

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 3, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, John Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

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

Councilman Purdie moves to approve the minutes of the March 20th special meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the April 3, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and ratify the April 3, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Eclipse

Councilman Waltz asks department heads if there are any updates regarding how the Town plans to handle the eclipse on April 8, 2024. Fire Chief Curin states that the county will be emailing the County Plan soon and he will review that. Public Works Superintendent McCauslin states that the DPW will be fully staffed, there will be extra trash receptacles and extra port-o-lets.

Special Meeting

Council President Perrin acknowledges the effort at the recent special meeting on March 20th and thanks everyone for their contributions.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Road Bids

Public Works Superintendent McCauslin shares with Council that last Thursday he took 3 bids for the 2024 road projects that will take place on roughly 4 miles of road in Town. Milestone came in as the lowest bidder and Attorney Robbins confirmed they are a responsible bidder. They will be applying a Crack Seal product from Sealmaster, who is a large supplier of the product and will be there throughout the application process to ensure correct application. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the bid from Milestone on the condition that we receive the Community Crossing Matching Grant and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Clerk-Treasurer Bond Renewal

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents her bond which is up for renewal. Councilman Waltz moves to accept the bond renewal as submitted and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Cumulative Capital Development

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss shares a spreadsheet with Council that shows which payments have been made from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund from 2015 to present.

Wessler On-Call

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock shares that we usually have an on-call contract with Wessler each year. They review things for the Wastewater utility, plan review, etc. They bill as needed

with a do not to exceed of \$15,000. Supt. Gillock states the funds are in his budget. Councilman Combs moves to approve the Wessler on-call contract and is seconded by Councilman Waltz.
Vote 5 affirmative.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-01

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss introduces the ordinance amending salary ordinance 2023-13 which adds language regarding the decision on longevity pay that was made at the March 20th special meeting. Councilman Purdie moves to pass Ordinance 2024-01 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.** This item will be placed on the May 1st agenda.

Ordinance 2024-02

The traffic ordinance serves to update a previous traffic ordinance with additional stop signs that have been added in Town. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve Ordinance 2024-02 and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. Ordinance 2024-02 is passed with unanimous consent and unanimous vote of all five (5) members of the Town Council present.


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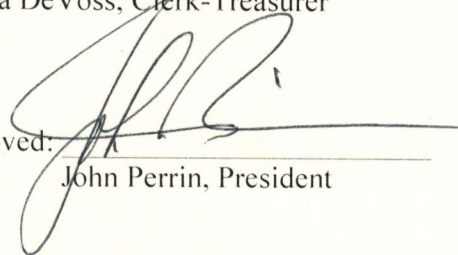
Rejeana Luttrell, 829 Westview Drive, shares that she is concerned with the trash and construction debris piling up and remaining near homes in her neighborhood. She states that she has contacted the Town Code Enforcement Officer and she wonders what else she can do. Council President Perrin states that he will drive by and look at these homes this evening and look into the situation. He states that the best thing to do is to continue to contact the Code Enforcement Officer and come to the meetings to share with Council if the trash continues to be an issue.

Bob Matthews, 1052 Hilltop Commons, on behalf of the Hilltop Commons HOA, ask for updates regarding the Tracy Road project and states that he had a conversation with Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin, who said he will provide updates on the Tracy Road project when those are available. Mr. Matthews also asks how the Town plans to handle the eclipse on April 8th, especially with regard to the nearby soccer field parking area and Proctor Park. Council President Perrin notes that the soccer field belongs to the school and the parking area is under their jurisdiction. He adds that as far as Proctor Park, the Town is not opening that up to camping due to liability issues.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President