain any federal funding. James Klenner

asked if Norm knew who would most likely be the certified person. Norm replied that Rusty Snyder or Dan Cartwright, whom are ERC certified, would fill the position. Kent asked for a motion. David Hawkins made the motion to accept the amendment Resolution 2016-01. Scot Ford seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

- Dan introduced Ordinance 2016-02 Cross Connection Control for the protection of the Public Water System. Dan reported IDEM requires the town to have an ordinance for cross connection control regarding water lines. Cross Connection is when public water mains are tapped into for domestic use and to control backflow so it can't get into our water supply. Kent Beeson asked for a motion. James Klenner made a motion to accept the Ordinance 2016-02 first reading. Scot Ford seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.
- Dan reported that he and Rusty Snyder were going to training on May 26, 2016 to be a certified Title VI & ADA Coordinator as required by INDOT. When they go to the class they are required to bring a Title VI implementation plan as well as an ADA plan for the Town of Whiteland. He presented a draft of the plan to the Council. The plan has to include a grievance procedure, policy statement, nondiscrimination standards, operating procedures, complaint procedures and log.

Town Manager and Department Head reports

Rick Shipp-Town Marshal reported:

- 280 runs for the month which is up about 40 with 49 out to the annex area. He feels it is because of the fire at the Truck stop on 465 and Harding Street so we have more traffic at the truck stop in Whiteland.
- Reserve officers put in 106.5 hours
- Several break ins in unlocked cars in Whiteland and New Whiteland.
- Whiteland Road and Graham Road closure started April 11. Dealing with the congestion until traffic learns how to maneuver. The construction will deter the response time to the area at the interstate.
- Police Department is working with a representative of Sun Publishing to pass out booklets to kids about drug abuse, alcohol abuse and teen sexting. It is an awareness program and gets information out to parents on what to watch for. Sun publishing wants the Town Boards permission to go to local businesses for support by offering advertising in the booklet. Rick would like the Town Boards blessing for the police department to partner with company which is not for profit to get the information out through the resource officers at the school. The town attorney checked with the ordinance and found nothing against the issue and asked the police chief to check if the company was a not for profit organization. The Town Board gave their approval 5-0.

Steve Burden-Wastewater Supt.:

- Nothing to report. No breakdowns. Plant was over capacity but didn't lose anything. A town resident asked if we were still using the old system. Steve replied yes but only partially.

Norm Gabehart-Town Manager:

- Had nothing to report. David Hawkins asked if there was better way for the police to access out to the interstate. Norm stated there was not really any other way except via Tracy Rd. because it was a federally funded project so we couldn't intervene.

Rusty Snyder-MS4/Building Coordinator report:

- 6 building permits
- 1 inspection
- 4 code enforcements
- 1 nuisance

Dan Cartwright-Community Development

- The sign replacement contract has been completed
- Arbor Homes has submitted the amended plat in time for the next Plan Commission Meeting on May 3, 2016
- The town was contacted by two developers in the last month which was good news
- The tanks were removed at Mr. D's

Kent Beeson thanked Norm and the town for all the great work and the first State of the Town Address.

Public Comment:

- A resident presented and read a letter he wrote to the Town Council that he wrote. The letter was accepted and copied for the board members for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18