

Town Council Meeting  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in special session at the Westport Town Hall, with the following present; Harry Pray III, President, John Organist, Joyce Brindley, and Gloria Alumbaugh. Harry Pray called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

**Westport Wastewater Project Public Meeting:**

Commonwealth representative, Mathew (Matt) Wirth led the meeting by making introductions and passing around a signature of attendance sheet. Matt reviewed the history of Westport's Wastewater projects accompanied by Rachel Runge and Brady Dyer. Rachel passed out a handout called the Executive Summary which outlined the history of need, current conditions, alternative solutions, and proposed Wastewater Project. Rachel answered questions about the document and then Brady Dyer reviewed the IDEM Compliance timeline with the council.

Once the history and future plans were reviewed, Jim Higgins and Robert Reynolds from LWG Financial Advisors, passed out their initial rate study and answered any questions from the council. The rate study included an approximate 25% increase which would need to be voted on to put into place at the beginning of 2022. Jim recommended that interim financing for the project be pursued through the Indiana Bond Bank (1% interest) by December 2021 so that Commonwealth can receive payment by January 2022. The project is on a tight timeline of 18 months and Commonwealth stated that they will need the first 6 months to design and bid the project.

SIRPC representative, Jodi Comer stated that she would work up a contract with the Town of Westport to continue services (Labor/Wage standards management) during the Wastewater project.

Joyce made a motion to close the council meeting at 11:25 A.M., seconded by John.

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Harry Pray III, President

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John Organist, Vice President

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Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman  
Treasurer

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At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk