

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**July 11, 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>      </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>      </u>
Rick Shipp	
Town Marshal	<u>  x  </u>
Steve Burden	
WWTP Superintendent	<u>  x  </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u>  x  </u>

**Call to order**

Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Invocation**

**Roll call**

**Adoption of the order of business for the day**

**Minutes** from the June 13, 2017 meeting. Klenner made a motion to approve the 6/13/17 minutes. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0.

**Voucher Packet** 07-11-17. Klenner made a motion to accept the Voucher Packet 07-11-17. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0-1 with Beeson abstaining.

**Financial Reports** – Hendrickson gave a reported the beginning balances and ending balances on all of the operating Funds and mentioning the receipt of the June settlements. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

**Old business –**

- Ordinance 2017-03: Additional Appropriation to the General Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading with the Public Hearing opening. No comments and Public Hearing was closed. Klenner made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-03. Brock seconded the motion.  
Passed 4-0.
- Ordinance 2017-04: Amending Salary Ordinance 2016-07 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. Brock made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-07. Ford seconded the motion.  
Passed 3-1 with Klenner voting no.

**New Business**

- Health Insurance Renewal
  - Gabehart reported that it is time for the yearly renewal. The broker researched different companies but after the audit of the employee base we were too high risk and the only option we have is to renew with the existing plan UHC, which is going up approximately

10%. Ford made the motion to approve the renewal of the current benefit package for health insurance. Klenner seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0

- Resolution 2017-04 Transfer of funds (\$114,876.06) from LOIT Fund 257 to Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund 258.
  - Hendrickson explained that the SBOA requires this transaction to spend the LOIT money for road construction. Klenner made the motion for the transfer of funds. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0

## **Department Heads Reports**

Rick Shipp – Town Marshal

- For the month of June 308 runs and 33 of them to the Annex. 19 hours 2 minutes at the annex area. Reserve hours were 147 for June between 5 officers.
- Reserves stepped up to fill slots with an officer in the Academy and one off for surgery.
- Armed robbery at the Marathon update. There were two indictments armed robbery and discharging a fire arm. Chief Shipp received an email from the FBI complimenting our Police Dept for their assistance.
- Officer Donica completed the 1<sup>st</sup> phase on Accident Investigation.
- Ford inquired what officer was involved in a stop stick situation out at the interstate. Shipp stated it was Officer Croy.

Steve Burden – Wastewater Supt.

- No major breakdowns and numbers are running normal.

Norm Gabehart – Town Manager

- A letter was sent out to participate in the Community Crossings Grant again. We requested funds in the amount of \$731,223.00 with a matching portion from the Town of \$243,000 with a total of \$974,000 worth of paving for 8.4 miles. The list would contain Brunner Ridge, Meadow Creek, Oakville, Tracy Rd, Graham Rd. south, east of the railroad tracks, Park Forest and Chad Lo to name a few. State House Bill 1002 on road funding for towns that have less than 10,000 population would qualify for a 75/25% match on funds.
- The Town received 6.63 inches of rain today. The employees spent all day putting out pumps and bagging sand to give to the residents to help protect their homes. All public safety did an excellent job stepping up to help. Beeson stated how impressed he was with our employees for the amount of water we received in the time we had and thank you.

## **Public comment**

- A resident asked if the Town could add a fine to the speed limit sign to help with traffic and the people who speed up and down N. Front Street.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:38pm.