

Whiteland Town Council Meeting  
September 12, 2016

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

**Others present:** Steve Burden-Wastewater Supt., Joe Csikos-Planning Director, 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 7:00pm.

Pledge to the flag

Invocation by Charles Howard

Beeson asked if there were any changes to the amendment. No response.

**Approval of Minutes**

Beeson asked for any amendments or changes to the minutes. Klenner stated he thought the amounts paid for the roundabout out of specific funds were wrong in the minutes. Hendrickson said she would investigate the information further. Klenner made a motion to approve the minutes pending any revisions from the August 8, 2016 meeting. Brock seconded the motion with the amendments. Passed 4-0-1 (abstained by Beeson).

**Approval of Voucher Packet**

Voucher Packet 16-08 – Klenner inquired about the Verizon charges and why there were 4 different ones. Hendrickson explained how each department is billed through appropriation numbers. Hawkins made a motion to approve the voucher packet 16-08. Brock seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

**Financial Reports**

Clerk/Treasurer gave the financial report. Hendrickson stated the semi-annual sewer bond payment was made. Other than that there was nothing out of the ordinary.

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- 2017 Budget - Csikos presented graphs and reported some of the highlights:
  - Removed all the salaries out of the MVH funds except for the street department to the General Fund
  - Eliminated a sewer/street/water laborer position
  - The addition of two police officers
  - \$1300 flat raise across the board with the increase being less than 1%
  - Overall budget increase is less than the State budget agency growth quote 3.8%
  - Redevelopment Commission will have its first budget

Klenner stated he thought it was odd to give everyone the same amount of raise instead of a percentage cost of living increase and he would like to give Chief Shipp a raise.

Beeson replied that the town employees received very little money in the last few years and after talking to Norm Gabehart - Town Manager it was felt that it was more fair to give everyone the same amount. With the positive movement of the Town because of the employees Gabehart felt everyone deserved the same. Beeson stated he thought the idea was commendable.

- Public Hearing for 2017 Budget was opened – no comment

Attorney Watson asked what the State requirement for legal adoption of the Budget date was. Hendrickson replied the Town's adoption is in October. Watson also stated the deadline is November 1, 2016 and typically there is two voting. Beeson asked for a motion of the first reading of the 2017 Budget as presented. Hawkins made a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Introduction of Resolution 2016-07 – Adopting Uniform Internal Control Standards. Watson explained the State Legislature adopted its requirements they directed the SBOA to define the guidelines so this resolution adopts the guidelines and provides more procedures and policies and measures consistent with general practices of the Town. Ford asked how many Internal Control procedures is the Town already implementing. Hendrickson replied most are already being done but not in writing. Hawkins made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-07 Adopting Uniform Internal Control Standards in the final reading. Beeson seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Introduction of Resolution 2016-06 – Materiality Threshold Policy. Hendrickson explained how any discrepancies are handled depending on the amount or value. Ford made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-06 – Materiality Threshold Policy as a final reading. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

### **Department head Reports**

- Town Marshal-Rick Shipp:
  - 365 runs reported, consistent with the last couple of months. 97 reserve hours and was down because they were sent to help at the State Fair. Annex calls up to 47 runs last month with 33 hours of investigation. Chief Shipp and two other officers were in training at the US District Attorney's Office pertaining to law updates and DEA information. We are one of the few towns in compliance. Two officers were in IMPD class for fraud. Working really hard with schools on active shooters simulations. Chief Shipp thanked Southpointe Church for hosting a breakfast for recognition of officers on 9/11.
- Wastewater Supt.-Steve Burden:
  - Still in the upper 90's on percentage of removals. 6.2 inches of rain
- Planning and Zoning Director-Joe Csikos:
  - Planning Commission approved section 3 of Millstone subdivision on September 6, 2016.
  - Attended a kickoff for the Community Crossing 50-50 Matching Grant we will receive in the amount of \$55,990 by INDOT soon.

- Building Commissioner Rusty Snyder conducted 5 inspections, 11 permits and processed 13 code enforcement violations.
- Development Coordinator has been out at Millstone every day.
- Roundabout trees will not be planted until October.
- Moving forward on the Regional Detention Project soon
- Disposal of old town vehicles will be presented at the next meeting
- We manned a booth at the Bicentennial Event in Franklin representing our town.
- Greater Whiteland Community Day will be on September 24 from 12:00 to 6:00.

- Clerk Treasurer-Debra L. Hendrickson – no comments

Public Comment:

- The Whiteland High School track team will be holding a carwash to benefit the Police Departments for Whiteland and New Whiteland.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

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

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Debra L. Hendrickson