

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
October 11, 2016

Council members present

Kent Beeson	
President	<u> x </u>
James Klenner	
Vice President	<u> x </u>
Scot Ford	
Member	<u> x </u>
Andy Brock	
Member	<u> x </u>
David Hawkins	
Member	<u> x </u>

Other town officials present

Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk-Treasurer	<u> x </u>
Norm Gabehart	
Town Manager	<u> x </u>
Joe Csikos	
Planning & Zoning Director	<u> x </u>
Rick Shipp	
Town Marshal	<u> x </u>
Steve Burden	
WWTP Superintendent	<u> </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> x </u>

Call to order

Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Pledge to the flag

Roll call

Invocation by Norm Gabehart.

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting. Hawkins made a motion to approve the. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

Voucher Packet 16-09. Brock made a motion to approve. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1, Ford abstained.

Financial reports – Hendrickson reported nothing was out of the ordinary with General Fund, Sewer Fund and Water Fund. There was a loss of 5.6% from water purchased and water billed.

Old business –

- 2017 Budget Ordinance 2016-06 final adoption. Gabehart asked if there were any questions. Ford made a motion to accept the 2017 Budget Ordinance 2016-06 final adoption. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

New business –

- 2017 Salary Ordinance 2016-07 1st reading. Gabehart stated the ordinance confirms salary caps must be in a document to move forward into the next year. Klenner asked why there were positions on the document that are not funded. Gabehart replied to show the positions have a record of being established in case of restructuring for future use. Ford asked if that was a typical. Gabehart replied based on his experience it was. Hawkins made a motion to accept the 2017 Salary Ordinance 2016-07 1st reading. Brock seconded the motion.
Passed 4-1. Klenner voted no.

- Code enforcement procedures for non-compliant violations – Csikos reported there are two violations not in compliance. 1). V16-015, 2). V16-027. Csikos was asking for the Council’s blessing to proceed with an attorney. Ford stated he would like to see information on the properties before giving an opinion. Csikos stated he has multiple letters on the history that we had sent to them. One of the violations is a property maintenance issue for a number of years. A deadline was given and no contact has been made from the owner. The second one is a property maintenance issue with an overgrowth of vegetation. They have been given several notices also and no communication from the property owner. Ford asked who was the point of contact. Csikos replied Rusty Snyder and then himself would be involved. Watson reported under Town code §93.04 provision for tall grass and weeds and vegetation, the Town can charge the property owner and later file an invoice if no payment and put it on their tax bill. Csikos reported it was well beyond just grass now. Brock asked if there were complaints from neighbors to which Csikos replied yes. Ford asked if it was an unsafe building or just a nuisance. Beeson stated a nuisance is just as dangerous if it hinders the fire department or draws vermin. Watson replied that Town code §93.12 penalty states fines can be levied up to \$100 a day per violation. In court, it can get up to \$2500 for violation. Hawkins asked if it had to come before the Council. Gabehart stated he suggested Csikos go to the board because the staff has expended all efforts to reconcile the situation for both properties and it may come to a challenge of litigation and should be an informed decision for the Council to be able to support the staff to pursue legal counsel and doesn’t want to be in a position of going to court without the Council knowing what is going on. One of the properties has promised to commitments and not fulfilled them. The Town has offered up assistance with no response. Watson stated if the Town decided to pursue legal assistance then the first step would be a letter to the resident.

Determination of property to be considered surplus and approval for disposal

- Gabehart presented a list of vehicles to be disposed of since the Town upgraded some of the current vehicles:

1.	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	2FAFP71WX6X166351
2.	2002	Chevrolet	1500	1GCEC14V52Z327890
3.	2000	Ford	F-250	1FTNF21LOYEE08389
4.	1997	Ford	F-250 Heavy Duty	1FTHF26H7VEB11603
5.	1996	Ford	F-350	1FDKF38GTEB00049

We are currently considering the options we have to dispose of them. Ford asked if the Town was mandated to collect sealed bids. Gabehart replied no. Gabehart is considering trying Ebay if the Town’s legal counsel thought it would be ok. Watson replied it is approved. Hawkins made a motion to approve of disposing the 5 vehicles as surplus and to allow the Town Manager to dispose of the property in accordance with Indiana law. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Department Heads Reports –

Rick Shipp–Town Marshal –

- For the month of September there were - 304 runs, 43 agencies assist, 7 traffic warnings, 36 annex area runs with 922 hours of investigation (down from last month), 109.75 reserve hours. One of the reserves, Jason Beck, is now a full-time police officer.
- The Town of Trafalgar sent a letter asking us to hire one of his reserves because we have a good program. That reserve is Scott Doss. He will be a great asset to the department. Trick or Treat hours will be on October 31 from 6 – 9 pm.

- We were accepted for a 50/50 body armor grant due to the hard work by Robert Groves for \$11,500. The cost per person for the armor is approximately \$1000.
- Will be taking a class for advanced first aid for gunshot wounds and kits w/tourniquets. Officers Cox and Donica attended a 2-day high profile class on fraud.
- The department received a letter of appreciation from a retired Captain of IPD on officer Donica on his help in returning his funds.
- Transitioned from glock 40 to glock 90. It has helped in precision shooting and skills.
- Shipp would like to thank Leslie Beeson for all the work to help create a great Annual Community Day.

Steve Burden - Wastewater Supt. - absent

Norm Gabehart – Town Manager – thanked the Council on the budget adoption.

Joe Csikos - Planning Commissioner – Millstone has all utilities installed and moving forward with paving. Section 2 has asked to move forward with the final plat at the November meeting. Ford stated he appreciated the signage to help with movement while the paving is going on.

Debra L. Hendrickson – Clerk/Treasurer – reported Green Owens Insurance Agency presented a check \$3060 to the Town for an over estimation of workmen’s compensation.

Public comment

- Resident asked when the limb and leaf pickup starts. Gabehart replied limb pick up has been going on and the leaf will start soon as we feel a sufficient amount has fallen unless resident calls in.

Beeson made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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

Aye

Nay

 Kent Beeson

 Kent Beeson

 James Klenner

 James Klenner

 Scot Ford

 Scot Ford

 Shawn A. Brock

 Shawn A. Brock

 David Hawkins

 David Hawkins

Attest:

Debra L. Hendrickson