

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
January 10, 2023

Council members present

Brad Goedeker	
President	<u> X </u>
Richard Hill	
V-President	<u> X </u>
Laura Fleury	
Member	<u> X </u>
David Hawkins	
Member	<u> X </u>
Joe Sayler	
Member	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

James Lowhorn	
Town Manager	<u> x </u>
Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>

Call to Order

- B. Goedeker called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Roll Call – All Present

Invocation – Jim Lowhorn

Reorganization

- President
 - D. Hawkins nominated R. Hill for President.
 - B. Goedeker nominated J. Sayler for President.
 - R. Hill withdrew his nomination for President.
 - L. Fleury seconded J. Sayler for President.

Passed 3-0-2. Hawkins and Sayler abstains.

- Vice President
 - J. Sayler nominated R. Hill. B. Goedeker seconded the nomination.

Passed 5-0

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

- Tyler Croy
 - S. Watson read the application. Corporal Tyler J. Croy is a Police Officer for the Town of Whiteland. Annual disclosure statement for IT services and supplies under the company's name TXC Solutions, LLC.
 - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Adoption of the Order of Business

Minutes 12/13/22

- L. Fleury made a motion to approve the Minutes 12/13/22. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
- Passed 5-0 .**

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Voucher Packet 1-10-2023

- No comments.
- L. Fleury made the motion to approve Voucher Packet 1-10-2023. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Financial Report

- The Clerk Treasurer reported the new GO Bond Fund is now in the Voucher Packet.
- The Clerk Treasurer stated the resolutions for transfers on the negative items are in today's meetings. There were some auto transfers done. This information allows us to budget for the next year.

Old Business

- **Bid Packet Opening for UV Replacement for Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 1. Mitchell & Stark & Co. Turned in on 1/10/23 @ 1:15 pm. Quote: \$169,000
 2. Maddox Industrial. Turned in on 1/10/23 @ 6:44 pm. Quote: \$98,500
 3. PTE Partners DBA Pyramid Construction. Turned in on 1/10/23 @ 6:53 pm. Quote: \$74,500
 - Wessler Engineering intent to review tonight and give a recommendation on the award. Wesslers' estimated quote is \$121,000.
- **Wessler Amended Agreement for the UV for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 - S. Watson summarized the procedures that led up to this presentation from the last meeting to amend.
 - Derek Urban, representative of Wessler Engineering, summarized amendments requested by the Town Council. The proposal to be submitted to IFA & SRF for financing before April 1, 2023. The plant should be good for at least 20 years.
 - R. Hill inquired about what the proposal included.
 - J. Lowhorn stated the capacity of the plant is at 90%. Would like to do only one bond for the whole project.
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the amendment subject to our attorney review. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

New Business

- **Disposal of Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, and Mouse**
 - C. Young summarized a list of equipment outdated to be disposed of. Some of the monitors can be saved.
 - S. Watson stated the value is less than \$5,000 so it is ok to dispose of.
 - B. Goedecker made a motion to approve of disposal. R. Hill seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0.
- **Resolution 2023-01, 2022 funds to Encumbrance for Fire Department into 2023 Budget**
 - Chief Funkhouser had ordered equipment for in 2022, but unfortunately will not arrive until the first quarter of 2023.
 - L. Fleury made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- **Resolution 2023-02, Funds Transfer for the Police and Fire Departments**
 - The gasoline funds are in shortfall due to high prices unanticipated.
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

- **Bid Project for Wastewater Plant**

- After review Wessler Engineering has recommended, the contract be awarded to PTE Partners with a quote of \$74,000.
- Lauren Knudsen, representing PTE Partners, is a partial owner with 20 years' experience in the wastewater industry. The company is a small crew with no large overhead from Beech Grove. They work with other municipalities in Indiana. The job is very straight forward.
- S. Watson stated it is recommended to award the project tonight due to time constraints.
- D. Hawkins expressed his concern about a recent project and a small company and made a motion to look over the information and delay it one week.
- J. Sayler stated the Town has paid Wessler Engineers to oversee the bid process and Wessler recommended the company also the State Statute states you must accept the lowest responsible and responsive bid.
- Wessler stated they did not find any issues with the quote.
- R. Hill stated it goes against his better judgement but since Wessler has overlooked and approves then he is satisfied. He would like to have more time in the future.
- J. Lowhorn stated part of the fault is with him.
- D. Hawkins withdrew his request for a one-week delay.
- L. Fleury made a motion to approve the bid for PTE Partners quote. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Town Manager Report**

- Jim Lowhorn expressed his gratitude to the Town Staff and Council members for their support in the last month.
- CCMG – J. Lowhorn distributed information on the new requirements for contracts. Drainage issues with the storm sewers in the area and will be worked on with the award the Town receives.
 1. The Town has only four months to award the contract from December 6, 2022.
 2. The Town needs to name one specific person to delegate to sign paperwork for INDOT on behalf of the Town.
 3. In the March meeting the contract does need to be signed.
- S. Watson recommends the Council President or Town Manager. A motion be adopted tonight for the Town Manager to sign the contracts on behalf of the Town.
- B. Goedeker made the motion to approve the Town Manager to sign any INDOT agreements and for all documents related to the CCMG for any INDOT grant programs on behalf of the Town. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- D. Hendrickson stated she gave everyone Eric Prickle's resignation to the EDC Board. This position was an Executive nomination. The Town will post the opening on the website.

- **Council Comment –**

- L. Fleury requested to start using the video equipment purchased for future meetings to broadcast on the website.
- J. Lowhorn inquired how to use it. Taped and uploaded.

- L. Fleury made a motion to give the Town Manager direction to start the process. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1. D. Hawkins abstains.

Public Comments

- Garrett Sorenson, 470 Parkway, commented on the meeting on October 6, 2022, at BZA
 - J. Sayler stated as a rule each person gets five minutes.
 - Mr. Sorenson stated he received a letter about the meeting but could not make it. They did not know what the height of the garage was. The variance was five feet from the fence. Mr. Sorenson stated he would have like the neighbor to come directly to him to discuss the variance would be the polite thing to do.
 - J. Sayler stated his time limit has passed and would like to know what is being asked of the Council.
 - Mr. Sorenson was upset that once the meeting occurred nothing could be done.
 - J. Sayler stated again to please state what is being asked of the Council. We would like to hear the reasons.
 - Mr. Sorenson stated the garage has depreciated their home value and now they can no longer see the water tower. That's all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 15th of February, 2023.

Aye

Nay



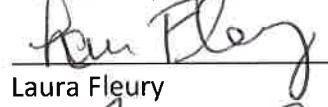
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Attest: 

 Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer