

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
August 12, 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 Saylor	
Member	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

Melissa Fraser	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> </u>
Carmen Young	
Town Manager	<u> X </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Makayla Rich	
Deputy Clerk	<u> X </u>

Call to Order

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

Pledge

Roll Call – Quorum requirements reached

Invocation – C. Young

Review and Approval of Agenda

Minutes 7-8-25 & 7-23-25

- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the 7-8-25 and the 7-23-25 minutes. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
PASSED 5-0

Voucher Packet 8-12-25

- T. Brown made a motion to approve the 8-12-25 voucher packet. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
PASSED 5-0

Financial Report

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

Old Business

- **Ordinance 2025-10, Establishing the Whiteland Redevelopment Authority**
 - Dennis Otten, Bose McKinney & Evans, introduced the Ordinance which establishes the Whiteland Redevelopment Authority and allows lease financing as an option. C. Young stated we have 2 Redevelopment Authority members confirmed and are waiting on the 3rd to respond.
- **Resolution 2025-09, Authorizing Lease Agreements Relating to Local Public Improvement Projects**
 - Dennis Otten, Bose McKinney, & Evans, explained the Resolution which will authorize not to exceed bonds of 2,750,000.00 for the road project. They will be issued by the Redevelopment Authority, and this resolution will approve the lease agreements for financing. By statute, the Council has to approve any financings undertaken by the Redevelopment Commission. The lease agreements will be available at the next meeting. They will also get approved by the Redevelopment Commission and Authority following a public hearing.
 - S. Watson discussed the dates for the appointments for the Redevelopment Authority.

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New Business

- **Ordinance 2025-11, Modification of Concept Plan for Redwood at Whiteland PUD**
 - C. Young discussed the Ordinance, that passed the Plan Commission, requesting a modification to add 1 and 3 bedroom options.
 - Joe Csikos, Clark Quinn Law Offices, further explained the request for modification of the concept plan for Redwood.
 - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11, final approval. T. Brown seconded the motion.
PASSED 5-0

- **Clarification of the Employee Handbook**
 - J. Sayler made a motion in three parts:
 - To direct the Town attorney to draft an amendment to the employee handbook regarding personal days and consistent policy and practice
 - The revisions to the employee handbook be drafted to clarify that the person who dies during a term of service, but was otherwise eligible for full PERF retirement, be treated the same way as if they had retired.
 - Appoint and name Carmen Young as Town Manager with current salary ordinance for the Director of Administration.
 - B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
PASSED 5-0

- **Appointment of two new members to the Advisor Plan Commission**
 - C. Young discussed the need for 2 new members for the Advisory Plan Commission. Traditionally they have been employees of the Town. Recommendation to fill the term for Shaun Young with Armando DeSantiago and for Chief Eric Funkhouser with Fire Marshal Jason Kephart.
 - T. Brown asked if the openings were made public to residents of the Town. C. Young stated that we certainly can ask the public for their input. We want to be sure the members understand development and infrastructure, plus the fire protection side of things. This is why we have members from Public Works and Fire Department.
 - T. Brown would like it posted to the public – the residents of Whiteland.
 - D. Hendrickson likes the idea of someone from the Fire Department to be on the Commission.
 - J. Sayler stated with the powers and duties the Plan Commission has, it's important to have 1-2 internal employees. He supports the idea of having a member of the town administration and a member of the fire department on it. Both are really important viewpoints that are needed.
 - S. Watson will investigate the state statute. C. Young will come back next month with the plan to move forward, once it is determined what the statute dictates for the roles

- **Conflict of Interest Disclosures**
 - S. Watson read through the disclosures for Scott Raker, Doug Raker, and Cole Raker.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the disclosures. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.
PASSED 5-0

Town Manager Report

- C. Young asked for approval of the disposal of 3 older, unusable trailers and a mixer. They will get scrapped and we will get money for them.

PASSED by consensus

- C. Young discussed the striping of Whiteland Road to US 31 by Redwood.
- T. Brown asked about the Shed in his subdivision. C. Young stated that is currently being discussed and hope to get that done before winter.

Department Head Reports

- Chief K. Polley discussed monthly reports.

Counsel Comment

- S. Watson stated that in further consideration of the Council's intent, he feels it would be appropriate for there to be an express authorization for the treatment of the accrued paid time off for Shaun Young to be consistent with the handbook revisions that were authorized. And for that to be implemented immediately without waiting for that revision.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to proceed in the manner stated by S. Watson. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Council Comment

- B. Goedecker stated that he would like to explore the idea of studying a merger between Whiteland and New Whiteland. He will be formerly bringing this up at the next council meeting.

Public Comment

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 9th of September, 2025.

Aye



Richard Hill, President

Nay

Richard Hill, President



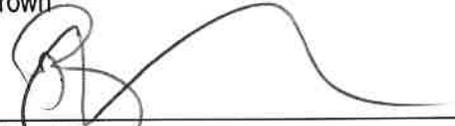
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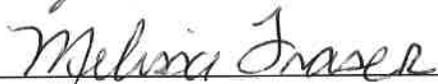
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Joseph Sayler

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Attest:



Melissa Fraser, Clerk Treasurer