

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

January 8, 2019

Council members present

Other Town Officials

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Andy Brock		Norm Gabehart		Stephen Watson	
President	<u> X </u>	Town Manager	<u> X </u>	Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
David Hawkins		Debra L. Hendrickson		Josh Wade	
Vice President	<u> X </u>	Clerk-Treasurer	<u> X </u>	WWTP Superintendent	<u> </u>
Scot Ford		Rick Shipp		Dave Gabbard	
Member	<u> X </u>	Town Marshal	<u> X </u>	Water Superintendent	<u> </u>
Joe Saylor		Joe Csikos		Rusty Snyder	
Member	<u> X </u>	Planning & Zoning Dir.	<u> X </u>	MS4 Coordinator	<u> X </u>
Vacant		Eric Funkhouser			
Member	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u> </u>		

Call to order – A. Brock called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm

Roll Call – All present

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from December 11, 2018, December 20, 2018

- S. Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from 12-11-18. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
Passed 3-0-1 Hawkins abstains
- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from 12-20-18. S. Ford seconded the motion.
- **Passed 4-0**

Voucher Packet 1-08-19

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve V-P 1-08-19. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0

Financials –

- Gabehart stated \$462,852.50 is the current balance of the General Fund which was at zero balance as of January 1, 2015. Since then we are getting ready to add our third police officer along with the significant operating balance.
- Gabehart also stated the debt service for the Water Meters has been paid off. All debt is down from approximately \$6 million to \$2.8 million balance. The Water Improvement Fund has doubled. This money has accumulated from water impact fees and will be used on a project and will be brought to the Council as soon as the quotes are in on the project. D. Hawkins inquired if the Town will be personally taking care of. Gabehart stated we could but we do not have the time due to other projects. J. Saylor inquired if the project contributed to the Boil Water alerts recently. Gabehart replied no.
- S. Ford stated J. Klenner has resigned his seat on the Council as of December 20, 2018 and asked for nomination to replace his position as Vice President. A. Brock nominated David Hawkins. J. Saylor seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0-1 with Hawkins abstaining.**

Old business –

- **619 Poplar**
 - Not satisfactory. Recommendation is another meeting with Counsel, Town Manager and the resident. Hawkins inquired the safety condition of the property which Gabehart replied the Town is not in a position to comment on it. S. Watson stated the only item that has been asked to be done immediately is removing the fencing which has not occurred. The other requests have not changed.
- **189 Pinedale**
 - Progressing at a reasonable rate based on the demands of the Town.

New Business

- **Resolution 2019-01, Consideration of Merging the Town of Whiteland with the Town of New Whiteland**
 - S. Watson read the resolution into the meeting. Gabehart stated the Town of New Whiteland stated in their minutes it was received from the Town Manager of Whiteland through legal counsel. D. Hawkins inquired if the Town of Whiteland had received any response from the Town of New Whiteland. Gabehart stated he has only talked to residents of the community but not the Council of New Whiteland specifically. It only takes 10% of the registered voters of both communities to pass this merger through referendum in an election year. S. Ford made a motion to adopt the resolution 20109-01. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0
- **Conflict of Interest**
 - Carmen Parker – Administrative Assistant to Norm Gabehart - sells items to the Town from 185 Promotions and Apparel.
 - Leslie Beeson – BZA board member - Owner of Beeson Mechanical whom does work on the Town's equipment.
S. Ford made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Forms. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0

Town Manager Report


- Introduction of Grace Brewington, President of Town Manager's Student Advisory Council. She will be attending a leadership summit on 2-16-19. She runs a meeting every Wednesday at the Town Hall. They have done a great job on the design of a Parkour Apex Park Course.
- The Town is partnering with the School Corporation on an intern program. It gives experience in being involved. The Town has four students working on educating them on Town policies and procedures and government. The Town is also working on a gateway system on the opioid addiction along with the county and other events with the students and the Alternative Academy.
- The Trailways project is complete. Thank you to the Town and the School for all their help. The left-over millings will be distributed to residents in the Town of Whiteland with the blessings of the Council. D. Hawkins made a motion to approve disposal of left-over millings to Whiteland residents. S. Ford seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0
- Commended J. Csikos for the great job with the application for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund money. J. Csikos also saved the Town money on the creating a new Zoning Code, which the City of Greenwood contracted out for \$152,000. With that being said N. Gabehart

would like to implement a program recognizing employees or departments, who step up and accomplish above and beyond their normal work by amending the salary ordinance to reward those employees. Giving the Town Manager the latitude to have a bank of PTO time to be used within a one to two- year term.

- Possible round-a-bout at Whiteland Rd. and Centerline Rd. There would have to be collaborations with the County and New Whiteland.
- Approached by the Railroad about a train passing lane from 300N to 500N. Gabehart stated he does not think it would happen.
- **Council comment** – J. Sayler voiced concern about Ordinance 94-11. S. Watson stated there were 13 exceptions. None of the exceptions would cover parks. Counsel recommendation would be to rescind the Ordinance. With the consensus Counsel would create the Ordinance. Everyone replied AYE.
- **Counsel comment**– S. Watson inquired if the Town would like to create the resolution to re-establish the CCD rate. Gabehart’s recommendation is to re-establish the rate to the maximum amount which would be for three years. Consensus - everyone stated AYE
- Public comment
 - Resident John Venter inquired about the firearms and schools. Watson stated there is a statute on schools which does not allow firearms except for specific persons.
 - Resident Sandra Kelly inquired on how to sign up for the One Call Now emergency call program. Gabehart stated to call the utility office and they can sign up with either a phone number, email or text.
 - Resident Becky Haveman inquired what the code states on how long Christmas lights? Whiteland code 156.400 §c6 states decorations are allowed up 30 days before and 30 days after.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

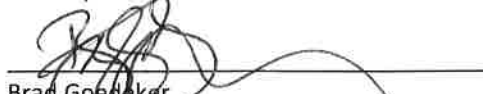
Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 12 of February, 2019

Aye

Shawn A. Brock, President


Scot Ford


David Hawkins


Joe Sayler


Brad Goedeker


Debra L. Hendricks

ATTEST: Debra L. Hendricks, Clerk Treasurer

Nay

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