

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
September 12, 2023

Council members present

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

Other Town Officials

Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>
Carmen Young	
Director of Administration	<u> X </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Shaun Young	
Director Of Operations	<u> X </u>

Call to Order

- J. Sayler called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Pledge

Roll Call – All Present

Invocation – S. Young

Adoption of the Order of Business

- S. Watson stated a Purchasing Policy will be added.

Minutes 8/08/23

- D. Hawkins would like for the answer to any questions to be included in the minutes.
- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the Minutes 8/08/23. D. Hawkins seconded the motion. All signified by declaring aye. Motion carried.

Passed 5-0.

Voucher Packet 9-12-2023

- D. Hawkins inquired about a payment on the Water APV. D. Hendrickson explained the answer.
- B. Goedeker made the motion to approve Voucher Packet 9-12-2023. L. Fleury seconded the motion. All signified by declaring aye. Motion carried.

Passed 5-0

Financial Report

- The Clerk Treasurer reported on the balance of all funds. A report was provided from the County and the DLGF pertaining to the Net Assessed Value of the Town which increased 15%. S. Watson summarized the significance of the report.

Presentations – None

Old Business - None

New Business

- Ordinance 2023-13, 2024 Budget Introduction and Public Hearing

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- C. Young stated the Town has been working with the Reedy Financial Group to help with the numbers.
- Mickey Bell, representative of Reedy Financial, stated the Form 3 that was distributed shows the budget with increased numbers in order to give us time to make sure we have everything we need or if we need to shift numbers around in the funds. The Property Tax levy is inflated also to make sure the Town receives the maximum levy. The Town is also asking for an Excess Levy Appeal.
- Public Hearing opened at 7:20 pm. No comments. Closed at 7:20 pm.
- **Discussion on Excess Levy Appeal**
 - C. Young summarized how the levy appeal works so we can get our share of the pie we are entitled to, and we filed for it last year
 - Mickey Bell state the Town qualifies because the Town's 3-year average exceeds the State's 3-year average excess value has grown more than 2%. So, to keep up with the growth and expenses the Town is allowed to file for this appeal. J. Sayler states he has no problem with the appeal. The Town and the Fire Department both qualify. L. Fleury made a motion to approve the abatement. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

- **Resolution 2023-05, Approval of CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan**
 - C. Young stated these are the funds we are currently receiving for economic development in Fund 2209. We need a resolution in order to spend the funds. 25% can go to anything and 75% has to go towards economic development. This revenue has been coming to the Town since 2022.
- **Ordinance 2023-11, Establishing Penalties for Unauthorized Access to Town Water, 1st Reading**
 - S. Watson added language and went through existing ordinance to make sure there was no conflict.
 - S. Young explained how a resident tried to install a sprinkler system without the Town's knowledge which could have caused a backflow into our water system.
 - R. Hill suggested to include the costs to the Town for fixing the problems. S. Watson amended the ordinance. Motion to approve amendments. All signified by declaring aye. 5-0 Motion carried.
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11 with amendments. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- D. Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules. L. Fleury seconded the motion

Passed 5-0

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11, final reading. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Resolution 2023-14, Authorizing OCRA Grant Application and Matching Funds**
 - C. Young is requesting to submitted a letter for a \$15,000 for our matching portion. J. Sayler stated that is what the CEDIT funds are for. D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14. R. Hill second the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Ordinance 2023-12, Adding Fair Housing Provisions to the Town Code, 1st Reading**

- C. Young stated this ordinance is needed in order to apply for the OCRA grant and the Town did not have one. It is one step to getting the grant.
- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve 1st reading. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- D. Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules. L. Fleury seconded the motion

Passed 5-0

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12 final reading. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Director of Administration/**

- **Resolution 2023-15, Establishing a Policy for Small Purchases and Special Purchases.**
- C. Young stated what brought this about because the Town wanted to purchase a mobile home for the Fire Department to use until the Fire station is repaired. The mobile home purchase price is \$33,000 plus title fees.
- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- D. Hawkins made a motion to authorize the purchase of the mobile home. R. Hill seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

- **Readi 2.0 -**

- No cost to join. \$500 million in grants available. Would request to join. Greenwood and Franklin has already joined. Will bring it back to the Council next month.

- **Director of Operations**

- S. Young stated that the Booster Pump burned out and needs to be replaced for approximately \$50,000.
- The paving should resume in Briarhill Subdivision tomorrow.
- R. Hill inquired about the water tower during the tornado and how to handle it if there would be another catastrophe? The Town is looking into purchasing new generators.

- **Council Comment – None**

Public Comments

- John Marchbanks, resident of Whiteland, inquired if the Town is looking into funding of the infrastructure bill to help fund the Roundabouts and Town projects. C. Young stated the Town has received grant money and is still applying for other grant funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10th of October, 2023.

Aye



Nay

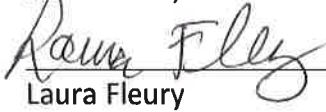
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Attest:


Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer