

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**January 14, 2025**

**Council members present**

Richard Hill	
President	_X_
Tim Brown	
Member	_X_
Brad Goedecker	
Member	_X_
Debra Hendrickson	
Vice President	_X_
Joe Sayler	
Member	_X_

**Other Town Officials**

Melissa Fraser	
Clerk Treasurer	_X_
Carmen Young	
Director of Administration	_X_
Shaun Young	
Director Of Operations	_X_
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	_X_

**Call to Order**

- R. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

**Pledge**

**Roll Call** – Quorum requirements reached.

**Invocation** – S. Young

**Adoption of the order of the business for the day**

**Reorganization – Election of Council President and Vice President**

- D. Hendrickson nominated R. Hill for President. J. Sayler nominated D. Hendrickson. T. Brown seconded the motions.

**PASSED 5-0**

**Conflict of Interest Disclosures**

- S. Watson reads through all conflict-of-interest disclosures.
  - J. Sayler made a motion to approve all conflict-of-interest disclosures as read by S. Watson. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

**Minutes**

- B. Goedecker made a motion to approve the 12-10-24 minutes. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

**PASSED 3-0-2**

**Voucher Packet 1-14-25**

- J. Sayler made a motion to approve the 1-14-25 voucher packet. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

**Financial Report**

- C. Young reported on the balance of all funds.

**Old Business - NA**

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## New Business

- **Ordinance 2025-01, Amended and Restated Salary Ordinance for 2025**

- C. Young discussed the corrections on the amended and restated salary ordinance.
- S. Young discussed options on compensating Steven Richards for obtaining his water license.
- T. Brown stated the importance for the need of a contract, to protect the Town, for when employees obtain licenses that the Town paid for. This is to deter the employee from terminating employment once the license is obtained.
- J. Saylor recommended three \$2500 bonuses throughout the year. Considering the license was obtained prior to any contract, this would incentivize an employee to stay.
- T. Brown stressed the importance and responsibility of carrying the water license for the Town.
- R. Hill stated that the Town needs to develop guidelines for training and licensing for employees, moving forward.
- J. Saylor made a motion to amend the salary ordinance with corrections presented and to change water laborer to water operator with an asterisk for obtaining the water license, that the employee be entitled to a \$2500 bonus on April 1, August 1, and December 1, if employed in that position and continuing to hold a valid water operator's license. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- D. Hendrickson made a motion to suspend rules for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. J. Saylor seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the amended salary ordinance. J. Saylor seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- **Resolution 2025-01, Approval of RDC's Amendment to add U.S. 31 Area to the Whiteland Economic Development Area**

- S. Watson explained the Resolution.
- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- **Resolution 2025-02, Approval of RDC's Amendment to Add Funding of Police and Fire Service**

- S. Watson explained the Resolution.
- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

## Director of Administration and/or Director of Operations Report

- C. Young discussed the need for a new roof at Town Hall and desire to request bids. Town Council agreed.
- C. Young discussed disposing of or selling the Fire Dept trailer and the input from insurance.
  - T. Brown stated he'd like to donate it, if possible
  - C. Young was given authority to make a decision on the trailer by Council consensus.
- C. Young discussed the dedication of the right-of-way from the Lenar homes in Greenwood
  - J. Saylor made a motion to authorize C. Young to accept the dedication of the right-of-way, pending legal review. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- C. Young discussed the CIRDA -Make My Move campaign and changes to READI funds
  - B. Goedecker stated that he is adamantly opposed to the government paying or doing a handout for like this. He would need to investigate it to further understand. C. Young reiterated that the Town does NOT have to do any kind of incentive program. This is more of a marketing tool for the Town. C. Young will bring it back to the council once she has more information and has discussed it with RDC.

- C. Young discussed changes to the new logo. 2 logo options were presented.
  - Consensus is the logo with the circle and no breaks.
- C. Young discussed update on projects with Adam Stone
  - R. Hill asked if the Town was on track with all corrective actions from SBOA audit
  - C. Young stated that Adam has been working on that along with other things.
- C. Young discussed the increase in Commercial Liability Insurance
- C. Young discussed a \$30,000 grant that was awarded for a new tornado siren at the water booster station.

**Department Head Reports**

- R. Shipp discussed the Police Department's annual report that was presented to the Council. Also discussed 2025 goals for required trainings and the need for a new building for the Police Dept.
  - R. Hill asked about the street parking in Park Forest. R. Shipp stated that they plan to start hitting that harder now that the holidays are over.

**Counsel Comment**

- S. Watson discussed memos presented to the Council regarding Open Door, Public Records, and Purchasing/Property Disposal policies.

**Council Comment**

**Public Comment**

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.


Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 17<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025.

Aye

Nay



Richard Hill, President



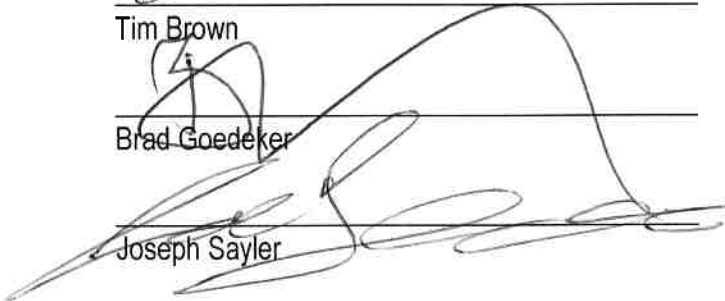
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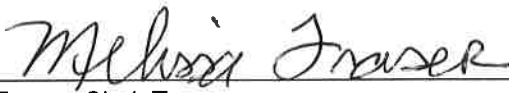
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Attest:



Melissa Fraser, Clerk Treasurer