

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

June 12, 2018

Council members present

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

Other Town Officials

Norm Gabehart	
Town Manager	<u> X </u>
Julia Meece	
Deputy Clerk	<u> X </u>
Rick Shipp	
Town Marshal	<u> X </u>
Joe Csikos	
Planning & Zoning Dir.	<u> X </u>
Eric Funkhouser	
Fire Chief	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Steve Burden	
WWTP Superintendent	<u> X </u>
Dave Gabbard	
Water Superintendent	<u> X </u>

Call to order - K. Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge

Roll Call - absent S. Ford

Invocation - Conducted by N. Gabehart

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the May 8, 2018 minutes as presented. A. Brock seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Voucher Packet 6-12-18

- D. Hawkins made a motion to accept Voucher Packet 6-12-18 as presented. A. Brock seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Financial Reports

- J. Meece read the reports on the beginning balances and ending balances on all the operating Funds. Nothing out of the ordinary to report on General, Water and Sewer. There was a liability insurance premium paid from all three, as well as meters loan payment from Water & Sewer.
- Presented the Water usage vs billing report with a 32.45% loss totals. There were 2 or 3 water main repairs completed this month as well as hydrant flushing being completed.
- \$76,704.53 in the Water Improvement fund. \$275,610.33 in the Sewer Improvement fund.

Old business - None

New Business - None

Department Heads Reports

- *Julia Meece – Clerk-Treasurer’s office report*
 - Reminder of the Special Town Council Meeting on Thursday, 6/14/18 at 6 pm here at the Town Hall. This is a joint meeting with the Fire District Board for the 1st public hearing on the merger.

- Reminder of Otto Lewis Dinner on Friday, 6/15/18 and you can RSVP to utility clerk if you have not already done so
- You were all provided with a letter regarding Tax Increment Financing from the Redevelopment Commission. S. Watson explained this is your annual notice after capture of tax increment available for the upcoming year and we still need to capture 100% of the TIF revenues.
- *Norm Gabehart – Town Manager*
 - Now streamlining department head reporting at the meetings due to working on the same multiple projects and wanting to reduce the repetitive information to council, but they will still be available for questions.
 - Continuing with paving thru the town. Multiple areas already completed (Meadow Creek, East Whiteland, Front St, Tracy Rd, Graham Rd South) and the rest will continue as weather permits.
 - Also worked on 400 N (Paul Hand Blvd) and thanks to the County for help on this project. They helped us with paving, man power and dump trucks. In exchange we helped with repairs on the county's property side of 400 North. Working on estimates for overlay and with the property owner to the south for getting the section of easement they have been paying taxes on to possibly get dedicated to the Town.
 - Wedging centers of the roads with the new paving going down to help with water drainage. In Meadow Creek, an estimated 150 extra tons of wedge added. The entrance to Oakville was also worked with the paving project.
 - Park Forest is being looked at now for estimates on what work is needed prior to paving. There is a sump pump drainage issue right now that is adding to the water build up on the roads. Looking to change them to drain directly into the storm drains instead due to no retention ponds in Park Forrest.
 - Seeking a grant for paving next year to cover West Whiteland, Chad Lo, Springhill South, and Park Forest. Application process opens in August 2018.
 - Estimated 7,500 tons of millings from the estimated 9,000 tons of asphalt going into the paving areas so far have been placed on school property to go towards trail ways project
 - Would like to compliment the Public Works department for their work. The Right of ways are looking very good. Deputy Mayor of Greenwood complimented Whiteland as well as Mayor Barnett from Franklin for how the town is doing.
 - Next month we should be bringing to the Council the introduction of the budget and new health insurance costs for the next fiscal year.
 - Asking to acquire a Kenworth Truck for the Public Works department for construction and hauling sludge from the sewer plant. It would be used by Sewer, Water & Street.
 - Have found a 2009 Kenworth Tri Axle Truck to purchase for \$62,500 out of Terra Haute from Russ Fisher Trucking. It had been damaged from a cylinder on the bed, they repaired it and put it back into very good condition. It doesn't have a vibrator, but that can easily be added in the future. There is limited staff that is able to drive it right now but will get more staff trained on driving the 8-speed. It has what we need in the truck bed for hauling sludge. The bed is tight, straight aluminum bed. It cost about \$25,000 last year to move this with a company. We are looking to enclose the sludge area at the plant, this will reduce the amount of moisture and weight of the sludge. This will also allow us to direct load the sludge into the dump truck and would then take it to empty on a monthly average. This will reduce the cost to the town as well as the need to rent additional equipment to empty the sludge area. It can also be used with other town projects too.
 - Would like to get Council's approval to spend \$31,250 from Water Fund and \$31,250 from Sewer Fund to purchase this.

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve spending \$31,250 from Water & \$31,250 from Sewer to purchase 2009 Kenworth Dump Truck from Russ Fisher for a total sum of \$62,500.00. K. Beeson seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0

- Trent Newport, of Crossroads, would like to present a picture of the completed round-a-bout at Whiteland Rd & Graham Rd to the town. They are very happy with how this project has turned out. They finished about \$66,000 under and the town will get about 20% back from INDOT in the coming year.
- *Rick Shipp – Town Marshal*
 - 74 total reserve hours
 - Over 400 runs, there is an increase due to making extra rounds because of resident vacation checks.
 - Since school let out, we have been working practicals on school shootings response. Will start plugging in other departments like the fire department and such. Goal is to run a demonstration for the schools before school starts again.
- *Eric Funkhouser – Whiteland Vol. Fire Dept. Chief*
 - 93 total calls for Station 71. Quick response on a house fire and a hazmat run to the truck stop.
 - 59 total calls with 39 transports for Medic 71
 - 193.50 training hours for department members.
 - NFIRS reports are all caught up at the state level
 - Assisted C-9 with training

Council comment

- none

Public comment

- none

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10 of July, 2018

Aye

Nay



Kent Beeson, President

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James Klenner, Vice President

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Scot Ford

Scot Ford



Shawn A. Brock

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David Hawkins

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Attest:



Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer