

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
July 10, 2018
6:30 PM

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

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

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

Buildings and Lands

The first order of business was to discuss formation of a Union Cemetery District.

- Township has dealt with cemeteries for decades
- Waterville approached also
- Township looking for a good solution for all
- If Township stops it falls to municipalities (Whitehouse has 3 – Rupp, Finzel, Cemetery
- Tree maintenance and mowing are labor intensive
- ORC – three elected bodies vote to join district, each appoint a member, Annual meeting in May In which all Council members and Trustees must attend, can levy tax to cover costs, hire, fire, Contract, purchase, sell, district is its own political subdivision
- Estimate for all 5 cemeteries maintenance is \$100,000-\$150,000, do not underestimate the Clerical work, Real Estate transactions
- District is ideal, likelihood of levying inside taxes, \$20-\$30/property
- Cost estimate based on employees less than Whitehouse employees
- Cemeteries are just under 29 acres total – Whitehouse cemeteries are around 12 acres
- 30 acres, clerk, Real Estate transactions, Maintenance truck, back hoe
- Pavement needs done
- \$40,000/year employee, \$20,000/ year benefits
- District would probably not hire part time worker
- Voters don't vote, inside millage, majority of districts use taxes, plot sales and opening/closing Fees used to cover the costs, fees go to Waterville Township
- Village property, Whitehouse is in Waterville Township, City of Waterville removed themselves From the Township
- Uniform rate for all members of the district
- Capital projects expansion, Union districts well managed – kept lean
- Cemeteries still have quite a bit of capacity
- Board sets rates, preferential resident rates
- Hours saved outsourcing garbage used beautifying Whitehouse, hours are not free to tend to Cemeteries

- Each entity look at their own responsibilities, close to being a City, make the change at that Time, take over our own cemeteries and each do our own
- Can we pay Waterville Township to continue with maintenance?
- Can Township levy tax? Ballot issue that would only be for Township residents, Waterville has a Contract
- Time frame, the Township could stop at any time and it would fall into our lap, contributing to The Township, Township doesn't know the employee time allocation
- Whitehouse taking care of its own, Records of plots are there, Road needs taken care of
- Waterville Township doesn't have much, Waterville has a big cemetery, Waterville population is About 6,000
- Two workers, eight hours, internment you have to be licensed, the Village would need to hire 1-2 more people for the department, majority of communities the work is done by public service Workers
- Continuity of knowledge of people who have worked at the cemetery, contract out internments, Offer the Township money, keeps institutional knowledge, keeps employees jobs, cheaper, no Change in service
- Roth Cemetery is well kept

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to adjourn into Executive Session on a matter of real estate at 7:39 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Bill May to reconvene at 7:57 PM. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Looking forward to the ditch on Bucher, Village petitioning the county to clean up, Currently in The Lucas County Court – waiting on Lucas County
- Zoning inspection report
- Park quotes, go out to bid, multiple bidders
- Veteran's Memorial Park location
- Village Scholarship, 6 applicants, deciding next Tuesday, tweak for next year
- Storm water detention vase at Dutch and Finzel are the homeowners in the subdivision responsibility, can't clear cattails
- Subdivision off of Texas Street, check on, process written into the deed, subdivision is responsible for 5 retention bases
- Painting bump-outs yellow to be easily seen, black tire marks show up good on yellow
- Grass by the roundabout and gas station along the railing, dangerous to work there, sewer cap near the roundabout – the state looked at it

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Bob Keogh to adjourn at 7:58 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk