

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
November 10, 2020**

<u>Council members present</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>	
David Hawkins		Norm Gabehart		Stephen Watson	
President	<u> X </u>	Town Manager	<u> X </u>	Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Scot Ford		Debra L. Hendrickson		Carmen Parker	
Vice President	<u> X </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>	Community Develop.	<u> X </u>
Laura Fleury		Rick Shipp			
Member	<u> X </u>	Town Marshal	<u> X </u>		_____
Joe Saylor		Eric Funkhouser			
Member	<u> X </u>	Fire Chief	_____		_____
Brad Goedeker					
Member	<u> X </u>				

Call to order

- D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – All present **Others present** – Shaun Young

Invocation – Norm Gabehart

Adoption of the Order of Business

Minutes

- September 30, 2020. J. Saylor made a motion to accept the minutes September 30, 2020. S. Ford seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- October 13, 2020. J. Saylor made a motion to accept the minutes October 13, 2020. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0-1. B. Goedeker abstains.

Voucher Packet 11-10-2020

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 11-10-2020. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0-1. S. Ford abstains

Financial Report

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all the operating funds.
- N. Gabehart summarized how the Community Crossing Grant project was going so far and the Town will apply again next year for the grant money.

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Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Reorganization Discussion**

- S. Watson explained the procedure for selecting the President or Vice President of the Council.
- J. Saylor stated he personally wanted this subject on the agenda for discussion and inquired if anyone wanted to nominate anyone.
- S. Watson stated there has not been a set practice for the Town yet.
- J. Saylor stated he suggested setting terms for the positions.
- S. Watson also stated after setting the term if the Council wants to reserve the right to change prior to the term it needs to be made clear.
- D. Hawkins asked if there was a motion to reorganize at this moment.
- B. Goedeker made a motion to reorganized no later than 12/31/2021 and to reorganize every two years thereafter, with the understanding that in Town Council election years, reorganization would occur after the elections, all subject to the council reserving the right to make a change of officers before regular reorganizations. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
Passed 4-1. S. Ford voted no.
- D. Hawkins inquired if anyone wanted to reorganize now. No comments. No motion made.

- **Resolution 2020-13, Fiscal Plan for Taylor Annexation, Introduction**

- S. Watson stated the Council has been provided with the Ordinance for Annexation however a fiscal plan has to be approved before the Ordinance can be passed. The 8.54-acre residential property consisting of one home, is zoned R2 for the County but will be zoned Whiteland R1 when it comes into the Town. Current assessed value is \$258,300. The property owner is responsible for the cost of any capital services.
- The fiscal plan includes all services provided, tax information, expenditures, receipts, and costs. Snow removal, Police, and Fire already service that area.
- N. Gabehart stated the homeowner will not see any changes in taxes paid.
- Eric Prime will be representing the Taylor family.

- **Ordinance 2020-16, Taylor Property Annexation, Public Hearing, 1st Reading**

- Eric Prime, Van Valer Law Firm, stated the area already has had very heavily annexations lately. A power point presentation of the map was given. The Taylor family are asking the Town to annex their home as R1 because they are still living there. There are no zoning changes at this moment.
- The Staff of Whiteland gave a favorable recommendation along with the Whiteland Plan Commission.
- Consistent with the Comp Plan of 2011.
- The statutory criteria were summarized.
- Public Hearing opened at 7:44 pm. No comments. Hearing closed at 7:44 pm.
- S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord. 2020-16 for first reading. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Resolution 2020-14, LeFaive Property Fiscal Plan, Introduction**

- S. Watson stated this Fiscal Plan is very similar to the Taylor Property. The only difference is the assessed value of the property at \$333,300 and 6.56 acres.

- **Ordinance 2020-17, LeFaive Property Annexation, Public Hearing, 1st Reading**

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- Eric Prime, Van Valer Law Firm, stated the area already is directly next door to the Taylors and is similar. A power point presentation of the map was given. The LeFaive family are asking the Town to annex their home as R1 because they are still living there. There are no zoning changes at this moment.
- The Staff of Whiteland gave a favorable recommendation along with the Whiteland Plan Commission.
- Consistent with the Comp Plan of 2011.
- The statutory criteria were summarized.
- Public Hearing opened at 7:50 pm. No comments. Hearing closed at 7:50 pm.
- B. Goedecker made a motion to approve Ord. 2020-16 for first reading. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Ordinance 2020-19, Amending Town Manager Duties and Responsibilities**

- The only change to the original ordinance is removing the Police Department and will be supervised by the Town Marshall. S. Ford made a motion to approve the amendment of Ord. 2020-19 through first reading. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Whiteland Commons Approval of Performance Bonds**

- To proceed with public improvements.
- N. Gabehart stated the area located on US 31 just south of Burger King. Dollar Tree will be located just north of Advanced Auto. The bonds have been verified and Staff has reviewed and given a recommendation to proceed.
- J. Saylor made a motion to approve. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0-2 S. Ford and D. Hawkins abstained

- **ABC Cutting Approval of Performance Bonds**

- Requesting delegation of authority for staff to grant approval of Performance Bonds to assist in closing on property.
- Legal and Town staff will make sure qualifications are met.
- S. Ford made a motion to delegate authority to the staff to approve the Performance Bonds. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Town Manager

- Snowbird rate – N. Gabehart stated our Utility Office Clerk has done a good job in researching rates for comparison with Bargersville, New. Whiteland, Franklin, and Indiana American. This includes vacant dwellings or structures, residential, and businesses. Rates would go down for a dwelling \$23.99 and \$13.50 minimum depending on stormwater and hydrant fees.
 - J. Saylor is in favor of consideration of recommendation. Everyone agrees. Thank you to Norm Gabehart for how he is willing to always work with the residents.
 - N. Gabehart wanted to acknowledge how Jaylen Withem responds to the residents in a very positive attitude. J. Saylor agreed.
 - The ordinance will be presented at the next meeting on December 8, 2020.
 - October 18, 2020 the Town will assist in supporting in a fundraiser for Zach Tomey, a cancer patient, 5K walk.
- DR Horton update on commitments consideration for the South parcel and has agreed to put \$50,000 into the Park for park improvements.

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- State of the Town Address date has been set for January 15, 2021, 10:30 am at 1550 W. 600 N, Restoration Church. If the Council approves N. Gabehart would like approval to deliver the State of the Town Address since it would be his last before retiring on January 15, 2021. Refreshments will be served. A good turnout would be expected.
- There are new requests for information from interests in the Town for development. He cannot state who are inquiring.
- B. Goedecker inquired if any permits have been given on the Saddlebrook Farms development. The developer will pull about 60 permits as soon as they are ready.
- James Lowhorn is the new licensed Water Operator for the Town.

Council Comment

- S. Ford inquired how many resumes have been received so far for the Town Manager position and stated he would like N. Gabehart to help with looking at the resumes for the new Town Manager.


Public Comment

- Bill Niemier, Tharp Investments, 6910 N. Shadeland Ave, complimented Carmen Parker and Norm Gabehart for all their help in the approval process with Whiteland Commons.

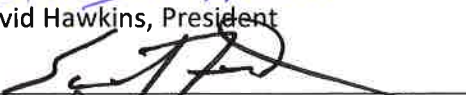
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 8th of December, 2020


Aye




 David Hawkins, President



 Scot Ford



 Laura Fleury



 Brad Goedecker



 Joe Sayler

Nay

 David Hawkins, President

 Scot Ford

 Laura Fleury

 Brad Goedecker

 Joe Sayler

Attest:



 Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk/Treasurer

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