

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
February 10, 2026

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>
Member	<u> </u>

Other Town Officials

Jenny Roberts	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </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 6:00pm

Roll Call – Quorum requirements reached. All present.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Conflicts of Interest Disclosures

- S. Watson read disclosures for Dale Glick, Lindsey Raker, and Jason Kephart.
 - B. Goedeker made a motion to accept the conflicts of interest disclosures. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

Town Council Minutes 1-13-26 and Board of Finance Minutes 1-13-26

- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the minutes. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

Voucher Packet 2-10-2026

- R. Hill asked about some negative balances showing.
 - M. Rich explained the new budget has not been put in the system yet.
 - C. Young explained a new chart of accounts that will be implemented.
- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the 2-10-26 Voucher Packet. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

Financial Report

- M. Rich discussed the financials.

Old Business

- **Stone Municipal Group Supplemental Agreement Update /Local Government Services Update**
 - C. Young discussed the meeting that she and Jenny had with Stone Municipal regarding the supplemental agreement. There a couple of things that Stone Municipal needs to continue doing for us right now, therefore the agreement will need to stay. C. Young further discussed the details/history of the agreement.
 - C. Young discussed the update Adam Stone prepared for the Council and changes being made to the appropriation numbers.
 - R. Hill asked about change to the account codes and the timeline from Stone Municipal.
 - D. Hendrickson asked about changes to the appropriation numbers and suggested doing it later.

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- R. Hill suggested a meeting with Adam Stone to discuss. D. Hendrickson agreed and will also come to the meeting. C. Young will schedule the meeting.
- J. Roberts further discussed the supplemental agreement and stated she would like to go ahead and give the required 30 day notice to Stone Municipal and can do the reconciliations with Local Government Services. M. Rich can sit alongside and learn also.
- R. Hill would like to set up a meeting internally and then with Stone Municipal to discuss before moving forward with any cancellations.

New Business

- **Consideration of Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Wessler Engineering, Inc. for Design & Engineering of Chad Lo Relief Sewer Project**
 - C. Young discussed the Chad Lo Relief Sewer Project that has been on the capital project list. This will tie into the upgrades needed at the sewer plant. C. Young also discussed possible financing options.
 - C. Young also stated the Town has reached out to the county surveyors office, regarding the Brewer Legal Drain, as this would have to go into their easement. The Town could potentially work together with the County on a combined project.
 - C. Young also explained that the Gradison Development project has been delayed due to the Town not being able to take on the additional capacity.
 - J. Jones, Wastewater Superintendent, explained the need for the project and added that the Howard property has been annexed into the Town and has a certain amount of time to get water/sewer to them.
 - Derek Urban, Wessler Engineering, further explained the project. This would be the initial phase of the infrastructure upgrade for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - T. Brown preferred not going through the schools property at all and suggested going down the tree line through the resident's easements. D. Hendrickson agreed.
 - D. Hendrickson made a motion to authorize C. Young to sign the service agreement with Wessler Engineering for the Chad Lo Relief sewer project. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0
- **Consideration of Stormwater Waiver – Lot 5 (C-Store) – Gateway at Whiteland**
 - B. Patrick, Building Commissioner, explained the stormwater waiver request and the review from Commonwealth Engineering.
 - T. Brown made a motion to approve the stormwater waiver request for Lot 5 (C-Store). D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0
- **Consideration of Request for Approval to Encroach Rear Yard Drainage & Utility Easement – 191 Walker**
 - B. Patrick explained that the petitioner is requesting a waiver from the Town Council to encroach a rear yard drainage and utility easement in the Saddlebrook Farms subdivision. Specifically for the encroachment of a concrete patio to extend into a rear yard drainage and utility easement on a lot that abuts a common area pond for the subdivision.
 - Staff recommends **conditional approval** of the petition, based on the findings of fact with the following recommendations:
 - The encroachment request being presented to and approved by the Town Council; and,
 - The Owner entering into an Encroachment Agreement with the Town, to be recorded in the Owner's chain of title.
 - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the request of 191 Walker to encroach the rear yard drainage & utility easement with the conditions that an encroachment agreement with the Town is recorded in the Owner's chain of title. T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0
- **Ordinance 2026-02, Revising Right of Way Regulations (Introduction)**
 - B. Patrick discussed the Ordinance as presented. He stated the current ordinance is vague and needs to have more specific requirements.

