

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**August 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 7:10 pm

**Pledge**

**Roll Call** – Quorum requirements reached.

**Invocation** – S. Young

**Review and Approval of the Agenda**

**Minutes 7-9-24**

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve the 7-9-24 minutes. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**Passed 4-0-1**

**Voucher Packet 8-13-24**

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve the Voucher Packet 8-13-24. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

**Passed 5.0-0**

**Financial Report**

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

**Old Business**

- **Ordinance 2024-11, Establishing Policy Regarding Coordination on Disposal of Personal Property of the Town**
  - C. Young introduced the Ordinance for discussion. This was also discussed in a prior meeting this week with S. Young, C. Young, Chief Shipp, and R. Hill. The current proposal for disposal of

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- personal property is set at \$1000 but can go higher. C. Young also discussed transferring property to other departments and the need for determination of the fair market value of the property.
- R. Hill explained the ordinance limits are open for discussion and during the meeting that was held this week, he noted that Chief Shipp had some concerns.
  - Chief Shipp explained that when he and the staff prepare the budget, the money received from trading in vehicles or taking them to auction, is then put back into their budget. This helps keep his budget low and offsets the purchase of new vehicles, the setup of the new vehicles, and/or any other additional fees. The new ordinance states they should be offered to other departments within the Town first but sets no monetary value to these vehicles when offered. He has no problem offering them to other departments but feels it shouldn't come out of the police budget. This is why all departments have their own budget. If the vehicle is paid for out of the police budget, then he should be able to utilize the best way to get the most money back out of it when sold. He has found that the auction offers the most dollars.
  - D. Hendrickson asked Chief Shipp what specifically in the ordinance hurts his budget. He stated that he can't take them to auction but has to offer them to other departments first and with no monetary value set.
  - T. Brown stated vehicles should be offered to other departments but should include a trade or auction value to be paid to the "selling" department.
  - J. Saylor stated we could change ordinance to include fair market value in #1 - when offering to other departments, remove #2 due to stating similar statement as #1 (discussing with Town Administration), and keep #3, which gives final disposal approval to Town Council.
  - T. Brown asked about getting 2 quotes and comparing trade-in and auction quote amounts. Chief Shipp typically gets 2 quotes.
  - R. Hill and J. Saylor agreed the amount of the threshold for personal property should match capital asset list of \$5000. C. Young agreed. T. Brown feels it should be \$2500 considering it's not just vehicles that are included in personal property. It could be other types of equipment also.
  - S. Watson stated he will make the following revisions based on discussions: change \$1000 threshold to \$2500 based on poll of council, delete #2 due to stating similar request in #1, and add fair market value amount, for property being sold, to be paid from "purchasing department" to selling department.

### **New Business**

- **Resolution 2024-05, Approval of Tax Abatement for Exel Inc. DBA DHL Supply chain, Lot 6**
  - C. Young explained the Resolution. S. Watson explained the abatements.
  - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**
- **Resolution 2024-06, Determination to Sell Drainage Easement for Briar Creek**
  - C. Young explained Resolution and easement agreement.
  - S. Watson explains statute and simpler process that can be used due to assessed value of land. The pond will be maintained by Briar Creek.
  - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**
- **Resolution 2024-07, Additional Appropriation for Police Vests (Introduction)**
  - Chief Shipp introduced the Resolution and additional appropriation needed for police vests. After doing inventory of current vests, it was discovered that quite a few are reaching shelf life.

- J. Meece explained the ballistics vest grant that had been used in the past. The grant used to be a 50/50 grant and now it's 80/20 with the PD paying 80%. A handout was given to the Council with solution on how to pay for the vests now.

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

- C. Young discussed Patch semi-annual report
- Budget will be introduced next month for a final vote in October
- Successes for Community Night
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8a-12p, is Community Clean-up Day with New Whiteland. Goal is to have these 2x yearly.

**Department Head Reports**


- **Police Department – Chief Rick Shipp**
  - New trucks coming in about 3 weeks and will meet with banks to get best loan options
  - A new kennel will be built for vehicle – will take 12 months.
  - Community Night and National Night Out both were successes. Cadets were helpful at both events.
- **Fire Department – Chief Eric Funkhouser - None**

**Council Comment -None**


**Public Comment - None**

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024.

**Aye**  
  
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 Richard Hill, President

**Nay**  
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Melissa Fraser, Clerk Treasurer