

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**January 12, 2021**

<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		Carmen Parker	
Vice President	<u>  X  </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>	Community Develop.	<u>  X  </u>
Laura Fleury		Rick Shipp		Shaun Young	
Member	<u>  X  </u>	Town Marshal	<u>  X  </u>	Public Works Sup.	<u>  X  </u>
Joe Saylor		Eric Funkhouser			
Member	<u>  X  </u>	Fire Chief	<u>  X  </u>		<u>      </u>
Brad Goedeker					
Member	<u>  X  </u>				

**Call to order**

- D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Pledge**

**Invocation** - Conducted by K. McGinnis

**Roll Call** – All present

**Conflict of Interest Disclosures**

- 1. Scot Ford – Town Council Board member, employed with Automated Doors & Access, Inc.
  - J. Saylor made a motion. B. Goedeker seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0-1 Ford abstains**
- 2. Tyler Croy – Whiteland Police Officer, owner of TXC Solutions
- 3. Michael Pershing – Whiteland Reserve Officer, employed with Apex Telecom, Inc.
- 4. Leslie Beeson – BZA Board member, owner of Beeson Mechanical
  - S. Ford made a motion to approve the last three Conflict of Interest Disclosures. B. Goedeker seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**

Meeting recessed at 7:07pm for Board of Finance meeting.

Meeting continued at 7:12.

**Minutes**

- December 08, 2020. S. Ford made a motion to accept the minutes December 08, 2020. J. Saylor seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

**Voucher Packet 1-14-2021**

- S. Ford made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 1-14-2021. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

**Financial Report**

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all the operating funds.

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- Property Tax December Settlement was deposited in the amount of \$375,869.85.
- N. Gabehart stated The Town received \$143,336 from the Indiana Finance Authority for Police payroll during Covid19 of 2020. If the Town did not accept the money it would have gone to other entities.
- Water Improvements totaling approximately 2.2 million dollars derived through engineer studies, have been completed out east due to the private partnerships between the Town and the developers. The Town has not had to put in any expenses.
- S. Ford inquired about the amount of outstanding debt. Gabehart stated approximately \$1.8 million which was at one point at approximately \$6,000,000.

### Old Business

- **Resolution 2020-09**, Additional Appropriation and Transfer of funds for the Community Crossing Match Grant Fund in order to pay for the road work. Public Hearing opened at 7:20 pm. No comments. Closed at 7:20 pm. S. Ford made a motion to approve Res. 2020-09. L. Fleury seconded the motion  
**Passed 5-0.**
- **Ordinance 2020-18**, Tax Abatement for Mohr Logistics, Public Hearing opened at 7:18pm. No comments. Closed at 7:18pm. S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord. 2020-16. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**
- **Resolution 2021-01**, Confirmatory Resolution for Tax Abatement on Mohr Logistics Park (on Building 1). 100% was granted for incentive previously. If commitment didn't were not met then there would be payment in lieu of taxes. S. Ford made a motion to approve Res. 2021-01. J. Sayler seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

### **Ordinance 2020-20**, Adjustment of utility charges for vacant properties, Public Hearing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

- The following fees would be occurred during vacancy:
  - Hydrant - \$2.99, Stormwater - \$7.50, Trash - \$13.50 with a total of \$23.99 for the month. Disconnect and reconnect would be an additional cost. Public Hearing opened at 7:33pm. No comments. Closed 7:33 pm. J. Sayler thanked Mr. Gabehart for the consideration.
  - S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord.2020-20. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

### **Passed 5-0**

- **Ordinance 2020-21**, Zoning ordinance amendment that went to the Plan Commission for approval of the modification. They approved it and no other action needed.
- **Police Chief Shipp**
  - Annual end of year report. The equipment purchased using the 911 fund which no longer exists. Officer T. Croy and Secretary J. Meece in a joint venture received 100% granted for \$67,000 plus for new radios.
  - \$5950 was deposited for new gun permits which is almost doubled than last year. The money goes into our LECE fund for training.
  - Call runs are down due to the Council allowing the department to hire extra officers.
  - S. Ford stated he was proud of Officer Doss being selected to help the County because he was an expert marksman.

