

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**January 11, 2022**

<u>Council members present</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>	
Joe Saylor President	<u>X</u>	Kevin McGinnis Town Manager	<u>X</u>	Stephen Watson Town Attorney	<u>X</u>
Richard Hill Member	<u>X</u>	Debra L. Hendrickson Clerk Treasurer	<u>X</u>	Jessie Boshell Senior Planning Dir.	<u>X</u>
Laura Fleury Vice President	<u>X</u>	Rick Shipp Town Marshal	<u>X</u>		<u>    </u>
Brad Goedeker Member	<u>X</u>	Eric Funkhouser Fire Chief	<u>X</u>		<u>    </u>
David Hawkins Member	<u>X</u>				<u>    </u>

**Call to order**

- J. Saylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Pledge**

**Roll Call** – All present

**Invocation** - Conducted by K. McGinnis

**Adoption of the Order of Business**

**Reorganization of Council President and Vice President**

- J. Saylor resigned as Council President.
  - J. Saylor nominated B. Goedeker and President. L. Fleury seconded the motion. Passed 4-0-1. B. Goedeker abstaining.
  - D. Hawkins nominated R. Hill for Vice President. L. Fleury seconded the motion. Passed 4-0-1. R. Hill abstaining.

**Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures**

1. Leslie Beeson, Beeson Mechanical Services as part owner. Currently resides on the BZA for the Town of Whiteland. J. Saylor made a motion to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure for Leslie Beeson. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

2. Tyler Croy, TXC Solutions, LLC as CEO, currently works as a Police Officer for the Town of Whiteland. L. Fleury made a motion to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

**Minutes 11/29/2021, 12/14/21**

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes 11/29/2021 and 12/14/21. R. Hill seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

**Voucher Packet 1-1-2022**

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 11-09-2021. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

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## Financial Report

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all operating funds. Still questions on the reports in the slide show. D. Hendrickson stated she would investigate it.
- D. Hendrickson stated the certified assessed value for the Town of Whiteland in 2021 was \$170,000,000 increased \$40,000,000 in 2022 to \$210,000,000. This means property taxes for residents should go down.

## Old Business

- Ordinance 2021-16, Rezoning Dahila Property from C-s to PUD – Grayhawk Village
  - J. Boshell stated this was continued from November and December so the developer could make the suggested changes requested. Charles Russell, representative of Arbor Homes, they are requesting a rezone for PUD and R3. handed out information of the updated site plan.
    1. Implementing a Playground. A picture of a one-piece unit.
    2. Stub street on John’s Island Way instead of a Cul-de-sac.
    3. Buffering towards the WWTP. Decided to allow residents to select a tree and no berms.
  - B. Goedeker stated his appreciation of the response.
  - J. Salyer inquired of the time requirement to approve or disapprove? There is a 90-day window and there must be a decision pass or fail tonight.
  - J. Salyer stated he had heard of some discontent with the Arbor Homes in Millstone.
  - D. Hawkins stated that it is presumed many of the homes will have small children and the offer of a playground will only have one piece of equipment and the lot size is only 32x32? Yes, Arbor feels they will use their own property.
  - Arbor feels it is not beneficial to what was offered. Trying to have a reasonable price. J. Salyer understands wanting to make a profit but feels the Town needs amenities.
  - D. Hawkins made a motion to reject the Ordinance 2021-16. J. Salyer seconded the motion.
  - Failed 4-1 with B. Goedeker voting no.
- 2022 Board Appointments
  - BZA – Leslie Beeson and Stormwater Board – Dennis Capozzi was approved for another term.
- Development Plans of the ARPA Funds
  - R. Shipp, Chief of Police for Town of Whiteland, presented his wish list.
    - Police Department is requesting the amount of \$409,200, 40% of the total grant. This is not a wish list but a necessity list. It is a matter of safety for the Police Officers.
    - Six new vehicles are needed and two years overdue for replacement due to Covid.
    - Upgrade the Technology in the Department.
    - Fifteen body cameras that are 10-12 years old.
    - Tasers are outdated.
    - Drones are necessary with the large warehouses out east. They alert the K-9 and the officers.
  - E. Funkhouser, Chief of Fire Department, presented his wish list.
    - The volunteer firefighters presently work a 6-hour shift for a \$7.25 an hour stipend. Wants to go to three firefighters 24 hours a day, which it takes 3 to make a run. The grant will help by time until a meeting with the DLGF can help decide on how to get more funds.
    - There were 700 runs 2020 and 900 in 2021.

- B. Goedeker appreciates the teamwork between the Police Department and the Fire Department.
- D. Hawkins made a motion to accept the requests as the Plan and draft ordinance for next meeting. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- Follow up discussion on the Electronic Participation  
Counsel will draw up the resolution for the February meeting.

**New Business**

- Tax Abatement Application for Uptown Commercial Partners, Maschmeyer Property
  - Eric Prime, Representing Maschmeyer Property, rezoning on the south side of Whiteland Rd and east of the roundabout. Pursuing an abatement and would like feedback to take back to the client. The current assessed value is \$55,100. Anticipation of \$3.8 million in land and \$25,000,000 into 450,000 sq. ft. industrial building. Would like to ask for personal-property abatement on top of the normal real property abatement. There will be \$10,000,000 in equipment.
  - J. Sayler stated he only knew of one which was due to improvements on the property, at the request of certain residents, as payback to cover those costs and was only for two years. There was another inquiry for personal-property abatement from another possible project.
  - Eric Prime wanted to give feedback to his client.
- Change Order #4
  - K. McGinnis summarized the Springhill project and how the extra insurance requested was needed. The extra 2-year bond on the asphalt was on top of the 1-year required. Wallace stated the cost would be \$9,340.94 for a bond in the amount of \$133,422.05 (25% of \$533,688.20).
  - R. Hill inquired if there were any other bonding companies to apply to? K. McGinnis stated that could be an option.
  - B. Goedeker wanted to know if it was really needed. K. McGinnis stated due to the conditions of the dirt and soil subgrade under the asphalt, he felt it was comforting knowing the bond was in place in case there was an asphalt issue.
  - J. Sayler would like to direct the Town Manager and the Counsel to see if they can bond for the whole amount of \$533,688.20.
  - R. Hill would like to see other options. S. Watson suggested one of the members of the Council be involved in the situation for options. R. Hill stated he would be involved.
- Ordinance 2022-01, Amending Town Code Employee Provisions
  - J. Sayler stated he contacted S. Watson to draft an ordinance to remove the provision from the Town Code that conflict with the Town's Employee Handbook.
  - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01 first reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**
  - J. Sayler made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2202-01. L. Fleury seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**
  - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01, final reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

**Town Manager Report**

- Nothing else to report

**Council Comments**

- Would like to thank Kevin for his service to the Town in his retirement.

**Public Comments**

- Jaylen Withem stated she would like to thank Kevin for his service also.
- John Venter supports using TIF funds instead of purchasing the additional insurance.
- Blake Dixon, Saddlebrook Farms, is thankful for the help in his water bill. He has been a drum teacher for 17 years and tutors' students. The HOA says he cannot play drums in his home or run a business. The Council stated they cannot overrule a HOA and wishes him luck in his endeavors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

**Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022**

**Aye**

**Nay**

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**Attest:**

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*Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer*