

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**September 13, 2022**

**Council members present**

Brad Goedeker	
President	<u>  X  </u>
Richard Hill	
V-President	<u>  X  </u>
Laura Fleury	
Member	<u>  X  </u>
David Hawkins	
Member	<u>  X  </u>
Joe Saylor	
Member	<u>      </u>

**Other Town Officials**

James Lowhorn	
Town Manager	<u>  X  </u>
Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u>  X  </u>

**Call to order**

- B. Goedeker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Invocation – Jim Lowhorn**

**Adoption of the Order of Business**

**Minutes 8/09/22**

- L. Fleury made a motion to approve the Minutes 8/09/22. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.  
**Passed 4-0.**

**Voucher Packet 9-13-22**

- D. Hendrickson stated the amount of \$513,537 distribution out of the General Fund was transferred into the ARPA Fund because the State of Indiana only deposits into the General Fund.
- D. Hawkins made the motion to approve Voucher Packet 8-09-22. L. Fleury seconded the motion.  
**Passed 4-0**

**Financial Report**

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all operating funds.
- The Sewer Bond will be paid off in March 2023.
- The Water Bond will be paid off in 2025.

**Old Business**

- Ordinance 2022-11, Council Redistricting, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
  - S. Watson summarized the maps showing a small shift between Wards to satisfy the 10% rule.
  - B. Goedeker thanked Mr. Watson for the hard work.
  - L. Fleury made a motion to approve the first reading for Resolution 2022-11. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.  
**Passed 4-0**

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## New Business

- Ordinance 2022-08, 2023 Budget

- D. Hendrickson stated the binders everyone received contained the budget that was approved by the DLGF.
- The Police Department increased the operations supplies with the Cares Act money received. It is not spending more money. The appropriation will return to normal amounts next year.
- Public hearing opened at 7:13 pm. No comments. Closed at 7:14.
- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

### Passed 4-0

- Discussion regarding Long-Term Operating and Capital Improvement Plan and Excess Levy Appeal

- S. Watson summarized the process and how the assessed values have increased approximately 30%. The tax the Town is allowed to collect is capped. There have been meetings with consultants on how to maximize the levy.
- Jerry Hickman with Reedy Financial Group summarized previous years compared to this year.
  1. One thing that is possible is to apply for a three-year levy growth appeal with the DLGF for the Town and the Fire Department. This must be completed by October 19, 2022.
  2. To keep from losing tax money you can take out a GO Bond and use the money for capital purchases.
- S. Watson stated the GO Bond is a short-lived bond, somewhere between 3-5 years depending on what you purchased. The three-year levy appeal is the appropriate motion for tonight.
- Taxes will not increase due to anything processes we are trying to do to provide services to keep the Town maintained through purchases in capital assets.
- The Staff are requesting permission to engage with Reedy Financial Group and Bond Council.
- D. Hawkins made a motion to have the Town Manager and Clerk Treasurer to engage with Reedy Financial along with a Bond Council to move forward on the three-year levy growth appeal. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

### Passed 4-0

- Town Manager Report

- J. Lowhorn
  - 305 Cardinal – owner has taken care of the tall grass violation (slide show).
    - Amending the Town Code on the nuisance to better describe how far we allow a resident to go.
    - B. Goedeker inquired if C. (Parker) Young could create the new code enforcement guidelines. She stated they have been already looking into the situation.
    - C. Young stated that the Town does not go out specifically looking for violations. Usually, it is a neighbor calls with a complaint.
  - 469 Springdale – owner has removed a good portion of the boxes from the front yard and has been able to mow some.
- B. Goedeker would like to see at the next meeting an example of the amendments.
- D. Hawkins would like to see everything in the front of the house gone.
- B. Goedeker stated to work on amending the code and send a letter to residents with a suggestion what is expected.

- Whiteland Road Paving in front of the High School.
  - Contacted Case Construction. They are finishing up on other projects. Should start in 7 to 10 days. Will call tomorrow for any updates.

**Council Comments - None**

**Public Comments**

- Tom Bruno, Briar Creek Subdivision, voiced his concerns about his high-water bill. Would like some resolution. There was a summer sewer discount. Had been watering the lawn. No sign of a leak.
- J. Lowhorn stated the Town has sent someone out to check the meter. It was working fine. The Town has also done a pressure check. The meter is new from the factory, and it is calibrated before it leaves the factory. The resident does have sprinklers.
- D. Hendrickson stated the reading for his next bill shows the usage is down by 69%.

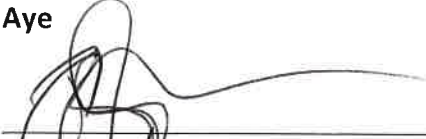
**Counsel Comments**


- S. Watson stated the Town needs to have the Economic DC active. Three-member board. The Council President appoints one member, the County Council appoints the second and the Town Council appoints the third.


Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 11<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022

**Aye**

  
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Brad Goedeker, President

  
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Richard Hill, Vice President

  
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David Hawkins

  
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Laura Fleury

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Joe Sayler

**Nay**

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Brad Goedeker, President


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Richard Hill, Vice President

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David Hawkins

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Laura Fleury

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**Attest:**

  
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Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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