

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
September 12, 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> x </u>
Jeff Wilson or B.J. Meddford	
Fire Chief	<u> x </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> x </u>

Call to order

Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:01.

Invocation

Roll call

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from the August 8, 2017 meeting. Ford made a motion to approve the 8-08-17 minutes. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

Voucher Packet 09-12-17. Hawkins made a motion to accept the Voucher Packet 09-12-17. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1 with Beeson abstaining.

Financial Reports – Hendrickson reported on the beginning balances and ending balances on all the operating Funds. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Old business –

- Ordinance 2017-05 2018 Budget 1st reading. Gabehart proceeded to explain how the Tax Levy and Circuit breakers work together to determine the budget along with the Budget reductions for 2017 budget. Gabehart showed slide comparisons and changes from 2011 budget to today, 8/17/17. Total budget presented in the amount of \$4,487,193. The floor was opened to the Public Hearing. There were no comments. Ford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-05 2018 Budget 1st reading. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0.

New Business

- Bid package opening with estimates for future road projects in the following order:

1. Dave O'Meara - \$745,747.70
2. E & B Paving - \$952,583.00
3. Midwest Paving - \$794,497.00
4. Milestone - \$888,920.80
5. Rieth Riley - \$948,615.91
6. Grady Bros. - \$910,290.89
7. Harding Group - \$798,851.60

Gabehart reported that the Town has applied for a \$900,000.00 grant through the Community Crossings Grant which pays out 75/25 award for towns less than 10,000. Several roads and subdivisions, approximately 8.35 miles, will benefit from this grant.

Ford made a motion to award the project to Dave O'Meara contingent on approval of the staff and the State and document inspection. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Ordinance 2017-06 2018 Salaries 1st reading – Klenner questioned the increase amount. Ford stated it is important to retain good employees so they should benefit from the savings from not outsourcing projects. Beeson also stated there were several years that the Town's employees did not get any raises and we need to be where the County salaries are and if the State and the DLGF agrees with our budget then that says a lot. Brock also stated we have the 2nd largest school corporation in the county and we need to be able to service the residents. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-06 1st reading. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 4-1 with Klenner voting no.

Ford made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2017-06. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-06 Final reading. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 4-1 with Klenner voting no.

- Resolution 2017-06 Amending the Town of Whiteland Design Standards Specification Manual Csikos explained the amendment was to allow residents to widen their driveway. Klenner made a motion to amend Resolution 2017-06 to specifically state a total width of the garage doors. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Department Heads Reports

Rick Shipp – Town Marshal

- For the month of July 303 runs and 45 of them to the Annex. 35 hours 20 minutes for the reserve officers.
- Countywide drug arrests with only one in our town.
- Officer Doss has 3 weeks to go at the Academy.
- Major house fire occurred on Graham Rd. Shipp was impressed with the fire department and how well everyone did their job.

BJ Meddford - Deputy Chief

- In August 68 responses: 18 were fire runs, 40 EMS. Average response time was for the month 4 minutes 07 seconds. Nine new stipend firefighters hired. All member passed the physical agility test. Several others interested in volunteering. Still accepting stipend applications until November. Thanked several police officers for their assistance in a couple of runs. Thanked the Utility Office staff for their help in the hiring process. Thanked Dave Gabbard for helping in the large house fire on Graham Rd. along with Norm Gabehart and Rick Shipp. Six hours using 105,000 gallons of water and approximately 70 firefighters. A total of five counties helped.

Steve Burden – Wastewater Supt.

- Yearly IDEM inspection went well.

Joe Csikos – Planning Director

- 28 permits
- 49 inspections
- 9 code enforcement actions
- 168 acres plan development design phase
- 56-acre residential subdivision in a plan design phase
- 216 acres industrial in the do diligent phase
- There will be a BZA meeting in October

Norm Gabehart – Town Manager

- Community Day on September 15 and 16. Dave Gabbard requested a vote of consensus to purchase a 2015 mini dump truck for \$33950 with warning lights which would save \$5000 with warranty. Ford made a motion for consensus to purchase the 2015 mini dump truck. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Public comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day _____ of _____, 2017

Aye

Nay

Kent Beeson

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James Klenner

James Klenner

Scot Ford

Scot Ford

Shawn A. Brock

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David Hawkins

David Hawkins

Attest:

Debra L. Hendrickson