

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
August 11, 2020

Council members present

David Hawkins	
President	<u> X </u>
Scot Ford	
Vice President	<u> X </u>
Laura Fleury	
Member	<u> X </u>
Joe Saylor	
Member	<u> X </u>
Brad Goedeker	
Member	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

Norm Gabehart	
Town Manager	<u> X </u>
Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>
Rick Shipp	
Town Marshal	<u> X </u>
Eric Funkhouser	
Fire Chief	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Shaun Young	
Public Works Supt.	<u> X </u>
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Call to order

- D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - All Present

Invocation – Norm Gabehart

Adoption of Order of the Business of the Day

- Wanted to add two code enforcements to the Agenda

Minutes

- **July 14, 2020** – S. Ford ask for a change in wording. D. Hendrickson stated it would be changed. B. Goedeker made a motion to accept the 7-14-2020 minutes with changes. S. Ford seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Voucher Packet 8-11-2020

- N. Gabehart handed out an extra sheet of Vouchers to be paid to be approved along with the other Voucher Packet. S. Ford made a motion to add the extra Vouchers to the Agenda for approval along with the original packet. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0-1 Saylor abstains
- S. Ford inquired
 - If the hospital fee was a Workman’s Comp issue. No.
 - Is the invoice for \$19,000 was a monthly fee? Gabehart replied yes.
- D. Hawkins inquired if everyone wanted to vote on the extra packet tonight.
- S. Ford to approve the Voucher Packet 8-11-2020 as amended. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

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Passed 4-0-1 Saylor abstains

Financials

- N. Gabehart stated typically introduce the Budget for the next year but the DLGF has scheduled the Budget meeting to later in August. The Council will receive the Budget in approximately two weeks and have the first reading in September.
- Gabehart plans on raises in 2021
- The other funds operating balances are running consistent.
- Sewer plant is functioning very well
- Thank the Public Works Coordinator for doing an excellent job in taking care of the Water system on a day to day basis.
- NAV sheets were passed out showing the growth in assessed value in single family home dwellings. The assessed value increased approximately \$12,000,000 in one year which was tremendous. S. Ford stated it was a good thing.

Old Business

- **Ordinance 2020-07, Public Hearing**
 - Public hearing opened at 7:28pm. No comments. Closed at 7:29pm
- **Ordinance 2020-07 – New Trash Rates (1st Reading).**
 - The Town plans on continuing doing an annual heavy trash pickup since it was such a big success. J. Saylor made a motion to approve the 1st Reading on Ordinance 2020-07, New Trash Rates. B. Geodeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

New Business

- **Final Plat Approval, 20-P-08 Project Hercules**
 - Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation
 - Identifying all easements and right-a-ways.
 - Accepting dedications of right-a-ways.
 - S. Ford made a motion to accept the Final Plat Approval. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Code Enforcement Officer – Nathan Vrab

- Two properties have been investigating for some time.
 1. 259 St. Charles Way – Originally opened by R. Snyder.
 - Clutter on property
 - Vehicles parked on sidewalks and right-a-ways
 - Habitat for vermin
 - Pictures were introduced to the Council
- There was a meeting with the homeowner In March with a 30-day abatement and then Covid19 happened. The Town would like to give the homeowner 20 more days and then appear before the Council in September at the monthly meeting.
- L. Fleury inquired what is being asked of the homeowner - To show some corrective progress. Items have been moved but just to a different part of the property. N. Gabehart stated the Town has been working over six years trying to encourage progress with no success and multiple resident complaints. They have been called before the Council previously and with no success also.
- Chief Shipp stated he has been dealing with the situation for a long time.

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- The Town would like a consensus of the Board to follow the Town recommendation. S. Ford made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Staff for 20-day deadline and appear before the Council. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

2. 305 Cardinal Drive.
 - Photos were provided showing vegetation overgrown more than six inches
 - Mice infestation
 - A mound of dirt
 - Clutter of items
 - Shed leaning up against the fence
- Town would like to proceed with same action and considerations as the previous violation requested. Letters were sent out prior to coming to the Council meeting.
- D. Hawkins invited the resident to the podium to speak. Valerie Taylor, 305 Cardinal Drive. Provided a couple of pictures of the standing water which the Town did attend to the drainage issue with a hose and then direct it out to the front. Hawkins what has the resident done to help alleviate the issue. She stated that there has not been any help and she cannot do it by herself. N. Gabehart stated he has not heard of any acceptance of help from the Town. The Town would try to help clean up what is with in the realm of possibilities.
- B. Goedeker inquired what the resident has done to try to remove the overwhelming amount of brush and foliage? Resident stated it was her trees and will not remove them.
- N. Gabehart stated the Town is more than happy to help with the overgrown vegetation with a cooperative plan. Gabehart inquired if there were any trees that is not vegetation. Vrab stated the vegetation exceeds the Town limit.
- J. Sayler inquired if the shed is on the residents' property. Resident stated it was her shed. Sayler stated it looks like the property has gotten away from her. Resident was not accepting of help from the Town.
- S. Ford made a motion to follow the Town's recommendation 20 days and to appear before the Council for the September meeting. B. Goedeker seconded the meeting.

Passed 4-1 Sayler declaring No

- 259 St. Charles Way residents just arrived at 8:15pm. Serita Southwood.
- J. Sayler asked if the resident would answer some questions. What are the thoughts of the resident? Most of the problems will be accomplished in a couple of weeks. She inquired what was the answer to the problems with the driveway. N. Gabehart stated the Town is still waiting on the Ordinance for Parking to be completed.
- B. Goedeker thanked the resident for attending the hearing. What was the residents' intentions for removing all the items on the property? Resident stated they were relocating the items off of the property.

Town Manager Report

- The Town is still suspending all late fees and disconnects due to Covid19.
- Community Day has been canceled for 2020.
- An Annexation coming to the Council next month plus another petition for annexation north of Cooper Tires.
- The Town's growth has been productive and positive.

Council Comment

- S. Ford

- o inquired about other Boards operating in the Town and their pay. N. Gabehart stated after doing studies it would probably go to \$75 per monthly meeting in the Salary Ordinance for 2021
- o When will the crossing arms be completed on the Railroads? The Town does not know the timeline of the Railroad.
- o Would like to see a Resolution on parking on the Oakville Blvd. asap. Evolution Auto is continuing to block the traffic on the entrance to Oakville Subdivision.

Public Comment

- o None

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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

Aye

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 Goedecker

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Joe Saylor

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Attest:

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Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer