

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
January 9, 2018  
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Bill May, Louann Artiaga, Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, and Bob Keogh. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Susan Miller, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Tom Malicki, Julie Studer, Amy Barrett, Josh Torres, and Jacob Barnes.

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

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council Bill May asked for Audience Comments pertaining to Agenda items.

- Amy Barrett, Executive Director of AWAKE spoke on the growing and dispensing of medical Marijuana. She stated there was no difference between medical marijuana and marijuana, but in a survey kids said medical marijuana was safe. AWAKE takes no stance on medical use, but urged Council to consider the youth when considering whether to allow growing and dispensing within the Village and to help keep it out of the wrong hands.

### Zoning

The first order of business was to review and discuss the current zoning enforcement approach.

- The Village tries to engage residents to comply multiple times before prosecuting, cases are coming to a point of prosecution, zoning enforcement has been outsourced
- Village zoning is complaint driven, complaints are mainly on the worst properties
- Judges view zoning as a nuisance, most people comply with a letter, the Village will work with people having a difficult time complying
- Community based support for people having difficulty, boy scouts
- Hurdles to complying - someone who works all of the time, someone who grew up in this environment and doesn't know it's wrong, others don't want to be told what to do
- Treat people fairly, speak face to face, this may be some people's only experience with local Government
- Two cases have been prosecuted before, criminal prosecutions, a fine can be levied
- The Village needs to be ready to enforce zoning
- The Village can cut weeds and grass and charge the resident; can the Village do more than that? More has been done on vacant properties, all departments need to be on board to demolish a property
- Time line for noncompliance, people who have been on the list repeatedly, Pro Hardware knows how to play the game, won't comply without a fight

- Mayor has directed Administration to do what it takes to get compliance. Work with the owner, go forward with enforcement, be unified, stay the course.
- Appreciate how the procedure clarifies the process
- Time frame to clean up varies by situation
- Working with fire and health departments, fire department does annual inspections of Businesses
- We need to be a business friendly community, they need to be a community friendly business
- Whitehouse has a very friendly zoning approach
- Money is being spent to brand the Village the 1% of noncompliers needs to be taken care of
- Prosecuting attorney handles the cases in court

### General

The next order of business was to review and discuss medical marijuana as it potentially relates to the Village of Whitehouse.

- Often times, marijuana that is not for medical use is laced with other drugs
- Concerns of marijuana getting into the wrong hands, once medical dispensing is allowed, Recreational legalization soon follows
- Upholding the laws - it is legal in Ohio, people who will use it safely
- Robberies, mainly cash business, no reason to encourage, nearest dispensary application is Maumee
- Is there a limit to moratorium extensions? Has to be reasonable and responsive. Each extension makes it more difficult to claim reasonable and responsive.
- Wholehearted opposition, Lucas County Toxicologist said there are 424 chemicals in medical Marijuana, destruction follows, ruining Colorado, Denver fire prevention horror stories, concern from a fire prevention aspect, no studies on the degradation of the work force
- Marijuana strength 100s of times more powerful than in the 60s, severe impairment, people can get it if they need it, our community is intertwined with the school system, doesn't fit the morals of the Village, marijuana has been readily available – penalties have been almost nonexistent, does not fit in our Village and will not be here as long as Don Atkinson is Mayor.
- Seeking people to speak that oppose and are in favor of

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Bill May to recommend to Council to not allow dispensing or growing of medical marijuana within the Village of Whitehouse. 5 ayes, 1 nay  
Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer

### Public Service

The last order of business was to review and discuss the Lucas County Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

- It is a requirement to approve the solid waste management plan.
- Administration recommends to approve, it's a good plan
- The last plan was updated in 2009
- Multistream Recycling Facility (MRF)

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to accept the District's Solid Waste Management Plan Update. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Zoning to be looked at considering trash cans and visibility
- Snow plowing: less than 2"- come on a regular business day – no overtime on side streets, stop pads are salted, when it begins melting it is cleaned up
  - It was recently cold for so long
  - Below 15 degrees it is futile to salt
  - With warming up side streets are being pushed in attempt to clean up before the next big round
- Freezin' for a Reason, will discuss if the event can proceed safely
- Bump outs have not been a problem with snow removal
- Resident keeping parked cars on Toledo Street public lot - will try a personal contact to resolve
- Summer reading program library donation (\$1,500), (2) \$500 scholarships, nominations for Council President
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Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 8:05 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk