

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
June 14, 2022

<u>Council members present</u>	<u>Other Town Officials</u>	<u>Other Town Officials</u>
Brad Goedeker President <u> X </u>	James Lowhorn Town Manager <u> X </u>	Stephen Watson Town Attorney <u> X </u>
Richard Hill V-President <u> </u>	Melissa Fraser Deputy Clerk <u> X </u>	Carmen Parker Comm. Dev. Director <u> X </u>
Laura Fleury Member <u> X </u>	Rick Shipp Town Marshal <u> X </u>	Shaun Young Street Supt. <u> X </u>
David Hawkins Member <u> </u>	Eric Funkhouser Fire Chief <u> </u>	
Joe Saylor Member <u> X </u>		

Call to order

- B. Goedeker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

- D. Hawkins and R. Hill absent.

Invocation – Jim Lowhorn

Adoption of the Order of Business

Minutes 4/12/2022

- L. Fleury made a motion to approve the Minutes for 5/10/22 and 5/18/22. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
Passed 3-0.

Voucher Packet 6-14-2022

- J. Saylor made the motion to approve Voucher Packet 5-10-2022. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 3-0

Introduction of Scholarship Winners

- B. Goedeker stated before the meeting there were pictures of the Otto Lewis Memorial Scholarship winners taken. Annual scholarships to two high school seniors.
 - Florence Lee will be attending University of Indianapolis
 - Gracie Taylor will be attending Butler University.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Ordinance 2022-06, Reducing Water Rates for Repeal of URT, Public Hearing, Introduction

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- Public Hearing opened at 7:07 pm. No comment. Closed at 7:08 pm
- J. Sayler motioned to adopt ORD. 2022-06 first reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-13, Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Sewer Expenditures from Bond Proceeds
 - S. Watson stated last meeting an expense on the last meeting on the voucher would be reimbursed from a future bond. The intent needs to be adopted by a declaration of intent within 60 days of the expenditure. J. Sayler made a motion to approve RES 2022-13. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- Compliance Filings (CF 1's)
 - S. Watson stated there are six that are standard and go through those first.
 - ABC Cutting, LLC – S. Watson stated they are within the projection and recommended they are in compliance.
 - The salaries are higher than projected.
 - The Assessed value came in a little lower.
 - Employees went from zero to 56.
 - Costs were 97% of projection.
 - L. Fleury made a motion to find ABC Cutting, LLC in compliance. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- LEX 19 (Amazon Building)
 - The salaries are higher than projected.
 - The Assessed value was higher.
 - Employees went from 125 to 296.
- S. Watson recommends acceptance of compliance. J. Sayler made a motion for acceptance of compliance. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- LEX 76 (WLC Building #2)
 - The salaries are higher than projected.
 - The Assessed value was higher.
 - Employees were 2 due to they are in the early stages.
- S. Watson recommends acceptance of compliance. J. Sayler made a motion for acceptance of compliance. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- LEX 180 (WLC Building #3)
 - The salaries are higher than projected.
 - The Assessed value was higher.
 - Employees were 2 verses zero.
- S. Watson recommends acceptance of compliance. J. Sayler made a motion for acceptance of compliance. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- DHL (WLC Building #4 on lot 5)
 - The Assessed value came in lower due to partial assessment.
 - Confirmed with the Assessor's office.
- S. Watson recommends acceptance of compliance. J. Sayler made a motion for acceptance of compliance. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

