

and suggested to replace their plumbing or use their water more frequently. After the Town hired a company out of Jefferson Kentucky to test our water, we felt very comfortable with their findings which tested way above IDEM's standards.

- S. Ford made a suggestion to the Council to increase the fee paid to all of the other Town Boards. There has not been an increase in approximately 35 years. N. Gabehart stated he would check with other municipalities on their rates.
- D. Hendrickson wanted to recognize the Town's new Utility Clerk, Jaylen Withem. The Utility Office has audited the software and the residential accounts. It has been a lot of work for Jaylen and Julia.

**Public Comment –**


- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 11<sup>th</sup> of August, 2020

Aye

  
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David Hawkins, President

  
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Scot Ford, Vice President

  
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Laura Fleury

  
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Brad Goedeker

  
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Joe Saylor

**Attest:**

  
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Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

Nay

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David Hawkins, President

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Scot Ford, Vice President

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Laura Fleury

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Brad Goedeker

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Joe Saylor

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**July 14, 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		Shaun Young	
Vice President	<u>  X  </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>	Public Works Supt.	<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	<u>  X  </u>		_____
Brad Goedeker					
Member	<u>  X  </u>				

**Call to order**

- D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call - All Present**

**Invocation – Norm Gabehart**

**Minutes**

- **June 9, 2020** – S. Ford ask for a change in wording. D. Hendrickson stated it would be changed. S. Ford made a motion to accept the 6-09-2020 minutes with changes. J. Saylor seconded the motion.  
**Passed 4-0-1 Hawkins abstaining.**
- **June 19, 2020** – S. Ford made a motion to approve the 6-19-2020 minutes as written. L. Fleury seconded the motion.  
**Passed 4-0-1 with Saylor abstaining.**

**Voucher Packet 7-14-2020**

- N. Gabehart requested the Voucher Packet 06-09-2020 be revisited. Voucher # 23285 for Automatic Doors & Access, employs Council member S. Ford and so he wanted to abstain from the vote. J. Saylor made a motion to revoke for APV #23285. L. Fleury seconded the motion.  
**Passed 3-0-2 Ford and Hawkins abstains**  
 J. Saylor made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 6-09-2020. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.  
**Passed 3-0-2 Ford and Hawkins abstains.**
- S. Ford made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 7-14-2020. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

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## Financials

- D. Hendrickson stated the Town received the June Tax Settlement of \$311,624.68 was normal.
- N. Gabehart also stated that we may see depleted revenues as early as next year due to COVID 19 but recovery will be quick and we will come back strong.
  - We are on target to exceed anticipated funds for the end of the year.
  - S. Ford was impressed with the operating fund balance.
  - Water Improvement fund increase was due to one of the buildings out east.
  - The Utility office and staff has done a wonderful job looking at all the rates and assessing the issues.
  - Revenues in Stormwater estimated a bill on the Amazon building will roughly be \$2,000 a month another building will be \$700 a month.

## New Business

### 1. Opening Bids on the Paving Project for Community (partial Springhill Addition), (curb lines, driveway approaches, New road surface.

▪ Harding Group, 2916 Kentucky Avenue, Indpls., IN - \$504,357	<b>Total Bid Base</b>
▪ Milestone Contractors LP, 3410 S. 650 E. Columbus, IN - \$547,479	<b>Total Bid Base</b>
▪ Grady Bros. Inc. – PO Box 421519, Indpls., IN - \$661,193.82	<b>Total Bid Base</b>

