

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
May 13, 2025

Council members present

Richard Hill	
President	<u> X </u>
Debra Hendrickson	
Vice President	<u> X </u>
Tim Brown	
Member	<u> X </u>
Brad Goedeker	
Member	<u> X </u>
Joe Sayler	
Member	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

Melissa Fraser	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>
Carmen Young	
Director of Administration	<u> X </u>
Shaun Young	
Director Of Operations	<u> X </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>

Call to Order

- R. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge

Roll Call – Quorum requirements reached.

Invocation – S. Young

Review and Approval of Agenda

Minutes 4-8-25

- J. Sayler made a motion to approve the 4-8-25 minutes. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Minutes 4-15-25

- T. Brown made a motion to approve the 4-15-25 minutes. R. Hill seconded the motion.

PASSED 3-0-2 (J. Sayler and B. Goedeker abstained)

Voucher Packet 5-13-25

- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the 5-13-25 voucher packet. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Financial Report

- M. Fraser reported on the balance of all funds.

Special Guest Matters: CPCSC Ag Pathway Presentation – Sam Arnes

- Hannah Knight and Katie Ott, AG teachers at Whiteland Community High School, discussed potential enhancements to the animal science program.
- The vision is to add a goat farm with 5-8 goats, which would be maintained and managed by the Ag Program. They discussed the benefits and responsibilities the farm could add to the program. They would like to stay competitive with all other agriculture programs in the county, as they all have livestock on their grounds.
- The location would be on school grounds due to class time restraints and the care the animals would need. The students would also have to be bused if in another location.
 - T. Brown has been to the site and it is in his neighborhood and he would not be in favor. He supports anything Ag related, just not ideal location. He has already received several complaints.

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- J. Sayler would be in favor but would like to go out and see the site.
- R. Hill asked about a C9 program in place. Sam Arnes stated C9 does not have any interest.
- R. Hill asked about using land at Clark Elementary or restructuring class time to accommodate this class. Hannah Knight stated that time restraints would be the issue with busing to Clark. They would get about 15 minutes of instructional time upon arrival. As far as altering class times, that is a decision of the State.
- Sam Arnes stated they are presenting this idea to Council now and will possibly apply for a variance. They are looking to have a decision and/or plan in place by July.
- T. Brown asked if this was a rezone to agriculture. C. Young stated it could just be a variance request for the BZA. She also discussed the concern of flooding in that area where they are wanting the goat farm.
- T. Brown would support it if it were in another location. Bus Garage might be another good and closer location.
- R. Hill stated he is open to continued dialogue. B. Goedeker is also open but would like to walk around the site.

Old Business

- **Ordinance 2025-06, Revision of Section 72.02 No Parking Provisions of the Town Code**

- T. Brown suggested getting feedback from residents by sending out a mailer. J. Sayler stated that this topic was all over the paper and social media and would like to take action on the motion
- J. Sayler would like to make a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to state that parked cars need to move every 36 hours. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-1

- R. Hill discussed the issue he had with changing the ordinance to allow parking on street from 2a-5a in neighborhood. He stated this is not solving the problem and that it should remain in the ordinance and leave it at the Chief's discretion on when to ticket.
- D. Hendrickson asked who would monitor the 36 hours. It was determined that the resident would call in to the police department.
- C. Young discussed adding certain roads to the ordinance and the need to add more in the future and development happens.
- S. Watson read through the updated ordinance, adding J. Sayler's motion to add the no parking longer than 36 hour rule.
- D. Hendrickson asked if S. Young had any concerns. S. Young stated that cars leaking fluid on the newly paved streets will deteriorate them quickly. Also, areas with no curbs could damage the road as cars park on the edge of them. He also asked if residents would be allowed to work on their cars in the road. J. Sayler stated that those stipulations could be added to the ordinance - non-operable cars are not to be parked in the street and fixing cars in the street would not be allowed.
- B. Goedeker stated he does not see this as a big issue and discussed if doing all of this is really changing much. A bunch of new requirements are now being added that may make it harder to communicate and potentially cause more problems. Ultimately, the goal is to keep cars from lining the streets. The Police Department can just enforce the rule as they see fit. He stated that the ordinance could remain as it is and revisit this if there continues to be issues.
- J. Sayler asked that action be taken on the ordinance tonight and made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-06 as amended. Motion died due to lack of a second. S. Watson stated changing the ordinance would be tabled indefinitely.

- **Fire Engine Bond & Fire Department Updates**

- Eric Funkhouser, Fire Chief, discussed repairs needed on the ladder truck. Repairs total \$90,000. The truck is 23 yrs old, and he recommends not repairing it.
- Adam Stone discussed options on financing another ladder truck. He explained the bond paperwork passed out to the Council and discussed pros/cons of each option.