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Passed 3-0

- Cooper Tire Property
 - Real property tax abatement exceeded their projection.
- S. Watson recommends acceptance of compliance. J. Saylor made a motion for acceptance of compliance per SB-1. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- Personal property tax abatement. This is one of two. There was a two-year granted to recoup certain expenditures for improvement for the Town after negotiation. There are no signatures yet, but they have until June 24, 2022. They are compliant with the SB-1. S. Watson recommends going ahead with motion of compliance waiting on signatures to keep items from being held up. J. Saylor made a motion to be in substantial acceptance of the SB-1 for personal property pending signatures by June 24, 2022. If not executed by then, then a statement of non-compliance will be issued. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- Mohr Logistics Park Lot 9
 - The Assessed value was 89% of projection.
 - Tax Abatement agreement has not been completed yet.
 - S. Watson recommends acceptance of compliance with signatures due by June 24, 2022. J. Saylor made a motion to be in substantial compliance of the SB-1 for real property pending signatures by June 24, 2022. If not executed by then, then a statement of non-compliance will be issued. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

- Core 5 Building
 - S. Watson stated Auditor's office stated no new assessment has not been given.
 - Filed to be in compliance and cover their bases. No further action needed at this time.
- Briar Creek Subdivision – Acceptance of Common Area Sidewalks and Monumentation for Sections 1 & 2, along with the associated Maintenance Bonds and Maintenance Agreements
 - S. Watson stated the Town has numerous correspondence and trying to get the bonds for their projects. The Maintenance agreements approved but needs to get the bonds. Unfortunately, they have not turned in the bonds yet so it will be moved to next month.

Town Manager Report

J. Lowhorn reported on:

- Tall grass ordinances
 - There is a gray area on what the amount of time before we act on the situation. The ordinance states **up to** 60 days. We obviously don't have time to mow. We would like to have approval to hire out for the mowing. C. Parker stated there is a phone call first and then send a certified letter sent to the homeowner. If we wait until the 60 days, the situation is out of control. S. Watson stated it is common to due liens on the property. J. Saylor inquired how would we determine how much to charge if you use a contractor. S. Watson replied the charges are provided in the ordinance. J. Lowhorn stated if there are any other fees would be filed with the County Treasurer. M. Fraser stated the Clerk Treasurer goes to the County Auditor and files the liens. S. Watson stated it his

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understanding that the Town of New Whiteland implements a similar program with a contractor. B. Goedecker suggested the Town Manager contact New Whiteland to inquire what their procedure is.

- Sewer Line Repair - The employees are doing a super job and are about 150 feet away from the completion of the project.
- Patch Development is moving forward and are planning on breaking ground in July.
- The new Wastewater Operator will start end of June.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plan Project. We have not heard back from them in two months. If they have not contacted in the next couple of weeks, we will reach out to them again.
- Working on the final permit on the project with the County for the flood are.
- The first Farmers Market was held on June 10. Had a pretty good turnout. Needing a few more vendors.

Council Comments

- None

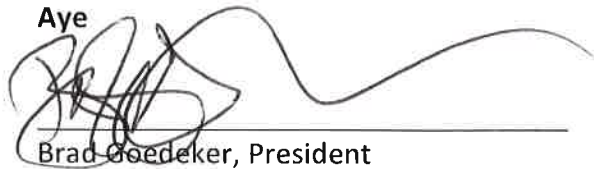
Public Comments

- R. England, Pearl St., Whiteland, stated he had a handout and hopefully it was read. Would like to see flyers when events are happening. He does not like all the Storm water accumulation in the yards. He would like to see stormwater fees to increase to help with the situation. We need to start somewhere. The Town also needs to pay the employees more money to retain them. B. Goedecker stated there will be discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 12 of July, 2022

Aye




Brad Goedecker, President

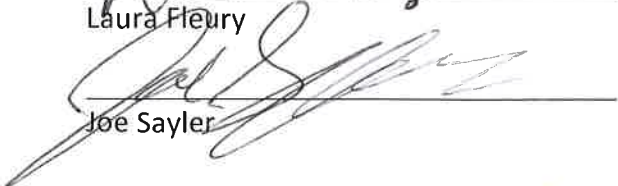
Richard Hill, Vice President



David Hawkins



Laura Fleury



Joe Saylor

Nay

Brad Goedecker, President


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Attest:



Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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