- **RDC Appointment by Dave Hawkins**

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- Dave Hawkins nominated Scot Ford to return to the RDC Board, along with Butch Zike as a teacher representative (the nonvoting member). B. Goedecker made a motion to approve the nominations. J. Saylor seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1 with S. Ford abstaining.

- Modify the vacation time, paid sick leave, and paid personal days benefits for probationary employees, to accrue monthly instead of waiting the sixth month probation. Made a motion to approve the changes. Seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-1 with D. Hawkins voting no.**

## **New Business**

- **Ordinance 2021-01, Rezoning AG to I1, 129 Acres East of Graham**
  - Notice has been given and only requires one meeting.
  - Was presented to the Plan Commission a week earlier.
  - Meets the 2011 Comprehensive Plan.
  - N. Gabehart annexation occurred last year. Zoning does not occur until a developer comes to the table. The administration has been working with the developer J. Saylor seconded the motion. J. Saylor made a motion to approve Ord. 2021-01. S. Ford seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**
- **Resolution 2021-02, Tax Abatement Whiteland Exchange, Building 5**
  - N. Gabehart stated the abatement is the same as the other abatements except building #1.
  - 767,000 square feet.
  - The Town has no cost in the development due to private partnerships so the developer paid the costs. S. Ford made a motion to approve Res. 2021-02. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

## **Town Manager**

- N. Gabehart introduced Mike Wood of Bailey Wood Financial on Whiteland Rd. They purchased a home next to the office for expansion. He has recently hired 23 new employees. Just wanted to inform the Council on what is going on and is just a discussion at the moment. Would be considered for future abatement.
  - Jo. Co. Senior Services is a great service. The Town would like to support them by a vocal agreement to plow for them in lieu of financial contributions. D. Hawkins inquired if there was any liability. The Town will get a release signed from liability. S. Ford made a motion to the agreement contingent on release of liability signage. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
- Passed 5-0**
- The Fire Department would like to purchase a 2021 Durango due to needs. The Attorney General sent the Town money from a fraud claim in the amount of \$30,000 approximately. Those funds will be used for the purchase which will not occur for 4-6 months. After purchase and set-up, the price will come to approximately \$42,000. S. Ford made a motion to approve the purchase. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
- Passed 5-0**
- Kevin McGinnis, Transitioning Town Manager, stated he was asked to serve on the Jo. Co. RDC Board once a month and wondered what the Council thought about it.
    - L. Fleury stated she thought there might be a conflict. S. Watson stated there is nothing illegal about. He sees pros and cons depending on what the county wants to focus on.
    - B. Goedecker likes the idea that he would have an ear on what is going on.
    - D. Hawkins agrees with Goedecker.

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- S. Ford agreed also but if he is going to sit on their RDC board then he needs to be involved with the Town's RDC Board.
- J. Sayler asked K. McGinnis what his thoughts were. McGinnis stated he would like to see the schedule first and it might be advantageous. Whatever the Council decides is fine.
- D. Hawkins also stated that K. McGinnis hands are going to be full with transitioning to the Town but whatever he is comfortable with.
- K. McGinnis is getting more information before he decides.

**Council Comment**


- S. Ford would like to thank Norm Gabehart for his service to the Town. Tax revenues received are due to some of Norms hard work and all the progress the Town has made.
- S. Ford inquired about the Community Crossings Matching Grants. N. Gabehart stated there are two a year available to apply for unfortunately the Town does not have the funds to supply the matching portion of 25% of \$1,000,00 to apply for both.

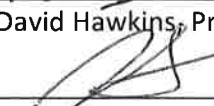
**Public Comments - None**

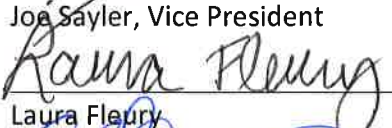
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.


Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021

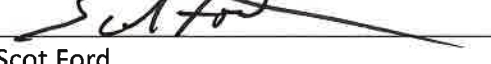
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Attest:   
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 Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer