

# WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

## September 10, 2019

### 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>          </u>
Joe Csikos Planning & Zoning Dir.	<u>          </u>
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### Other Town Officials

Stephen Watson Town Attorney	<u>  X  </u>
Eric Funkhouser Fire Chief	<u>  X  </u>
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**Call to order** – D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – All present

**Invocation** – Norm Gabehart

**Adoption of the Order of Business**

- **D. Hendrickson** – stated there was an amendment to the Agenda which stated the Resolution 2019-11 will be continued to the next meeting. S. Watson explained it is part of the procedures of the Fire Department merger so both the Fire District and the Town Council will approve the Budget so that will not occur until the October 10 meeting.

**Minutes from August 13, 2019**

- S. Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2019 as presented. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0**

**Voucher Packet 9-10-19**

- S. Ford made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 9-10-19 as presented. J. Saylor seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0**

**Financial Reports**

- D. Hendrickson reported there were several disbursements due to the Road projects. Sewer Operating Fund is less but is still maintaining a very good balance. Water Operating Fund is lower also but while still maintaining a good balance.

**Appointment to fill Vacancy of Council Seat**

- S. Watson stated that Town Council President reported he was moving out of Whiteland and could not hold his seat. A notice was sent out for anyone interested to send in an application of interest. There was only one person who submitted an interest was Laura Fleury. S. Ford made a motion to accept Laura Fleury’s application. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0**

S. Watson swore in Ms. Fleury and she took her seat at the table.

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## Old business - None

## New Business - Ordinance 2019-05, 2020 Budget (Public Hearing)

- N. Gabehart gave an overview on:
  - The Road expenses
  - Cash operating balances over the last several years
  - Additional Police Officers
  - 3 new Council members
  - Our Town has never issued a General Fund Tax Back loan
  - The Town's approximately \$6,000,000 debt in 2016 will be down to approximately \$2,000,000 by the end of the year
  - The Bond Anticipation Note that was suppose to be issued in October of 2019 due to the Roundabout on Whiteland Rd. has been paid off
- The Budget for 2020 you have in front of you is what is statutorily required to be approved by the Department of Local Government and Finance. The Budget reduction will be in November.
  - The Fire Department Budget is new to the Town. In 2018 a referendum was passed for the Town to merge with the Fire Department. The agreement stated the Town would take with restructuring. Full control was yielded to the Town. The Fire District approached the Town originally with this proposal. After consulting with accountants and legal counsel to managed the money and was approved. The accountant said if there was an intent to raise the levy (property taxes collected) we needed to do it now before the referendum. We stated we wanted to work with what we already had. After meeting with DLGF in August they now tell us we need an excess levy for formality according to them.
- Salary Ordinance will be introduced in November. Raises were calculated on 3% of the police salaries because they are the majority of the employees which resulted in \$1660 across the board.
- Reviewed each budget separately.
- Scot Ford made a motion to pass the first reading of the 2020 Budget. David Hawkins seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**
- Public Hearing opened at 8:00 pm. No comments. Closed 8:01 pm

## Town Manager Report

- Community Day September 13 and 14.

## Council Comment

- S. Ford inquired if other candidates received their notice on the political sign's requirements. A all of the candidates indicated they did.
- S. Watson stated at the next meeting in October the Council will have to adopt a resolution approving the application of the excess levy.
- S. Watson stated there will be a resolution for the Abatement with the Whiteland exchange.

## Public Comment

- Sondra Kelly stated she notice a wet spot in front of her house in the street. She wondered when it will be fixed. N. Gabehart stated he would inquire with the staff and check into the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019

Aye

David A. Hawkins  
David Hawkins, President

Scot Ford

Laura Fleury  
Laura Fleury

Brad Goedeker

Joe Sayler  
Joe Sayler

Attest:

Debra L. Hendrickson  
Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

Nay

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David Hawkins, President

Scot Ford

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Laura Fleury

Brad Goedeker

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Joe Sayler