

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
October 8, 2024

Council members present

Richard Hill	
President	<u> X </u>
Tim Brown	
Vice President	<u> X </u>
Brad Goedeker	
Member	<u> </u>
Debra Hendrickson	
Member	<u> X </u>
Joe Sayler	
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> </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>

Call to Order

- R. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Pledge

Roll Call – Quorum requirements reached. B. Goedeker absent.

Invocation – C. Young

Review and Approval of the Agenda

Minutes 9-10-24

- T. Brown made a motion to approve the 9-10-24 minutes. J. Sayler seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0

Voucher Packet 10-8-24

- J. Sayler made a motion to approve the Voucher Packet 10-8-24. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0

Financial Report

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

Old Business

- **Ordinance 2024-12 – Approval of the 2025 Town of Whiteland Budget Form 1**
 - C. Young discussed corrections made to budget and changes to be made for unemployment dollars.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.
PASSED 4-0

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New Business

- **Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Asset Management Plan including GIS Mapping**

- C. Young discussed agreement with Wessler Engineering Group. This would give us the tools needed to apply for state revolving fund dollars and anything through the Indiana Finance Authority.
- Katie Castro Jackson from Wessler Engineering further explained need for the asset management plan for the state and funding opportunities.
- R. Hill asked if the Town would own information once it's completed and if this would give us some predictive maintenance opportunities. C. Young stated yes.
- Katie Castro Jackson further explained how this could be used for predictive maintenance and budget planning.
- T. Brown made a motion to accept the agreement Wessler Engineering for the GIS system and asset management plan. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Appointment of Whiteland Parks Advisory Board Members**

- C. Young discussed memo regarding the 4 board members selected for the Parks Advisory Board. The members will have a 4 yr term, but the 1st term will be staggered.
- D. Hendrickson stated terms for the group: Josh Henry - 1 yr, Megan Cain - 2yr, Dale Gick - 3yr, and Jerod Ferguson – 4 yr.
- S. Watson stated they are calendar year appointments and expire on 1st Monday in January. J. Saylor stated to make the start date for the appointments for January 1, 2025.
- D. Hendrickson made a motion to appoint the following members and terms to the Park Advisory Board: Josh Henry -1 yr, Megan Cain - 2yr, Dale Gick - 3yr, and Jerod Ferguson – 4 yr. J. Saylor seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Consideration to Proceed with Implementation of Park Impact Fee**

- C. Young discussed the need to establish a park impact fee for new residential developments and steps that are needed to implement fee.
- The council is supportive of moving forward with S. Watson to take necessary steps to implement the fee.

- **Resolution 2024-09 – Approval of Personal Property Tax Abatement for D&H Distributing Co.**

- Amanda Rubadue, Aspire Johnson County, discussed request from D&H Distributing Co. for a 5 yr personal property tax abatement.
- Amy Silfen, D&H Distributing Co, presented a slideshow about the company, employee benefits, and what benefits the Town could expect.
- R. Hill asked about how many job opportunities there would be in the company. Amy Silfen stated 90 or so to start.
- D. Hendrickson asked if the Core 5 building was already getting an abatement. C. Young stated yes, they are getting a real property abatement on the building. C. Young discussed the scoring criteria, approved by the council, that was used to determine support for an abatement.
- R. Hill asked how the abatement works when property is sold. S. Watson stated that the abatement stays with the land and owner/taxpayer, therefore transfers to new owner. C. Young also stated these abatements are evaluated yearly by the council to ensure the company remains in compliance.

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- J. Sayler made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09, approving the personal property tax abatement for D&H Distributing Co. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Ordinance 2024-14 – Adjusting Sewer Availability Fee introduction**

- C. Young discussed raising the sewer availability fee for new construction or expansion. Per Reedy, until we're ready to move forward with a project, let's hold on to a rate increase, but would be good to move forward with adjusting the availability fees.
- C. Young discussed rates of other local communities. The Town's current rate is \$2950, and the recommendation is to raise it to \$3964/EDU.
- T. Brown stated he would not like to raise rates every year. Is there an estimate on when a project would start? He would prefer to raise the utility rates all at once.
- C. Young explained the water and storm water increase would be presented together and it would be up to the council to decide when they would be implemented. C. Young will bring the sewer rate next month and nail down a project.
- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-14, 1st reading. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Resolution 2024-10 - Authorizing Appeal of Property Tax Levy Limitations**

- C. Young discussed property tax levy appeal. The Town grew 8.92% last year, which makes the Town eligible for the tax levy. This will be for the Town and Fire Department.
- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

- **Municipality Owned Vehicles and Equipment – Proper Identification and Logos**

- C. Young discussed properly marking the vehicles and proposed logo.
- T. Brown stated that the Fire Chief's vehicle should be marked also.
- C. Young will make updated suggestions to logo

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

- C. Young discussed the fire flow testing at the industrial buildings that happen every 6 months. They run the test for 10 minutes and use 20,000 gallons of water that is not metered or paid for. The Town has personnel on site and feel the employees' time and water usage should be paid for.
- T. Brown and J. Sayler stated they would support a charge for this. R. Hill agreed.
- C. Young discussed chili fundraiser at Bailey & Wood Boo Bash. Whit's Inn will be providing dinner.

Department Head Reports – None

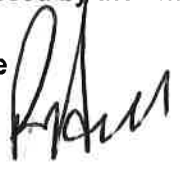
Council Comment -None

Public Comment - None

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 12th of NOVEMBER, 2024.

Aye 

Nay

Richard Hill, President

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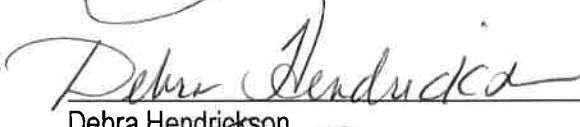
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Attest:


Melissa Fraser, Clerk Treasurer