

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**February 13, 2024**

**Council members present**

Richard Hill	
President	<u>  X  </u>
Tim Brown	
Vice President	<u>  X  </u>
Brad Goedeker	
Member	<u>  X  </u>
Debra Hendrickson	
Member	<u>  X  </u>
Joe Saylor	
Member	<u>  X  </u>

**Other Town Officials**

Melissa Fraser	
Clerk Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>
Carmen Young	
Director of Administration	<u>  X  </u>
Shaun Young	
Director Of Operations	<u>  X  </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u>  X  </u>

**Call to Order**

- R. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

**Pledge**

**Roll Call** – All present

**Invocation** – C. Young

**Recessed Town Council meeting to open Board of Finance meeting for approval of minutes.**

**Reopened Town Council meeting at 7:13pm.**

**Adoption of the Order of Business**

**Minutes 1-9-24**

- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the 1-9-24 minutes. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

**Voucher Packet 2-13-24**

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 2-13-24. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

**Financial Report**

- The Clerk Treasurer/C.Young reported on the balance of all funds.

**Old Business**

- **Ordinance 2024-01, Amending the Town's Purchasing Policy (second reading)**
  - Ordinance was revised based on Council recommendations regarding approval amounts
  - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.  
**Passed 5-0**

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## New Business

- **Ordinance 2024-03, Consent to Liquor Retailer's Permits**

- C. Young explained the enabling ordinance which is needed for towns or cities with a population below 5000. This allows new establishments the approval to serve alcohol (open beverage) per the ATF.
- J. Sayler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03. B. Goedeker seconded the motion. 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**Passed 5-0**

- B. Goedeker made a motion to suspend the rules for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- **Ordinance 2024-04, Rezoning of 179 State St from R3 to C2 (Wrigley Real Estate Holdings)**

- C. Young discussed rezoning ordinance from residential to commercial for this property. This has been given a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- M. Wood stated it would be used for storage of vehicles and supplies.
- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- **Sewer PER Revision**

- C. Young discussed previous PER with another engineering firm. It was reviewed and sent off for second opinion. Multiple errors and inaccurate estimates were found, and the project would have failed had it moved forward. Project was paused.
- Commonwealth Engineers was asked to put together a new proposal and revise PER and ensure it complies with IDEM. This will also allow for updated scoring when submitting to SRF for funding.
- Commonwealth has put together a professional services agreement which has been reviewed by Lynn Gray. Commonwealth is asking for \$40,000 to update PER.
- Asset Management Plan is also needed. Commonwealth can help with this also, for additional fee. Due to this and need for a rate study, this will be taken to SRF in 2025
- Agreement with Wessler was for \$159,000 which included UV replacement and \$11,000 is left.
- J. Sayler stated concerns regarding reviewer of current contract getting awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> contract
- C. Young stated that Commonwealth met with us and did review for no charge
- Al Strong, President/CEO of Commonwealth stated he offered to do a courtesy review of the PER, as this is his specialty for last 30 yrs. A. Strong discussed some of findings in the PER.
- T. Brown asked about potentially tabling decision on agreement until all members of council have seen report from Commonwealth. T. Brown asked if that would slow the process down.
- C. Young stated that the schedule in the agreement would allow waiting another month. A. Strong agreed.
- T. Brown made a motion to table discussion until next month. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- **Water/Sewer Project Update**

- S. Young discussed recent water/sewer issues

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024.

Aye



Richard Hill, President



Tim Brown, Vice President



Brad Goedeker



Debra Hendrickson



Joseph Sayler

Nay

Richard Hill, President

Tim Brown, Vice President

Brad Goedeker

Debra Hendrickson

Joseph Sayler

Attest:



Melissa Fraser, Clerk Treasurer

- 2 weeks ago, a sewer main collapsed. Replaced 150 ft of the 8inches. Meanwhile Indiana American Water changed meter from 4 inch to 6in and needed to hire a contractor to replace valve. Then the booster pump parts were in and that project was started. Later that evening a T blew apart and caused a big mess.
- T. Brown asked if something about water/sewer issues could be put on the bill. Preparing residents for maintenance being done.
- B. Goedecker asked about identifying weak points in our water system to fix before it fails.
- S. Young stated they used the opportunity to upgrade the area that failed but ultimately depends on how much money can we put towards it
- T. Brown discussed the possibility of a type of maintenance program to budget for yearly
- **Update of Town Attorney Engagement Letter**
  - S. Watson stated that on an annual basis our rates are reviewed, and we are asking for an increase in our rates. There is a significant discount on the rates.
  - B. Goedecker made a motion to accept an increase in rates. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0-1, J. Sayler abstained**

#### **Director of Administration &/or Director of Operations Report**

- C. Young discussed Capital Asset Project wish list. (5-year plan)
- Insurance premium was higher than what was budgeted. Does Council want to be notified of negative budgets? Or when you get a voucher packet, do you want to be notified if a fund will be going in the negative?
- D. Hendrickson said it can be seen in Voucher Packets
- R. Hill stated after seeing the negatives, he would like to see a better job of controlling those. He's not sure what the threshold would be to alert the Council.
- J. Sayler stated that if was going to go negative early in the year, he'd like to know. Otherwise, not concerned
- Lead Service line inventory required by EPA. Resident reports have been submitted and will be scrubbed through. There is additional funding available – PER due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Department Report**

- Eric Funkhouser – discussed repairs on Station have started. Should be done June-July.

**Council Comment - None**

**Public Comment - None**

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm