

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**August 14, 2018**

| <u>Council members present</u> |          | <u>Other Town Officials</u> |          | <u>Other Town Officials</u> |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Kent Beeson                    |          | Norm Gabehart               |          | John White                  |          |
| President                      | <u>X</u> | Town Manager                | <u>X</u> | Attorney                    | <u>X</u> |
| James Klenner                  |          | Debra L. Hendrickson        |          | Steve Burden                |          |
| Vice President                 | <u>X</u> | Deputy Clerk                | <u>X</u> | WWTP Superintendent         | <u>X</u> |
| Scot Ford                      |          | Rick Shipp                  |          | Dave Gabbard                |          |
| Member                         | <u>X</u> | Town Marshal                | <u>X</u> | Water Superintendent        | <u>X</u> |
| Andy Brock                     |          | Joe Csikos                  |          |                             |          |
| Member                         | <u>X</u> | Planning & Zoning Dir.      | <u>X</u> |                             |          |
| David Hawkins                  |          | Eric Funkhouser             |          |                             |          |
| Member                         | <u>X</u> | Fire Chief                  | <u>X</u> |                             |          |

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

**Pledge**

**Roll Call**

**Invocation** - Conducted by N. Gabehart

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

**Minutes from the July 10, 2018 and June 27, 2018 (special) meeting**

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 minutes and June 27, 2018 (special) as presented. A. Brock seconded the motion.  
**Passed 3-0-1** S. Ford abstaining

**Voucher Packet 8-14-18**

- S. Ford made a motion to accept Voucher Packet 8-14-18 as presented. A. Brock seconded the motion.  
**Passed 3-0-1** K. Beeson abstaining

**Financial Reports**

- D. Hendrickson read the reports on the beginning balances and ending balances on all the operating Funds. Nothing out of the ordinary to report in Water and Sewer Funds. N. Gabehart stated, based on a report, the General Fund has a higher balance today than a year ago with two new Police Officers added and some equipment purchases also. It had a zero balance as of January 1, 2015.
- \$83,164.53 in the Water Improvement fund. \$287,210.33 in the Sewer Improvement fund.

**Old business -**

- Ordinance 2018-02, Establish a new water rate for water sales (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Public Hearing opened at 7:11 pm. Closed at 7:12 pm. Motion made by S. Ford to approve the first reading. D. Hawkins made seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0.**

A. Brock made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the final reading. S. Ford seconded the motion.

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**Passed 4-0.**

- Resolution 2018-03, Additional Appropriation for the Community Crossings Matching Grant \$559,310 awarded from INDOT and Transfer of the Town's Matching portion \$140,000 from LR&S Fund and \$51,000 from the MVH Fund to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund. Public Hearing opened at 7:19 pm. Closed at 7:20 pm. D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03 as read. A. Brock seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0**

**New business –**

- **Ordinance 2018-05, 2019 Budget (Introduction)**
  - N. Gabehart stated the budget passed out is the redline version showing the difference from 2018 to 2019. Gabehart gave a summary and breakdown in each fund. He also stated there would be another police officer hired and a raise given to everyone and the increase in cost of healthcare premiums. S. Ford ask if the Fire Department, when merged, would be separate in the Budget from the Town. Gabehart stated it would have its own budget.
- **Ordinance 2018-06, 2019 Salary Ordinance (Introduction)**
  - S. Ford and K. Beeson requested a comparison on the Town Manager's and Chief of Police's salary for a possible increase.
- **Ordinance 2018-03, EFT Authorization, (Introduction)**

Hendrickson stated the SBOA is requiring a policy stating the Town allows EFT payments or deposits as a part of the Internal Controls set in place by the SBOA.
- **Resolution 2018-04, Approval for Lease Purchase Agreement**
  - Lending institutions and getting more technical on lending. The Institution we are using for this purchase is requiring permission from the Council for their affirmation with a commitment of a Resolution. Hendrickson explained the process required by IBB to obtain the lowest rate. The total lease/purchase loan for the 5 vehicles and equipment (police vehicles) would be for \$159,168. The fee structure does not go against the debt limit. After discussing it with Police Chief Shipp a five-year loan would be adequate. D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the Lease/Purchase Agreement with IBB for \$159,168. A. Brock seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0**
- **Kent Beeson requesting a reorganization**
  - He will have a residence change within the next 30-45 days out of Whiteland. S. Ford made a motion to reorganization for the position of President. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0**

  - S. Ford made a motion to reorganize this today and nominated Andy Brock for President for the remainder of the existing term effective immediately. D. Hawkins seconded the motion and nomination.

**Passed 4-0**

**Town Manager – Norm Gabehart**

- Introduced Fire Chief Eric Funkhouser to a report on a grant for a Fire Fighters grant. The department obtained a grant writer for \$200 to secure the grant for radios. Notice the grant was awarded to the Fire department for \$159,477. The Fire Department's matching portion is 5% or \$7,973.00.
- Dave Gabbard requesting to add a new mower.
  - Wide area mower with a 96-inch cut. Diesel X-Mark zero turn radius.
  - John Deere was asked to bid but no reply.

- Would allow the Department of Public Works to cover more area in less time freeing up time for other projects.
- S. Ford inquired how many hours a year anticipated. Gabbard stated around 300 a year.
- K. Beeson how long before we could get it delivered. Gabbard stated one week.
- S. Watson inquired how many bids total. Gabbard stated four.
- N. Gabehart recommended where to appropriate the money from: 1/3 from Trash fund, 1/3 from Sprint Cell Tower fund and 1/3 Sewer operating fund. S. Ford made a motion to approve the purchase of the X-Mark mower for \$31,999. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.  
**Passed 4-0**

- **Norm Gabehart** stated he would like to pay off the 2014 B.A.N. at the end of this year. He will bring the numbers next month.
- **Police Chief Shipp** wanted to thank the Fire Department for a quick response in saving a victim's life in a shooting
- **S. Watson** recommended the Council should update the Town purchasing code on the bidding process and use an ordinance to do so.

**Council comment**

- none


**Public comment**

- none

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 11<sup>th</sup> of September, 2018

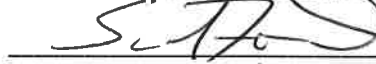
Aye



Shawn A. Brock, President

ABSTAIN

James Klenner, Vice President



Scot Ford



Kent Beeson



David Hawkins

Nay

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**Attest:**



Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer