

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
January 17, 2017

ROLL CALL: Mindy Curry, Bill May, Louann Artiaga, Frank Billings, Robert Keogh, and Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer. Also present were the following: Mayor Donald Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Leroy Ryerson, David and Sharon Prueter, Yvonne Walters, Jonathan Daugherty, Jeff Yoder, Phil Whaley, and Rob Casaletta.

At 7:53 PM, President of Council, Bill May called the meeting to order. All present.

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Louann Artiaga to approve the January 10, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting meetings. Motion passed 5-0, with Bob Keogh abstaining.

Solicitor Davis was given the floor to provide the overall summary of the need for a Resolution of Understanding regarding the next steps of the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Davis summarized which parties have legal standing in this endeavor. He noted that the Village of Whitehouse and Destination Whitehouse, Inc. do have legal standing. The Veterans Memorial Park Committee does not. That point being made clear, a discussion ensued regarding commitment of funds. Administrator Daugherty was on the record stating the Village of Whitehouse, as a municipal government, has not committed any funds to this project. That said, it stands to reason that the Village will be providing some sort of resource to this project. President of Destination Whitehouse, Inc., Rob Casaletta, provided a summary as follows:

- The Veterans Memorial Park Committee raises the funds.
- Destination Whitehouse, Inc., collects the funds.
- The Village of Whitehouse accepts the funds and serves as the conduit payer of project bills. The Village also serves as project manager on any construction.

With questions regarding commitment of funds, and the function of each entity being addressed, the Committee agreed that a general Resolution of Understanding would be in order.

Motion by Louann Artiaga to adopt a Resolution of Understanding as presented. Motion seconded by Frank Billings. Motion passed 6-0.

Next, Louann Artiaga suggested that the Committee consider evaluating the continued need for the Design Review Board. Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer also added the Whitehouse Arts Advisory Board to be considered in a similar manner. These items will be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:37 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Hartbarger, Acting Clerk of Council