



WHITESTOWN



Whitestown Special Town Council Meeting February 24, 2016

Eric M calls the February 24, 2016, Special Town Council Meeting to order at 7:04pm. Roll Call: Susan Austin, Clinton Bohm, Eric Miller, Kevin Russell, Jeff Wishek: Present. Pledge.

Agenda Amendments:

Susan A made motion to discuss INDOT Interchange Agreement and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Agreement. Clinton B 2nd. Vote 5-0; *motion carried; agenda amended.*

#A *INDOT Interchange Agreement* Susan A made a motion that Eric M and Dax N given authorization to execute the agreement pending final approval of conditions (of the agreement). Kevin R 2nd the motion. Vote 5-0; *motion adopted.*

#B *Conflict of Interest Disclosure Agreement* Susan A made a motion to accept the agreement from appointed Town Judge Alexis Sumner. Susan A noted that Sumner was not required to submit the disclosure form but was only doing so because she was employed by the Town's legal counsel Bose McKinney Evans. Clinton B 2nd the motion. Kevin R noted that Sumner does not work on anything Town related. Clinton B thanked her for her thoughtfulness for her cautiousness. Vote 5-0; *motion adopted.*

Clerk Treasurer Presentations

1. Michael Smith

- a. Relocated two years ago to be closer to family.
- b. Summary of experience:
 - i. Twenty-six years in public education with thirteen years of that in administration;
 - ii. Knows how to get the job done;
 - iii. No large background in accounting.
- c. Goals:
 - i. Enhance community vitality, cohesion, and engagement;
 - ii. Enhance economic development.

d. Interview portion:

- i.* Immediately impressed with the area and enjoys the small town feel;
- ii.* Wants to enhance economic development in Whitestown by growing area and drawing businesses to the town;
- iii.* After review of the roles and statues of the position, feels bringing in revenue for the Town and representing the taxpayers are a few of the key things;
- iv.* Feels role is more administrative and back-office while serving the people;
- v.* Feels the greatest challenge of the Clerk Treasurer is to instill integrity and trust back into the position;
- vi.* Feels his ability to "handle things on the fly" and professionalism sets him apart from the other two;
- vii.* One weakness of his he feels is not being ambitious enough;
- viii.* Feels the role of the Clerk Treasurer is to support the team, listen to each other, and support the board.

2. Matthew "Matt" Sumner

a. Moved to area

b. Summary of experience:

- i.* Roughly three years of experience working for durable medical equipment company;
- ii.* Negotiated with vendors daily in reducing cost;
- iii.* Education:
 1. BA in Public and Environmental Affair w/ emphasis on Civic Leadership;
 2. Minor in Economics

c. Goals:

- i.* Getting acquainted with the position;
- ii.* Working closely with State on audit;
- iii.* Take on more responsibility;
- iv.* Take back responsibility that has been taken away.

d. Interview Portion:

- i.* Chose to live in area because of low crime, friendly town, and excited about growth potential;
- ii.* This would be his full-time and only position;
- iii.* Has reviewed the roles and statue of the position and believes it should be more utilized then currently is;
- iv.* Feels more responsibility could be taken on to help reduce cost in other areas;
- v.* Would use social media to get more information out;



- vi.* Negotiations with vendors and the ability to bring costs down uniquely sets him apart from the other candidates;
- vii.* Feels the paramount task for the year is the audit;
- viii.* Feels one of his greatest strengths is the ability to work on efficiency and think outside the box.

3. **Brent Shike**

- a.* Resident of Legacy Core area for last twenty-five years;
- b.* Summary of experience:
 - i.* Background in securities and finance;
 - ii.* Served in State government;
 - iii.* Project Coordinator
- c.* Goals:
 - i.* Budget priority giving annual state of the community report;
 - ii.* Review vendor contracts, ordinances and resolutions;
 - iii.* Ensure integrity of procedures
- d.* Interview Portion:
 - i.* Not certain if would run in 2019;
 - ii.* More back-office type person;
 - iii.* Looks at obtaining funding as biggest challenge;
 - iv.* Chose to live in Whitestown area because convenient to his and wife's jobs and was the perfect location within the state;
 - v.* Sees role of Clerk Treasurer more as admin and to work in the background;
 - vi.* This would be his full-time and only position;
 - vii.* Feels best way to prioritize work is to review all requests then speak to department heads on needs first;
 - viii.* Questioned council whether the Town's financial records where:
 - 1. **Susan A** replied yes because of working with Town's accounts Reedy Financial.

Decision

- **Eric M** asked if anyone from the public would like to comment; no comment.
- **Kevin R** stated three strong candidates.
- **Susan A** said "a lot of food for thought."
- **Eric M** entertained any discussion or motion by council;
 - **Susan A** asked why not previous interest was not given to the position:
 - **Brent Shike:**
 - Considered running but it is hard to go out and talk about himself to others.



- **Michael Smith:**
 - Had moved to the area originally for family but ended up having to be his mother's caretaker up until her recent passing therefore nothing else was important at the time.
- **Matt Sumner:**
 - Did express interest and had ran but lost the election.
- **Clinton B** stated it was a very difficult decision but the one whom took the steps to actually put their name on the ballot and run for the position therefore made a motion to appoint Matthew Sumner as new Clerk Treasurer. **Susan A** 2nd the motion. **Kevin R** stated the only factor that differentiated the three was that Matt ran for the office. **Susan A** concurred what **Kevin R** adding though not successful in the election, he (Sumner) showed interest.
- Roll Call:
 - **Susan Austin** – Yes
 - **Clinton Bohm** – Yes
 - **Eric Miller** – Yes
 - **Kevin Russell** – Yes
 - **Jeff Wishek** – Yes
- Motion Passed 5-0
- **Matthew Sumner** appointed Clerk Treasurer for the term 2016-2019

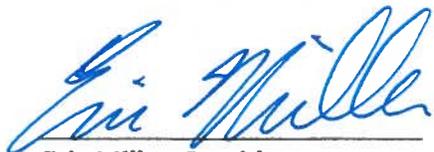
Additional Business

Eric M asked Town attorney **Steve Unger** about swearing in the new Clerk Treasurer. Per **Unger**, he has 30 days from the date of taking office to be sworn in. **Susan A** felt he should be sworn in immediately to protect the town. **Clinton B** suggested to allow **Unger**, **Matt S**, and **Dax N** decide if **Matt S** needed to be sworn in prior to the close of current Clerk Treasurer **Amanda Andrew's** term at 11:59:59pm Friday, February 26, 2016.

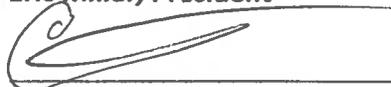
Eric M made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm, **Clinton B** 2nd. Vote 5-0; motion carried.



The minutes from a Special Town Council meeting on February 24, 2016, are approved on the 9th day of March, 2016, by the following Town Council Members:


Eric Miller, President


Susan Austin


Clinton Bohm


Jeff Wishek


Kevin Russell

ATTEST:


Shannon Metzger, Deputy Clerk