- C. Young further explained that this will help with the issues the Town is having with boring through lines, sanitary laterals, cable pollution, etc.
 - **Request for Approval - Mag Meter Replacement – Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 - J.Jones, Wastewater Superintendent, explained the need for a magnetic flow meter replacement.
 - R. Hill asked about the terms of payment- it needs to be net 45-60 days. He also asked about the warranty.
 - D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the mag meter replacement. T. Brown seconded the motion.
- PASSED 4-0**

Town Manager Report

- C. Young discussed updates on the repairs from the tornado. Specifically, the wastewater plant buildings and potentially doing the rebuild as a BOT – Build Operate Transfer. The town has also been moving forward with the street garage rebuild.
- C. Young acknowledged and commended everyone for their hard work through the snow event.
- T. Brown asked about the gas pumps. C. Young explained they are moving forward and REMC will be out this week.

Department Head Reports

- Derek Cox, Police Chief, discussed updates. He also recognized Matt Kegaris and his response to an incident involving a police pursuit. He rendered first aid and was able to save a man's life at the scene.
- Eric Funkhouser, Fire Chief, discussed the updates on the ladder truck. The repairs came in at around \$182,000 for everything. They had budgeted \$90,000 for repairs and an additional \$200,000 for other fire repairs and reimbursements. Estimated return date to station is May 1.
- E. Funkhouser stated that Medic 271 is running out of Station 71 as of February 2nd.
- E. Funkhouser thanked the Council for voicing their frustration with the finances. It is becoming a huge problem for all the departments here at the Town. He recommended bringing in Janet Alexander to help train. He requested that a line in the sand be drawn and a deadline given to get the finances in order. He also wanted to recognize M. Rich and C. Young for all their hard work.
- Steven Richards, Water Superintendent, gave updates on the hydrant replacements.
- Jesse Jones, Wastewater Superintendent, discussed that he is working on replacing heater in the press building.

Counsel Comment

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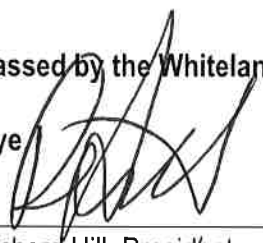
- B. Goedeker wanted to recognize the high level of competence he has seen from the team working here at Whiteland. He is impressed with the level of cooperation across the board and the willingness to work together to make the Town better

Public Comment

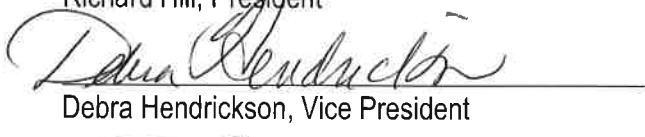
R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 10 of March, 2026.


Aye




Richard Hill, President



Debra Hendrickson, Vice President



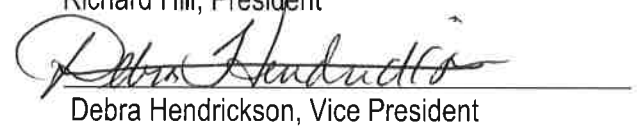
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Nay

Richard Hill, President



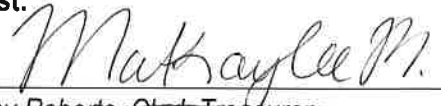
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Attest:



~~Jenny Roberts, Clerk Treasurer~~

Makayla Rich, Deputy Clerk - Treasurer