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- E. Funkhouser likes option three and discussed the details of the ladder truck they would like to purchase.
 - A. Stone and C. Young discussed tax rate and potential of assessed value to increase.
 - R. Hill discussed the need to digest and understand these large expenditures and feels this is moving way too fast. Adam Stone discussed the funds related to Fire Department and where the money would come from for this purchase.
 - T. Brown asked about replacing the service vehicles. E. Funkhouser discussed the three vehicles the department wants. T. Brown stated he would be fine trading in high mileage vehicle but not the others.
 - S. Watson asked what needed to be decided tonight. A. Stone stated the close date for the ladder truck is July 17th, but other vehicles could wait until next month.
 - B. Goedeker stated the need for these 5 vehicles seems to be an emergency. These were not expenditures expected this year. He asked about any issues with maintenance. E. Funkhouser explained the maintenance agreements he would like in place for the vehicles but nothing is currently in place.
 - R. Hill suggested doing the repairs at \$90,000 will buy the Town some time. If the funding mechanism is there today, it will be there in 6-12 months also.
 - J. Sayler shares the same hesitations regarding option three and suggested moving forward with approving the bond, 1st reading. Then take the next 30 days to look over all the options.
- **Ordinance 2025-08, Bond Ordinance Authorizing Fire Protection Bonds to Fund Purchase of Fire Truck and other Fire Department Purposes, 1st Reading.**
 - **Ordinance 2025-09, Appropriation of Proceeds of Fire Protection Bonds to Fund Purchase of Fire Truck and other Fire Department Purposes, 1st Reading.**
 - Jacob McClellan discussed the details of Ordinances 2025-08 and 2025-09
 - These will be carried over to July's meeting to be further considered.
 - **Resolution 2025-04, Authorization of Reimbursement of Fire Department Expenditures from Proceeds of Fire Protection Bonds**
 - Jacob McClellan discussed the details of Resolution 2025-04
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04. T. Brown seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**
 - **Engagement Letter with Bond Counsel for Fire Protection Bonds**
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Bond Counsel. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**

New Business

- **Ordinance 2025-07, Repealing Redundant Section 50.42(A) Sewer Connection Fees**
 - C. Young discussed Ordinance 2025-07.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07, 1st reading. T. Brown seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**

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- **Resolution 2025-05, Establishment of Capital Asset Management Policy**
 - C. Young discussed Resolution 2025-05
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**
- **Presentation of RDC Annual Report for 2024**
 - S. Watson discussed the RDC Annual Report.
- **Barada Associates Master Service Agreement – Pre-employment services screening**
 - C. Young discussed the Barada Service Agreement.
 - T. Brown stated he understands the background check but has a problem with the credit check. Also, a background check can be done for free by our Police Department. C. Young explained this is what was recommended by Invigorate. Moving forward, the Town can determine the criteria to use for hiring. Also, the background check with Barada would be local and national, and the one done by our Police would just be local.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to authorize C. Young to sign the service agreement with Barada Associates subject to attorney review. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**
- **Review of Tax Abatement Statement of Compliance from Wrigley Real Estate Holdings LLC; and D&H Distributing Co.**
 - S. Watson discussed the statements of compliance.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the SB1's for Wrigley Real Estate Holdings LLC and D&H Distributing Co and find them in substantial compliance. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**
- **Additional EG71 Repairs & Repairs to LD71**
 - C. Young discussed the repairs needed.
 - T. Brown made a motion to approve the repairs and not to exceed \$50,000. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**
- **Conflict of Interest Forms**
 - S. Watson discussed the forms.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the Linhart's conflict of interest forms. T. Brown seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the conflict of interest forms as read and deemed complete by S. Watson. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.**PASSED 5-0**

Director of Administration and/or Director of Operations Report

- C. Young asked the Council who would want to be involved in the budget planning for 2026. D. Hendrickson would like to be involved, and T. Brown will think it over.
- C. Young stated the issues were resolved with the County regarding the Whiteland Rd/Sawmill Rd roundabout.

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Department Head Reports

Counsel Comment

Council Comment

Public Comment

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10th of June, 2025.

Aye

Nay

Richard Hill, President



Debra Hendrickson, Vice President



Tim Brown



Attest:



~~Melissa Fraser, Clerk-Treasurer~~

Makayla Rich, Deputy Clerk.

Richard Hill, President

Debra Hendrickson, Vice President

Tim Brown

Brad Goedeker

Joseph Sayler

