

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 10, 2015

Robert Zehr called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge to the flag

Invocation by Roger Ford

Present: Robert Zehr, Kent Beeson, Roger Ford, and James Klenner

Absent: S.Ed Tichenor

Others Present: Michelle R. Richards-Clerk/Treasurer, Norm Gabehart-Town Manager/Street Supt./MS4, Nathan Bilger-Planning and Zoning Director, Rick Shipp-Town Marshal, Rusty Snyder-Plant Supt., Stephen Watson-Town Attorney

Kent Beeson made the motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2015 including the change of AFT to ATF on page 2. Roger Ford seconded the motion and passed 4-0.

Robert Zehr made the motion to approve voucher packet 15-8. Roger Ford seconded the motion and passed 3-0-1. Beeson abstained.

Michelle R. Richards reviewed the financials for the General Fund and the Sewer Operating Fund. James Klenner asked if the difference in receipts was due to amount of rainfall. Michelle R. Richards and Norm Gabehart explained this is not a factor. Norm further explained the time line of reading meters has changed and could have impacted the receipt numbers. James Klenner asked about the Bond Anticipation Note Fund balance. Norm explained the process of this fund.

Norm Gabehart presented the Wessler pay request in the amount of \$465.61. The project is complete and Norm feels Wessler did a great job on this project. Kent Beeson made the motion to approve the pay request and authorize the Town Manager to sign the appropriate paper work. James Klenner seconded the motion and passed 4-0.

Norm presented pay request #9 from Graves Plumbing in the amount of \$9,588.55 and the retainage amount of \$88,624.36. Norm explained the project was very successful. The plant did not have an overflow in the past two months with the heavy rain fall. Roger Ford made the motion to pay Graves the final payments and the Town Manager to sign appropriate paperwork. Beeson seconded the motion and passed 4-0.

Norm Gabehart stated the bond proceeds ended up being \$71,710 and will go into the Sewer Construction Fund and he wants to consult legal counsel after talking to Jim Higgins. There is a time frame but he does not want to rush a project until they have it prioritized and feel comfortable about what to ask for.

Nathan Bilger reviewed the 2015-02 Traffic Code Ordinance. He and the Fire Chief talked to all the home owners and to both businesses. No one had any problems with the Ordinance. Kent Beeson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02 on the 2nd and 3rd readings. James Klenner seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

Norm Gabehart showed a power point picture of the new leaf machine and reported the Storm Board approved the purchase at last meeting. This purchase is a 7 year term for the leaf machine and grappling truck with Citizens Bank. Will start to advertise for 2 part time employees to run this program.

Norm Gabehart said the town is trying to get a joint trash bid with New Whiteland, whose contract is up at the end of the year. New Whiteland is having a town council meeting on August 18th to open bids.

Norm gave highlights on 2016 suggested budget proposals. There will be enough revenue to hire a new police officer starting in June 2016. He recommended starting that process.

Norm explained that when entering line items it does not mean that amount will be spent but they want it in the budget in case they need it. Authorization will be obtained. MVH Fund went down \$8,497. Salaries will be adjusted to proportion the amount of time in each department. Norm just wanted the council to read and consider the recommendations and let him know if they have any questions to address. The budget no longer has to appear in the newspaper. The county is responsible for advertising.

Stephen Watson informed the council that the Resolution for PERF is not needed.

Nathan Bilger informed the council of the following permits filed: 1 residential addition, 1 in ground pool, 5 fence, 3 signs, and 3 accessory structures. Also 9 building inspections were performed. 7 nuisance violations. 5 tall grasses. 2 vegetation infringing right of way/impending visibility. Nathan informed of the \$10,000 Duke grant awarded. The round-a-bout on Whiteland Rd. and Graham Rd. bid letting is in first week of September. Mr. D's- INDOT is holding up the project. The Brian Duke funeral procession was very well received, and Nathan read a comment from Facebook thanking the Town of Whiteland for the support.

Rick Shipp Town Marshal presented information in July there were 322 police runs. 54 were out at the truck stops. He contributed it to being higher this month because of construction on I65. Reserve police hours 155. Officer Brian Smith is back fulltime. Vehicle break-in ended in a search warrant and an arrest. Home break-in found fingerprints and made an arrest. Also an arrest on a car theft. Fireworks problem resulted in one arrest, and no complaints since. Rick also complimented the out pouring of support for Brian Duke.

Rusty Snyder had nothing to say.

Norm Gabehart showed a slide show on stromwater projects done in the past year. Bailey and Woods project is flowing and not flooding. Parkway project set catch basins done. Ardmoor/Arlington backed up on East Parkway – pipe broke in two places. Main Street project successful but with an IOSHA violation which resulted in \$7,500 fine. We were able to get the fines reduce to zero. Main Street across from Administration Building has been successful. Hill Street, East of Maple. 2015 projects yet to begin include: Front St. detention, S. Brewer St. from Professional Carpet to westward, Thurman, and Myers Street. Norm spoke on how the police department has stepped in and helped without being asked on traffic control.

Norm says from this point on, all projects are going to have IOSHA sign off on contractors coming in to work on projects. INSAFE is going to start doing safety training.

Art Reifeis, 320 Parkway St. inquired about a couple of charges on the vouchers to which Michelle R. Richards responded. He proceeded to ask why it is ok for the Town of New Whiteland to ban fireworks

except for what the State of Indiana guidelines require and not us. The Council responded they thought that the new ordinance was adequate for now.

Meeting adjourned 8:16pm.

Passed by Town of Whiteland Town Council on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Aye

Nay

Robert Zehr

Robert Zehr

Kent Beeson

Kent Beeson

S. Ed Tichnor

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Roger Ford

Roger Ford

James Klenner

James Klenner

Attest:

Michelle R. Richards, IAMC, CMC