

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
May 8, 2018  
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Bill May, and Louann Artiaga. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Clerk Susan Miller, and Tom Malicki.

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

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Louann Artiaga to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council, Bill May asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

General

The first order of business was to discuss the new LED sign in the downtown area.

- Stone base to be the same as the roundabout sign, same stone cap, core 10 steel, highest quality outdoor LED sign
- Sign designed so the core 10 steel will not corrode the sign
- Change the “W” to Whitehouse
- The sign is 10 feet tall at the tallest point
- Leave space for “City of”
- Sign is to be oriented East to West
- Log Cabin location would not have less exposure, highest impact near the park and ice cream (Center of town)
- Sign to be for public info and events, not advertising
- Sign will include wifi, Bluetooth, and flashdrive
- Administration will contact the gas company about the yellow pole
- Administration looked at a few companies – this one is reputable and reasonable
- Will look into an estimate for one at the fire station also, is there a cost savings if the Village Purchases two?, fire district discussions
- Old sign removal to be done in house
- \$25,000 budgeted

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council to authorize Administration to move forward with the proposed LED sign and enter into a contract with Glass City Sign. 6 ayes

Department of Public Service/Safety Service

The next order of business was to review the Police Personnel Request

- A patrol officer is to be on extended sick leave and then retire
- Hiring a temporary 11<sup>th</sup> officer, when the sick leave officer retires, the 11<sup>th</sup> officer will become The 10<sup>th</sup> officer and be through the probationary period.
- The Village can afford as this plan keeps overtime costs down
- Sergeants position open
- Hard to find part time candidates, recent challenges
- Current overtime doesn't justify 11<sup>th</sup> officer as another officer doesn't necessarily cover Overtime shifts, an officer that calls off sick, vacation
- Part time officers, we train, uniforms, stepping stone to move to other departments for full time Positions

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Bill May to recommend to Council to support temporarily authorizing an 11<sup>th</sup> full time officer. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- The charter does not specify the number of officers per population, the FBI standard is 2/1,000 Patrol officer, the Charter discusses the Police Chief, Personnel – approved Sergeants
- Two police on duty at all times since around 2005
- Collective bargaining when we become a city, never accept minimum staffing
- The Village is fortunate to have Chief McDonough to manage staffing, tough to do right now
- Refuse carts being distributed, refer questions and issues to staff to be addressed, people Delivering the carts are not ARS, Carts should be being placed where you place it for pick up, Thank staff, they have been working so hard and are doing an amazing job
- The Village mows around the statue, maintenance and man hours issue to landscape
- August 9, 2018 Third Street Cigar Shop in Waterville \$60 meal, live entertainment and silent Auction to benefit Veteran's Memorial Park, will have tickets for Council to sell
- Phone messaging system for after-hours now set up

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Bill May to adjourn at 7:25 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk