

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
September 30, 2020
Special Meeting**

<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			
Vice President	<u> X </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<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	_____		_____
Brad Goedeker					
Member	<u> X </u>				

Call to order

- D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – All present **Others present** – N. Gabehart, Nathan Vrab, Carmen Parker, Terry Patrick

Invocation – Norm Gabehart

Adoption of the Order of Business

New Business

- **Resolution 2020-11, Final Adoption of the Fiscal Plan for Mohr Property**
 - A fiscal plan must be adopted prior to an annexation. This is the 184 acres that applied for annexation from Mohr Development through Ordinance 2020-12.
 - Public Hearing was held on September 16, 2020.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-11. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
Passed 4-1 with L. Fleury voting No.
- **Ordinance 2020-12, Annexing Approximately 184 Acres of Property Owned by Zella Rose, Glenn & Rebecca Haveman, 8TH Generation LLC, and Michael & Lynne O'Brien, as Voluntarily Petitioned by the Property Owners, Final Reading**
 - Public hearing was held on September 16, 2020.
 - The Petitioners listed additional commitments in the Ordinance. J. Saylor inquired if the additional commitments were in response to some of the conversations at the last meeting. N. Gabehart stated yes.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-12 with the additional commitments. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
Passed 4-1 with L. Fleury voting No.

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- **Ordinance 2020-14, Rezoning Bright Family Farms**

- Matt Price, attorney on behalf of MOHR Development stated there were concerns expressed about the rezoning being too much too fast thus the petitioner is withdrawing the request and to thank the Town for the opportunity and possibly make a better case in the future.
- S. Ford stated he appreciates the petitioner's request to withdraw on the petition. The TIF funds help the roads, infrastructure, Fire department and the Police department with some funds going to a pass-through directly to the schools.
- J. Sayler made motion to acknowledge the withdraw of Ordinance 2020-14. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Town Manager**

- Gave a summary of the projects currently going on in the Town of Whiteland.
- There has been approximately \$2.5 million worth of investment going into the ground at NO cost to the Town or the community.
- The developers have invested in the roads and infrastructure in surrounding areas of the projects.
- Abatements and TIF districts are a positive part of how to advance the community.

- **Counsel**

- Fire Department
 - Received communication from the Attorney General on a collection matter they are working on relating to State vs Divonna Hendrickson and Arch Insurance. They are insisting on collecting the money from the insurance company. They have reached an oral agreement settlement for \$50,000 for expenses. Any money left over goes to the Town and the Town must release any claim towards the insurance company. Recommendation to approve the motion to agree to the release of the claims that has been proposed.
 - N. Gabehart stated at the end of 2016 the Fire District Board came to the Town and asked if the Town would take over the Volunteer Fire Department and oversight. After a few months there was evidence of improper use of money and contacted the Sheriff's Department for investigation. The Town's position was to obtain the restitution from the individual who committed the crime. There was no bond obtained through the Volunteer Fire Department. Town Manager suggests the Council agree to the terms of Arch Insurance.
 - J. Sayler stated at the time of the investigation he recused himself from the case.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve to the release Arch Insurance and the Town Manager be authorize and execute any appropriate release documents. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Public Comments - None

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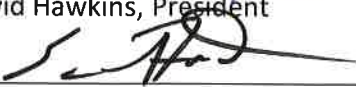
Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10th of November, 2020

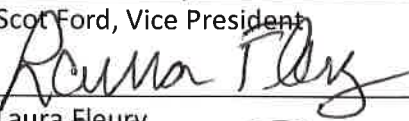
Aye



David Hawkins, President



Scot Ford, Vice President



Laura Fleury



Brad Goedeker



Joe Sayler

Nay

David Hawkins, President

Scot Ford, Vice President

Laura Fleury

Brad Goedeker

Joe Sayler

Attest:



Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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