NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL OCTOBER 20, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, Frank Vaughn, John Schilawski, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Perrin offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states that 17 customers have set up payment plans. We have included notices about the payment plan option in the last 3 disconnect mailings. As of today, we have 31 accounts that are more than 4 months delinquent, 25 accounts are more than 3 months delinquent and 105 accounts are at least 2 months delinquent. We will again notify all of these accounts that if they do not bring their account current or sign a payment plan agreement by October 29th, they will be scheduled for disconnect.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for October 20th. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None.

2021 BUDGET HEARING

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach opens the budget hearing at 5:07 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states the budget was adopted on first reading on October 6th. Council President Perrin asks if any members of the council or the public have any questions regarding the proposed 2021 budget. Being no questions or comments the budget hearing is closed at 5:09 p.m. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt the 2021 budget as presented on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Zoning Appeals

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents three (3) letters from current board members whose terms expire in December seeking reappointment. Pamela Paulin, John Purdie and Mike Ryle are all asking to be reappointed for another term. Councilman Schilawski moves to reappoint all three and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach notes there are still two (2) vacant seats that we need to fill.

2021 Holiday Schedule

We are working on the calendar with the holidays for 2021. Christmas falls on Saturday and the offices are closed on Friday the 24th for Christmas Eve. Will the Christmas holiday be taken on the Thursday before or the Monday after? Council agrees on Monday, December 27th.

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OLD BUSINESS

Warwick Road Update

Attorney Robbins states that The Harding Group finally signed the extension agreement. He asks about the progress on Warwick. Councilman Vaughn states they were working on the dirt work on either side of the sidewalks today. The road will need to be cleaned before another layer of asphalt can be applied as it has a lot of mud and dirt on it.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-17

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the 2021 Salary Ordinance on final reading. Alspach notes these salaries are taken from the 2021 budget passed earlier this evening. Councilman Schilawski moves to adopt Ordinance 2020-17 and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn.

Vote 5 affirmative.

Transfer Memo

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains a transfer memo for Wastewater and Storm Water. Councilman Alspach moves to approve the transfers and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

John Perrin, President