- Ford inquired for the start date. *Answer:* Not able to answer.
- Goedeker inquired:
  - What do you do with the leftover Grant money? *Answer:* We are only entitled to what the project costs.
  - How well do you know the Harding Group? *Answer:* Familiar with their work
- Hawkins inquired if there were any problems with Milestone last year? *Answer:* No
- Fleury inquired about Grady Bros. *Answer:* Have worked with them in the past.
- S. Ford made a motion to accept Harding Group after going through the bid docs with legal counsel. D. Hawkins seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**
- 2. **Acceptance of Deed Dedication from Whiteland 95 RE, LLC**
  - Gravel driveway at the old Maschmeyer Farm going South from stoplight at Warrior Trail. The government could limit how big you can go. A need to get right of ways in the hands of the Town with a dedicated deed to prevent land locks. When development comes along then the improvements made.
  - L. Fleury inquired about if there would be public access. *Answer:* Not at the time unless needed.
  - Trying to work on a roundabout at the stoplight and Warrior Trail. Looking at all the plans with the Federal Highway.
  - S. Ford inquired if there was a cost to the Town. *Answer:* No
  - J. Saylor made a motion to approve the Deed Dedication. S. Ford seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**

### 3. Review Tax Abatement Compliance with Statement of Benefits

- This relates to building #2 at the JDW who was granted a tax abatement last year and this is a part of the requirement filing the Statement of Compliance along with the Statement of Benefits. It is unique because the assessment was done when the building was partially completed. So, in summary there only needs to be a determination if they are in compliance or not. Counsel recommended for an acceptance. S. Ford stated with the current assessed value 1.6 million dollars the TIF money generated will be around \$45,000 for the land only. S. Ford

made a motion that finding WDP JV #2 LLC, to be in compliance. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

**4. Resolution 2020-08, Waiving Noncompliance with Abatement Filing Time Compliance**

- No comments. J. Saylor made a motion RES. 2020-08 Waiving Noncompliance with Abatement. L. Fleury seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**

**5. Ordinance 2020-06, Powers and Duties of Town Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

- N. Gabehart stated the Town Manager should not have to be at all meetings and will make sure there are appropriate Department heads to attend.
- Town Manager shall have the authority to hire and dismiss any Town employee without approval of Town Council.
- J. Saylor inquired what mechanism is there for the Town Council on Sub 4 of the Ordinance, of direction and oversight on Town Managers authority. Gabehart stated if the Council has an issue, they could bring the Town Manager in. Saylor stated the current Ordinance still says they have oversight they would have to know what directions the Town Manager is going in. Suggestion of an email or a phone call in certain situations of disciplinary actions be followed.
- S. Ford made a motion to pass Ord. 2020-06. D. Hawkins seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.** S. Ford made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and final Reading of Ord. 2020-06. D. Hawkins seconded the motion **Passed 5-0.** S. Ford made a motion to pass Ord. 2020-06 for final reading. J. Saylor seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**

**6. Ordinance 2020-07, New Trash Rates - Introduction**

- N. Gabehart stated they looked at comparison in the County. A spreadsheet was circulated to the Board members of the rates. The trash fund was always in the negative in the past due to the residents calling Republic for replacement cans and deliver the can to the resident and charge the Town but did not let us know. Since we have remedied the problem so that we no longer have negative balances. It has been four years since the last raise.
- Proposed a new rate of \$13.50 starting in October.
- Public Hearing in August.
- The Town's Public Works Superintendent Shaun Young and staff did a great job with the heavy trash pickup while COVID 19 first started even in in climate weather since Republic refused to pick up because of the extra trash from more people staying home.
- Board members L. Fleury and J. Saylor really appreciated the heavy pick up during those times.

**Town Manager Report**

- An application for an appointment to the Plan Commission was distributed. Stephanie Harris of Whiteland. She has no party affiliation. S. Ford made a motion to appointment Stephanie Harris to the Plan Commission Board. J. Saylor seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.** There is still one more opening.
- Health Insurance Renewal - The Town currently does not have a HR Department. Julia Meece does facilitate the information for the Town. The increase for the next year of the current policy is \$59,092.32. There were other comparisons made through the Town's broker. This policy was still the best option. The Town pays 90/10 on the policy. S. Ford made a motion to renew Policy BJ-OR. J. Saylor seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0-1 with Goedeker abstaining**
- L. Fleury inquired about the Water Quality Report that was mailed to all residents. The report showed a few homes built in the earlier years are almost impossible because usage in the house were less than 1000 gallons a month which wasn't frequent enough. So those homes were informed about their tests