

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

May 19, 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 Scott Alspach, John Schilawski, Frank Vaughn and John Perrin. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer. Councilman Mike Rogier was absent.

MINUTES

Councilman Alspach moves to approve the minutes of the May 5th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for May 21st. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve and ratify all reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Police Chief Joe Rynerson introduces Craig Asbury and David Brooks our new fulltime officers. Asbury has 15 years of law enforcement experience and Brooks has 16. Rynerson also introduces the newest reserve officer Antonio Salona who has 2.5 years of law enforcement experience. Council welcomes these officers.

BID OPENING

Attorney Robbins states we have received five (5) sealed bids for the 2020 Community Crossing Street Repair Work. Robbins opens the bids and reads them aloud:

Midwest Paving

Base Project Bid	\$ 864,541.00
Alternate #1	\$ 24,385.00
Alternate #2	\$ 41,632.00
Alternate #3	\$ 107,601.00
Alternate #4	\$ 5,289.00
Alternate #5	\$ 4,777.00

Milestone

Base Project Bid	\$1,085,619.90
Alternate #1	\$ 30,061.60
Alternate #2	\$ 45,638.40
Alternate #3	\$ 143,905.00
Alternate #4	\$ 10,434.85
Alternate #5	\$ 10,512.60

Harding Group

Base Project Bid	\$ 853,251.40
Alternate #1	\$ 39,000.00
Alternate #2	\$ 26,000.00
Alternate #3	\$ 83,100.00
Alternate #4	\$ 5,900.00
Alternate #5	\$ 4,200.00

Baumgardner

Base Project Bid	\$ 759,132.80
Alternate #1	\$ 19,500.00
Alternate #2	\$ 23,350.00
Alternate #3	\$ 92,775.00
Alternate #4	\$ 6,260.00
Alternate #5	\$ 6,200.00

Grady Brothers

Base Project Bid	\$ 949,869.70
Alternate #1	\$ 21,000.00
Alternate #2	\$ 54,000.00
Alternate #3	\$ 135,000.00
Alternate #4	\$ 60,800.00
Alternate #5	\$ 22,000.00

Attorney Robbins states it appears Baumgardner has the low bid but he and Public Works Supt. McCauslin will need to review the bids to verify responsiveness to the specifications. The Base Project Bid came in less than what had been projected so we may need to return some of the Community Crossing Grant money when the project is completed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney Robbins opens the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. to re-establish the maximum rate for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. This would maintain the \$0.05 per \$100.00 rate. Robbins asks if there is anyone present with questions or comments. No one is. The public hearing is closed at 5:22 p.m.

Attorney Robbins introduces Ordinance 2020-03 to re-establish the maximum rate on first reading. Motion by Councilman Alspach to approve Ordinance 2020-03 and second is made by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and hear the ordinance on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Council President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Vaughn with second by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Engine Financing

Attorney Robbins explains that we were able to secure financing through the Indiana Bond Bank with U.S. Bancorp for a ten (10) year term with an interest rate of 2.02 %. This is a much better deal than what we previously presented. Robbins has prepared the Master Lease

Purchase Agreement for council approval along with Resolution 2020-05 authorizing the Master Lease Purchase Agreement. Attorney Robbins reads and explains the resolution. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt the resolution and approve the Master Lease Purchase Agreement and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Wastewater SRF Project

Council President Perrin states that he received notice this week that our project has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson County Public Library Presentation

Clark Pleasant Branch Manager Davin Kolderup talks about services the library is offering during the shelter in place restrictions. The branch closed on March 16th. They began 7 day a week curbside pickup on May 4th. They are delivering books to high risk patrons. The summer reading program will take place June 1st thru July 31st with prizes this year going to not for profits. Davin shared news of the new branch that will open at the end of 2021 or early in 2022 depending on construction. The existing branch hopes to reopen this fall.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states that she will getting 2021 budget packets out to the department heads within the next week. All indications are that we will need to cut any unnecessary expenses this year and our 2021 budget needs to be equal to or less than the 2020 budget due to lost revenues as a result of COVID-19.

Today was supposed to be the day we hosted the Circus; they will be contacting us with a new date for 2021.

We will begin transitioning over to Citizens Bank this month. We are waiting on our deposit tickets and stamps.

We have been tracking delinquent accounts for when the Governor's Executive Order is lifted and IAW begins doing disconnects again. As of today, we have 127 delinquent accounts.

Compliance Officer Bob Downey has begun shadowing the Bargersville Inspector and is excited to gain more knowledge and be able to help out with permits and inspections during the day and when Tim is unavailable.

Date to reopen the offices – tabled until June 2nd meeting.

Request from customer to be removed from cash only. M. Kleyn, 145 Crestwood is requesting removal from cash only status. He has made timely payments for more than a year. Council approves.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-10

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach explains the transfer ordinance. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the ordinance on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

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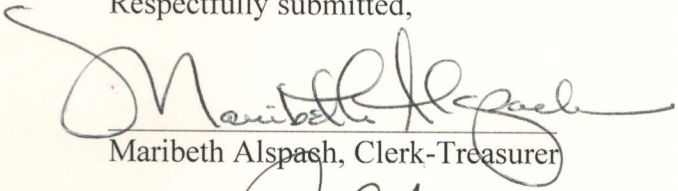
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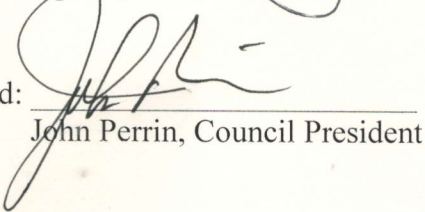
Transfer Memo

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the transfers for Wastewater and Storm Water. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the transfers and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, Council President