

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
July 9, 2024

Council members present

Richard Hill President	<u> X </u>
Tim Brown Vice President	<u> X </u>
Brad Goedecker Member	<u> X </u>
Debra Hendrickson Member	<u> </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 7:00 pm

Pledge

Roll Call –Quorum requirements reached. D. Hendrickson absent.

Invocation – S. Young

Review and Approval of the Agenda

Minutes 6-11-24

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve the 6-11-24 minutes. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0

Voucher Packet 7-9-24

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve the Voucher Packet 6-11-24. T. Brown seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0

Financial Report

- M. Fraser and C. Young reported on the balance of all funds.

Old Business

- Ordinance 2024-10, Amending Charge for Trash Collection (PUBLIC HEARING and Final Reading)
 - R. Hill opened and closed the public hearing
 - C. Young discussed the ordinance and process for old and new cans. The new fee will go from \$13.50/month to \$18.05/month.
 - R. Hill asked about notifications to residents. C. Young stated that Best Way will mail out a calendar and brochure to all residents on July 15. The Town will also post something on social media and websites.
 - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-10. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
PASSED 4-0

New Business

- **Resolution 2024-04, Waiver of Late Filing of Abatement Form 322 by Axis Group, LLC (PUBLIC HEARING)**
 - S. Watson explains late filing of form 322 and waiver.
 - R. Hill opened the public hearing.
 - Paul Pittman, legal counsel for Axis Group LLC, explained the reasons for the late filing. When his firm prepared the original tax abatement, the address was pulled from the Secretary of State and was an old address. Therefore, they did not receive the reminder of notices in the mail.
 - R. Hill closed the public hearing.
 - J. Sayler stated he didn't see any impact on the Town.
 - B. Goedecker made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Appointment of Park Board Members**
 - C. Young stated the interested candidates were given to the council last month for review and asked how they'd like to proceed, as these are legislative appointments.
 - R. Hill asked about possibly doing an interview process. He asked if they would follow the Council's purchasing policy and/or guidelines and budget? S. Watson stated yes, they'd have a budget that was approved by the Council.
 - J. Sayler stated he believed that they are appointed by the Council but exist as another authority, similar to Stormwater. S. Watson stated yes, as a general measure, although any bond issues would possibly need the Council's approval.
 - R. Hill asked about any oversight? C. Young stated there will be a Parks Director but maybe not right away.
 - T. Brown stated the Town should have a say in the Parks Board. S. Watson stated the Parks Board would have the authority to appoint administrative appointments and duties. As long as the Council approved funding for positions.
 - J. Sayler asked if interviews would need to be in an executive session. S. Watson stated the interviews would have to be open to the public.
 - T. Brown liked the idea of 2 council members narrowing down the candidates and bringing the remaining in front of all the Council for selection/discussion. S. Watson will verify.
 - Consensus selected R. Hill and D. Hendrickson. If D. Hendrickson doesn't want to do it, T. Brown will.
- **Dollar Tree Approval of Maintenance Bonds and Acceptance of Dedication of Improvements**
 - C. Young explained what the maintenance bonds were for, and work was complete in 2021
 - J. Sayler made a motion to accept the dedication of improvements for Dollar Tree, pending legal review. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Mohr Logistics Lot 6 Approval of Maintenance Bonds and Acceptance of Dedication of Improvements**
 - C. Young explained what the maintenance bonds were for, and work was complete in 2021
 - J. Sayler made a motion to accept the dedication of improvements for Mohr Logistics, pending legal review. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Employee Medical / Ancillary Benefit Renewal for 8/1/24**
 - C. Young discussed benefit premiums and cost breakdown
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the Employee Benefits package. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Brad Goedeker and Rascal's Fun Zone**
 - B. Goedeker discussed Town's request for a team building event.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Brad Goedeker conflict of interest. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 3-1

Director of Administration &/or Director of Operations Report

- C. Young discussed they the Town is currently working on next year's budget
- Pre-con meeting with Dave O'Mara and paving project. Looking to start in August.
- Community Night – July 26
- R. Hill asked about an asset disposal process and if there was any protocol on disposing or offering items to other departments. C. Young stated there is no formal policy.
- T. Brown stated he'd like a policy to pass items within the Town before sending them out to others. He suggested having an ordinance drafted.
- C. Young asked what financial threshold would be acceptable. R. Hill suggested \$1000 to start. J. Sayler would be fine with a higher threshold.
- S. Young explained that the St. Charles tower altitude valve isn't closing all the way. It will be able to be bypassed until fixed. The plan is to work on that this week.
- R. Hill asked about the quote on the Aquafir. S. Young stated to run that for a week would cost about \$10,000. This is a good way for the Town to see what we have. It would be up to the council to decide to move forward.
- S. Young discussed updates to the buildings that were affected by the tornado.

Department Head Reports

- **Police Department – Chief Rick Shipp**
 - Chief Shipp discussed the Cadet program

- **Fire Department – Chief Eric Funkhouser**
 - Chief Funkhouser gave updates on repair of fire station. Hoping to be complete in the next couple of months.
 - R. Hill asked about the temporary housing and plan after firefighters move back into the fire station. C. Young stated it could be sold and we would still own the land.

Council Comment

- R. Hill asked about the sheds. C. Young stated all tenants would be out at the end of July. The Town will then decide to repair or repurpose the barns and gazebo.

Public Comment - None

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

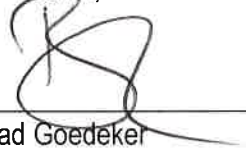
Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 13th of August, 2024.

Aye


Richard Hill, President



Tim Brown, Vice President



Brad Goedeker

abstain

Debra Hendrickson



Joseph Sayler

Nay


Richard Hill, President

Tim Brown, Vice President

Brad Goedeker

Debra Hendrickson

Joseph Sayler

Attest: 
Melissa Fraser, Clerk Treasurer