

Town of Westport Public Hearing, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A **Public Hearing** was opened by Harry Pray III at 6:51pm to invite the public to comment on the Wastewater Rate Study and Ordinance 2022-1, An Ordinance Amending the schedule of rates and charges collected by the Town of Westport, Indiana, from the owners of the property served by the sewage works of said town and other matters connected therewith.

Joyce Brindley commented on the necessity of the wastewater utility improvements, explaining IDEM's push for Westport to fix IDEM's sanctions.

At 6:55pm, Delores Honeycutt stated that she agreed that this must be done even though the rate increase is difficult for people. Harry Pray III added that the town receiving this much money from SWF and USDA funding is unusual and the town must take advantage of the opportunity (told story about being approached at AIM Roundtable meeting and being asked how "little old Westport" got so much funding). There were no further comments and Harry closed the public hearing at 6:59pm.

The following people attended the Public Hearing:

James and Becky Gillenwater –Community member

Bryan Gatewood – Community member

Delores Honeycutt & Stephanie Costa – Community member

Lori Rea and Jimmy Thomas – Community member

Keishia Welch and Keishia A Davis – Community member

Leann Pearl -Community member

Damon Land – Superintendent of Public Works

Deanna Burkart – County Council member

Bill Meyerose – Community member

John Organist – Westport council member

Harry Pray III – Westport council member

Joyce Brindley – Westport council member

Gloria Alumbaugh – Westport Clerk Treasurer

Jim Higgins – LWF Financial Advisor

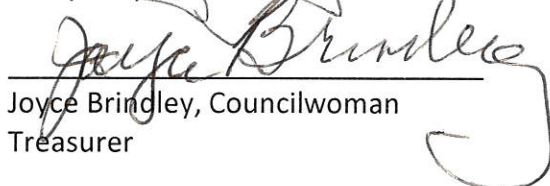
Mathew Wirth – Commonwealth Representative

Alex Whitted – Town Attorney

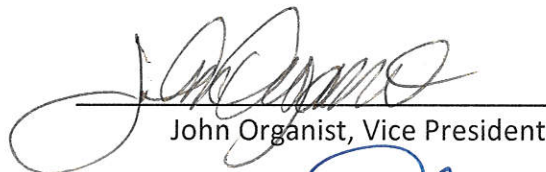
Robert Baldwin – Community member



Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman  
Treasurer



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk