

ORIGINAL



WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2019
7 PM
Minutes

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – **Clinton** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call – All Present

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Swearing in of 2020 Officials – **Judge Schein** performed the swearing in of the Council (**Clinton Bohm, Susan Austin, Eric Miller, Jeff Wishek, and Rob Worl**) and Clerk-Treasurer (**Matt Sumner**).
- B. WFD Badge Pinning of Battalion Chief **Tracy Badgley** – **Chief Westrich** talked about how **Tracy** has thirty-three years of experience in firefighting.
- C. Boone EDC – **Rachel Huser** thanked the Council for help with the record leads for this year. They have also worked hard ramping up workforce development. **Clinton** thanked **Rachel** and the EDC for all they do to help Whitestown.
- D. **Susan m/m to adopt the agenda as presented, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

- A. Town Management Report I **WMU Management Reports (Sewer, Water)**

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW, Planning & Community Development, Building Department, Parks and Recreation, **Police (Operations, Stats, Drug Stats) I WMPD 2019 Goals and Accomplishments, Fire I WFD 2019 Goals and Accomplishments** – **Chief Westrich** talked about wanting to hire three new recruits next year, and to put on their own academy. This will open the applicant pool to draw from. **Clinton** thanked the **Chief** and thought this was a great move forward and is looking forward to seeing this work and grow.

5. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK (Topics Not Related to an Agenda Item) - none

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 11/20/2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes

- B. Claims – **November 2019 Expenses Town I November 2019 Revenues Town I November 2019 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating)**
- C. Approve Hiring of Employee Relative for Front Desk Receptionist/Constituent Relations (New Hire – Sheryl Rountree, Front Desk Receptionist – Mother of Nicole Rountree, Utility Billing Office Manager)
- D. Approval of BF&S Contract for Signal 267 and Indianapolis Road I **Contract**
- E. Acceptance of 2019 INDOT Road Inventory
- F. Consider an Expenditure Exceeding \$5000; (NTE \$14,900: ESO Record Management System Software -- Fire Department) | **Quote – Susan m/m to approve the above consent agenda, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Read and Consider for Adoption: 2020 Salary Ordinance (**Ordinance 2019-29**) – **Susan did the 2nd read and m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd. Kevin said we have given the employees 5% raises for each of the last 4 years when inflation has been around 3% each year and believes the raises are a bit on the excessive side. 4-1 adopted.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

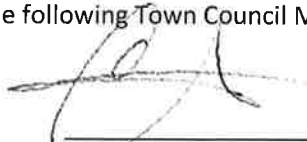
- A. Consider a Declaratory Resolution Concerning Project Rain (**Resolution 2019-34**) – **Clinton read the resolution, Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- B. Consider a Resolution Concerning a new PERF option for Town Employees (**Resolution 2019-33**) – **Clinton** thanked the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (**Arren Miller**) for their work on this. **Susan** thanked them as well. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that the work and research for this was all done by **Arren**. **Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- C. Public Hearing: Economic Improvement District – **Clinton** opened the public hearing at 7:17. **Susan m/m to close, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Public Hearing Closed at 7:18.**
- D. Consider Approval of Economic Improvement District Ordinance (**Ordinance 2019-30**) – **Clinton did first read. Susan m/m to suspend rules for 2nd read, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Clinton did 2nd read. Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- E. Consider Approval of Ordinance Amending Lift Station Bond Ordinance (**Ordinance 2019-31**) – **Clinton did the first read. Susan m/m to suspend the rules for a 2nd reading, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Clinton did the 2nd read. Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- F. Consider Approval for \$10,000 of Funding Assistance for the Child Advocacy Center taken from the 2020 WMPD Budget – **Chief Anderson** discussed the importance of funding the CAC. Chief said the Police Commission recommended the Council to pass it unanimously. **Susan** said the work the CAC does is very important. **Eric m/m to fund the CAC for \$10,000 from the 2020 WMPD budget. Clinton 2nd echoed Susan statements saying he believes their work is very important as well. 5-0 adopted.**
- G. Approval of Encumbrance of 2019 Funds and Purchase of Equipment – **Danny Powers** said he was looking to purchase a new pick-up truck and a skid steer. **Clinton** thanked **Danny** for bringing this to the Council. **Clinton m/m to approve the encumbrance, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

- H. Consider Approval of Performance Pay for Chief Westrich – **Clinton** said he and Councilman **Wishek** have gone over the goals with the Chief in the Fire Board, and the Fire Board approved a 5% bonus and a 5% pay increase for the following year. **Clinton m/m to approve the Fire Board recommendation, Eric 2nd. 5-0 adopted.**
- I. Consider Approval of Performance Pay for Chief Anderson – **Susan** said the Police Board made a recommendation for a 5% bonus for the Chief, **Clinton made the motion to approve the bonus, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- J. Consider Adoption of 2020 Town Boards and Commissions Calendar of Meeting Dates – **Kevin** asked **Rob** if the meeting dates worked for him. **5-0 adopted.**
- K. Economic Improvement Board Appointments – **Clinton m/m to appoint Susan Austin, Nathan Messer, Kate Ems, Pete Anderson, and John Cohoat to the EIB – Eric 2nd, 4-0 adopted. Susan abstained.**

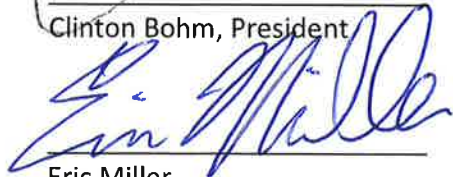
9. **OTHER BUSINESS** – **Jeff** wanted to thank **Kevin** for his service on the Council and appreciated his help. **Kevin** said he was proud of this building and talked about helping to get speed limits regulated.

10. **ADJOURN** – **Susan** m/m to adjourn, **Eric 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 7:32pm.**

The minutes from a Town Council meeting on December 18th, 2019 are approved on the 8th day of January 2020 by the following Town Council Members:


 Clinton Bohm, President


 Susan Austin


 Eric Miller


 Jeff Wishek


 Rob Worl

Attest:

 Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer