

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
February 6, 2018
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Louann Artiaga, Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh and Bill May. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Susan Miller, Jim Reiter, Leroy Ryerson, John and Julie Cunningham, Rob Casaletta, Yvonne Walters, Jeff Yoder, Karen Gerhardinger, Sandy Jakubec, Tom Malicki, Chad Schramm, Steve Vorerco, Madolyn Burke, Lisa Morrison, David and Sharon Prueter, Mary Hertzfeld, Jerry Finferra, and Mike Pniewski.

At 6:04, President of Council Bill May called the meeting to order.

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting.
6 ayes

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

Public Service

The first order of business was a general summary of Toledo Area Water Authority (TAWA) Memorandum of Understanding.

- Administrator, Jordan Daugherty gave a water contract history with the City of Toledo, Village once had its own water supply, work with Egan and Associates, Algae Bloom
- Goal to ensure good rates for citizens
- Mayor's met looking for a water solution, TMACOG met, Toledo Chamber of Commerce hired Eric Rothstein as a fund manager to facilitate regional water
- Mayor's signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) January of 2018, March 15, 2018 is the deadline for participating municipalities to pass, first reading will be held tonight if passed, second reading March 27, 2018, third and final reading March 6, 2018, if the MOU is passed, it will be asked to then be passed as an emergency
- TAWA will have an independent board of directors with each municipality represented
- MOU gives us a meaningful voice, rate equalization – currently there are different contracts and surcharges
- A second intake will be looked into within 3 years
- Currently no rate decrease, but huge savings over time as the rate increases will be substantially smaller, TAWA board will take effect in 2019, TAWA rates will slowly increase, changing nothing and staying with Toledo will continue steep price increases
- Authority purchasing vs. leasing, employees, contracts
- Millions could be saved by the TAWA board going for bonding instead of the City of Toledo
- Our community would get an equity stake in the authority
- There is an 8 year transition plan to equalize rates, fixing over time to minimize rate shock
- Long term pros: quantity, quality, rate equalization
- Communities that pass the MOU by March 15, 2018 will submit to the common pleas court and begin the transition (approximately one year)

- MOU equals about \$6 million, Whitehouse's share is about \$60,000, option to opt out during the transition year, but you still have to pay the \$60,000
- Once the board is up to operational effectiveness, the Village will owe it's portion for bonding
- Treatment of recent issues: City of Toledo uses a lot of chlorine as treatment, Waterville had recently disconnected and heavy treatment occurred for the algae bloom, we will still be at the End of the line, TTHM is the natural by-product of chlorine breaking down
- TAWA is responsible for intake, treatment, and distribution to meters
- Our employees will remain our employees, we will continue to bill
- TAWA will wholesale water to member communities, communities will be responsible for their Costs and employees
- Representation of the Board, there will be 7 voting members, a super majority of 5 will be Needed to pas large scale items, City of Toledo - 2 members, Lucas County - 1, Maumee, Sylvania, Whitehouse – share 1, Monroe County – 1, Fulton County – 1
- Water redundancy, second intake, current intake is located at the most highly concentrated Area of the Algal bloom, second intake will not be located in this high of an algae concentration
- TAWA can sell water to other communities, contract members will get equalization rates, Communities can buy in later
- Many hours spent, this is a historic opportunity, a huge economic driver for the region, great Thing for NWOH, single greatest cooperative action for the region
- Whitehouse only charges what it costs for water, connectivity – systems will be tied in together
- Mayor's agreed to low income assistance and lead line abatement

Other items discussed:

- TMACOG study by Poggemeyer
- More unified voice along the lake, transparency of who pays what
- The TAWA board will be in charge of the second intake
- We currently have no say in the rates
- Citizen doesn't use the water, doesn't like the taste, Henry County alternative still an option, Don't know how long ground water will be there – dewatering, quality unknowns
- TAWA – know water quality and quantity/supply, system is in place, most cost effective option
- Henry County started drilling
- Consider our growth and future growth

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 7:06 PM. 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk