

**Town Council Board Meeting
March 14, 2017**

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> </u>

Call to order

Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Pledge

Roll call

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting. Hawkins made a motion to approve the 2-14-2017 minutes. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

Voucher Packet 03-14-17. Gabehart reported on the disbursements to Michael Swails for the purchase of the right of way easements on his property.

Ford made a motion to accept the Voucher Packet 03-14-17. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

Financial Reports – Hendrickson reported everything looks good.

Old business – Regional Detention Study Update

- Brian, Schneider Engineers, discussed the value of the project and how it is continuing to move forward. Gabehart stated at the last Stormwater meeting the project was presented to the Stormwater Board to discuss the credit for the School Corporation. There will be more information coming soon to the Council with recommendations.

New business

- Ordinance 17-01 Vacating Public Right of Way Lot 77, Chad Lo Section 3
 - Hawkins recused himself because the property Lot 77 was being vacated to him. Klenner was reluctant to vote because he didn't think it would be viewed positively by the public since Hawkins was a Council member. It was noted that the Town has done this in the past with other residents. Gabehart stated that Hawkins has been mowing and taking care of this unbuildable property, which is adjacent to his home,

for years. Ford made a motion to wave the 1st reading and the 2nd reading and go straight to the final vote. Brock seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0-1 with Hawkins abstaining.

- Update to the Employee Manual
 - After a brief discussion Hawkins made a motion to accept the changes to the Employee Manual. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Department Heads Reports

Rick Shipp – Town Marshal

- For the month of February 298 runs and 38 hours 19 minutes at the annex area. Reserve hours were 81.5 for February. Runs for 2015 were 3543 and in 2016 there were 3581 runs.
- Officer J. Beck is still attending the Academy.
- The Police Department assisted in the County wide drug arrest.
- Chief Shipp and Gabehart participated in The Police Community Relations March on March 14, 2017. The walk creates positive police – community relations with the citizens of the county.
- Brock inquired about the how the school resource program was going and if it helped at athletic events. Chief Shipp replied with a very positive response.

Steve Burden – Wastewater Supt.

- Absent

Joe Csikos – Planning Director

- Arbor Homes asked for a reduction in performance bonds which is normal in this stage of the construction. Hawkins made a motion to reduce the bonds. Ford seconded the motion. Passed 5-0
- Carmen Parker, Chairman of the Trailways Committee reported on the progress and the amount of support she has been receiving in trying to create a county wide trail way.
- S.E. Bypass Study – The Town was awarded a federally funded Planning Grant to proceed with the study of the bypass starting at Warrior Trail & Whiteland Rd heading south to 400N. Then west to US 31 with a desired overpass over the railroad.

Norm Gabehart – Town Manager

- MPO meeting was held and Gabehart was elected to the board on an administrative committee.
- Whiteland Fire District Advisory Board asked for consideration for a fire protection contract with the Town of Whiteland. Gabehart replied there would have to be sufficient funds to take on the task financially. Gabehart was comfortable with the findings and with a paid stand-by.
- Redevelopment Commission considering giving 10% off the top of the TIF revenues to go straight to the school system.

Dave Gabbard – Water Department

- Water dept. helped a resident in need.

Debra L. Hendrickson - Clerk Treasurer

- Nothing to report

Public comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.