

Whiteland Town Council Meeting  
June 13, 2016

**Council members present:** Kent Beeson, James Klenner, Andy Brock, Scot Ford, David Hawkins

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

Kent Beeson called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Pledge to the flag

Invocation by Norm Gabehart

Beeson asked for any amendments or changes to the minutes. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting. Klenner and Ford asked for some amendments. Brock seconded the motion with the amendments. Passed 5-0. Beeson asked for approval of June 7, 2016 Special Meeting minutes. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Brock seconded the motion. Passed 4-0-1 with Ford abstaining.

Voucher Packet 16-05 - Klenner inquired about an amount for Metro Printing of \$4300 the Schneider Corp. for \$2476 to which Gabehart gave an explanation. Hawkins made a motion to approve the voucher packet 16-05. Brock seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

Clerk/Treasurer gave the financial report. She explained the General fund had increased from last month due to the Special LOIT Distribution the town received from the state. The Sewer Operating fund had increased a little with disbursements about the same. The water operating had increased a little with fewer disbursements.

### Old Business

- Notice of Intent to Consider - Ordinance 2016-04 Shingle Amendment to Zoning Ordinance. Dan Cartwright reported the Whiteland Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation on the ordinance with a minimum requiring dimensional shingles (only referring to asphalt) on new construction within the guidelines of the ordinance. Watson noted that zoning ordinances only require a single meeting for adoption. Beeson inquired if there was an architectural definition for dimensional in shingles. Cartwright responded with an explanation. Watson also replied with an answer. Ford made a motion to adopt the amendment to Ordinance 2016-04. Hawkins seconded the motion. Passed 5-0
- Notice of Intent to consider- Ordinance 2016-05 amending the Zone Map of the Town of Whiteland (4725 N. Graham Rd.) Cartwright reported C. Rayburn entered into a purchase agreement with A. Stidham on the property. It is presently zoned R1 and requesting to rezone to an Industrial rating for an indoor training facility for youth for sports. Aaron Stidham stepped up to the podium introduced himself and his wife Lisa who will be running the facility along with his brother Shane Stidham. He continued to explain the purpose of the facility. Beeson asked why does it fall under industrial. Watson searched the criteria of the Industrial zoning. Watson advised adding a section 4 with the amendment of the C1 change. After discussion and the suggestion of the Town Manager, the council requested the zoning of Industrial with a C1 usage commitment restriction. Hawkins made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2016-05 with the understanding a new section would be added that limits the usage to a C1 classification. Ford seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

### New Business

- Introduction of Resolution 2016-04 Fund 257 LOIT Special Distribution fund – The State of Indiana distributed onetime money to multiple cities and towns for streets. It is required to set up the fund in order to spend the money. Ford made a motion to approve the Resolution 2016-04. Hawkins seconded the motion. Passed 5-0
- Approval of Surety bond for Deputy Clerk Julia Meece. Ford made the motion to approve the Surety bond for Deputy Clerk. Brock seconded the motion. Passed 5-0
- Determining the funding source for the Whiteland Rd. paving project. Gabehart updated the expenses on the paving around the Roundabout. Gabehart reported 4000 feet on the east side of the Roundabout and 3000 feet on the west side were paved with a total of \$102137.60 spent. Gabehart suggested using the remaining balance of the B.A.N. funds with \$111525.00 available and the Local Road & Street funds. Gabehart noted we have received great responses to the Roundabout. Klenner noted he doesn't like using the remaining of the B.A.N... Brock noted he would rather use the B.A.N. and save other monies for other projects since the B.A.N. has restricted use where it can be used. Beeson replied since we have already committed to the B.A.N. with a low interest rate and not deplete other monies. Hawkins made a motion Brock seconded the motion. Passed 4-1 with Klenner voting no.
- Discussion of the Election cycles with the possibility of changing terms on two at-large and three ward terms. Klenner stated he didn't agree with all residents voting on all wards and he would like to see each ward vote for the candidate in their ward specific voting. He also suggested since there were 4 new council members voted in at once to look at one option to run 2 candidates one time and the other 3 candidates 2 years later or vice versa. Ford inquired if it would be more of a burden at the election office to keep the votes ward specific and Klenner said he didn't think so since other towns use the process now. Beeson agreed with the staggering idea. Brock replied with his opinion that voting ward specific doesn't make sense since the candidate doesn't just vote pertaining to his ward after the election. This conversation would continue on a later date after some research.

### **Department head Reports**

- Town Marshal-Rick Shipp:
  - 329 runs for the month of May. Annex had 50 runs with 46 hours and 22 minutes of investigation. Semi-truck stolen within a 5 minute response time but the truck was already switched to another trailer. 137 reserve hours. Our police department has been helping with New Whiteland who is down 3 officers and a new Town Marshal. Shipp commended Norm Gabehart, Dan Cartwright and all the others who were out at the Roundabout helping with the policing there. Approximately 85 tickets were written at the Roundabout.
- Sewer Supt.-Steve Burden:
  - The plant is running fine. There was an odor complaint to IDEM. IDEM came out and inspected and reported everything was okay.
- Building Commissioner-Rusty Snyder:
  - 16 building permits, 10 code enforcements, 4 inspections
- Community Development Coordinator-Dan Cartwright:
  - The assisted living project is getting active. Johnson Memorial Hospital is going forward.
- Town Manager-Norm Gabehart:
  - Nothing to report
- Clerk Treasure-Debra L. Hendrickson:
  - Nothing to report

Stephen Watson acknowledged Cheryl Morpew-Director of Johnson County Development Corporation (JCDC) was in attendance.

Public Comment:

- Would like more transparency and information to the public prior to meetings especially public hearings. The Clerk/Treasurer replied when it comes to the minutes and the voucher packets that as soon as there is an approval then the information will be published on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

Aye

Nay

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Attest:

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Debra L. Hendrickson