

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
January 10, 2017

ROLL CALL: Mindy Curry, Bill May, Louann Artiaga, Frank Billings, and Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Clerk Susan Miller, Leroy Ryerson, David Prueter, and Rob Casaletta.

At 6:30 PM, President of Council, Bill May called the meeting to order.

Councilman, Bob Keogh, was attending another meeting and was excused.

Park and Recreation

The first order of business was roles, responsibilities, and the next steps with the Veterans Memorial Park project.

- Making sure there is a good understanding so that all expectations are met
- Design Committee, Edge Group design, Destination Whitehouse, Inc., 4 tax district parcels affected, Village paid for design
- Almost \$24,000 raised for construction, total cost \$260,000
- Memorializing the status of the project, understanding between the Village and Destination Whitehouse, Inc, responsibilities and duties
- Municipal property, Village responsible for construction contract management and bid process
- Fundraisers, presentations, donations and pledges, upcoming lunch with SERTOMA club/gun raffle, Union – labor donations, phases, first phase – infrastructure, Maintenance Department Labor
- Volunteer labor difficult to incorporate under Village standards for the construction letting process
- Destination Whitehouse, Inc., careful who all is memorialized, not voting on the expenditure of the money, committee is charged with advancing the project
- Price tag, a lot of money for one year, more feasible over many years from a municipal project standpoint
- More phases to show progress, professional fundraisers advice, fundraising goal timeline
- Eventually someone will be putting a shovel on Village property, Resolution has nothing to do with entities outside of the Village, Resolution addresses the Village requirements for a construction project on Village property, relying on the advice of the Solicitor, does not put the Village on “the hook”, places administration of the project on the Village
- Not wanting to ask residents for donations and then taking tax dollars for it too
- No further present monetary commitment from the Village, when and if the Village participates monetarily
- Five year minimum to completion, the project is going to happen

- Administrator Jordan Daugherty and Mayor Don Atkinson happy to help, haven't been asked
- Accountable to the taxpayers

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Mindy Curry to postpone discussion for the next Committee of the Whole meeting that Solicitor Phil Davis can attend. 4 ayes, 1 nay Louann Artiaga

### Safety Services

The next order of business was the Swanton Township Fire Contract Renewal

- Continuation of longstanding, good working relationship
- 0% increase for the first 2 years, sound contract, works well for us

Motion by Frank Billings, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to enter into a Fire Services Contract with Swanton Township as proposed and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Madeleine Duhamel, Ohio ambassador of music, donation sheet in packets
- Village entry sign punch list
- Flag and roundabout lighting

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 7:37 PM. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk of Council