

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**August 13, 2019**

**Council members present**

**Other Town Officials**

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Andy Brock President	<u>  X  </u>	Norm Gabehart Town Manager	<u>  X  </u>	Stephen Watson Town Attorney	<u>  X  </u>
David Hawkins Vice President	<u>  X  </u>	Debra L. Hendrickson Clerk Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>	Eric Funkhouser Fire Chief	<u>  X  </u>
Scot Ford Member	<u>  X  </u>	Rick Shipp Town Marshal	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
Joe Saylor Member	<u>  X  </u>	Joe Csikos Planning & Zoning Dir.	<u>  X  </u>		<u>          </u>
Brad Goedecker Member	<u>  X  </u>		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

**Call to order** – A. Brock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – All present

**Invocation** – Norm Gabehart

**Minutes from July 09, 2019**

- S. Ford made comment on a spelling correction in the minutes on the first page.
- S. Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2019 as presented. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0** with the correction.

**Voucher Packet 8-13-19**

- S. Ford made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 8-13-19 as presented. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

**Financial Reports**

- D. Hendrickson reported the operating funds are still in good standing with a small decrease in the Water Operating due to several projects.
- S. Ford inquired if the balances are including the Budget reductions from last year. N. Gabehart replied yes. There will be drastic changes in the balances in the operating funds due to the Town's portion of the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund.
- N. Gabehart stated the Bond Anticipation Note will be paid off instead of going to Bond. The soft costs were extremely high.

**Old business**

- Resolution 2019-10, Transfer \$2500 from the General Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund

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- S. Ford made a motion to approve the Res. 2019-10 for Transfer of Funds. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- Resolution 2019-08, Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund and Transfers

- D. Hendrickson stated the State requires transferring of funds to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund to show payment of the project.
- Public Hearing opened at 7:20. Closed at 7:21. D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Res. 2019-08 with the transfers and additional appropriations of the LRS funds. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

### New Business

- A. Brock stated he will be moving outside the Town limits so he is stepping down as President of the Council for reorganization effective 8-14-19. He made motion to nominate D. Hawkins as President and Scot Ford and V-President. S. Watson suggested doing each position at a time. S. Ford seconded the motion to nominate D. Hawkins as President.

**Passed 4-0-1 with Hawkins abstaining**

- A. Brock made a motion to nominate Scot Ford as V-President. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0-1 with Ford abstaining**

- Resolution 2019-09, TIF area expansion

- N. Gabehart stated the when the RDC first established the TIF area there was a question why a certain area was left out. It may be needed for the future was the response. The Town now sees a reason for the inclusion due to some interest in areas in Whiteland. S. Watson stated it also provides opportunity to develop funds for future infrastructure. N. Gabehart stated it is just in the planning stages. J. Sayler inquired if there has been any debt issued in the TIF area to which the answer stated by N. Gabehart was no. S. Watson stated this is a five-step process. With the Town agreement will be a part of the five steps. A. Brock made a motion to approve the Res. 2019-09 TIF Area Expansion. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- Ordinance 2019-04, Amending Chapter 156.225-156.228 Zoning Code

- Existing towers couldn't handle the equipment FAA & FCC Certifications, landscaping, dry standards etc. This deals with the large cell phone towers. S. Watson stated since this is a zoning ordinance does not require two readings to pass. S. Ford made a motion to suspend the rules of Ord. 2019-04 Amending Chapter 156.225-156.228. A. Brock seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

S. Ford made a motion to approve 2019-04. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- Briar Creek Bond Approval

- Conditional approval of the acceptance of the bonds on approval of J. Csikos and Town Attorney S. Watson. If they bonds are not acceptable then the Town would come back to the next Council meeting after they provided everything needed. J. Csikos does feel comfortable with what they have pending approval with the attorney. Adam Mears with Gradison Development stated they know they have to wait and are ok waiting on J. Csikos and S. Watson's approval. S.

Ford made a motion to approve the Bond Acceptance pending the approval of J. Csikos and S. Watson and conditions be met within a 15-day period. A. Brock seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

• Whiteland Exchange Sect. 1 Bond Acceptance

- 100 percent performance bond for 125% of the construction value and conditional upon approval. J. Saylor made a motion to approve the Bond Approval upon conditions met. S. Ford seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- Ford wanted to discuss supporting Brad Goedeker as the liaison for merger between the Town of Whiteland and New Whiteland. B. Goedeker asked for S. Watson for help in guiding him in the correct path to pursue the issue. Goedeker has had some discussion with the residents of both Towns. In order to get the issue on for referendum 10% of all registered voters of both Town have to sign a petition. B. Goedeker agreed to accept the position.

**Town Manager Report –**

- N. Gabehart wanted to thank Andy Brock for his service to the Town. A notice has been drawn up to post to the public. The Town Council will now have the task of appointing a new member because the political position is Independent. Anyone who lives in Ward 3 can apply by August 28, 2019 by 5:00 pm. The position will last until December 31, 2019.
- Annual Community Day will be Sept. 13 and Sept. 14. There will be a concert both nights with fireworks on Sept. 14.

**Council Comment - None**


**Public Comment**

- Tim Brown, resident running for Town Council in Ward 1 inquired about the letter that will be sent to each candidate with the signage regulations. N. Gabehart stated the letter will be mailed to the candidates soon.
- Becky Haveman, Whiteland Orchard. Would like to see the map where the TIF expansion was compared to the Orchard. She also wanted to let the Council about the Johnson County Plan meeting pertaining to the variance for a property by the schools on Worthville Rd. where there will be parking for many semis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2019

Vote For

  
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 David Hawkins, President

  
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 Scot Ford

  
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 Brad Goedeker

Vote Against

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 David Hawkins, President

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 Scot Ford

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 Brad Goedeker

member

Joe Saylor

member

Joe Saylor

**Attest:**

*Debra L. Hendrickson*  
Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer