

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
March 12, 2019  
6:30 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, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Susan Miller, Tiffany Bachman, Jill Gundy, Tom Malicki, Tom Carr, Ron and Karen Studyvin, Bob Bryce, Karen Gerhardinger, Ellen Tipping, Becky and Jeff Chamberlain, David and Sharon Prueter, and Bob Crowe.

At 6:35 PM, President of Council, Bill May called the meeting to order.

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting. 6 ayes

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

#### Public Safety

The first order of business was to discuss the tractor trailer/vehicle stacking concern on State Route 64.

- Drivers are contractors, not employees
- Working with the General Manager and Loadmaster, very attentive when notified, looking for long term solution
- Placing no standing/parking signs on State Route 64, signage is fair warning to drivers
- Revisit the situation after the signs have been in place for 6 months
- Residents should call 911 when trucks are impeding State Route 64
- Thank you, Chief McDonough for your time and work on this matter

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to erect no parking signs as soon as possible. 6 ayes

#### Public Services

The next order of business was consideration of the designating Otsego Street as a one-way street.

- Options, one-way causes turn around problems, no parking signs, do nothing and take this item off of the list to look at, discuss with Property owner to place a box on an in and out drive
- The post office does not want to move the box to Village Hall
- There have been no accidents
- Another post office box is located near the shell station

#### General

Zoning discussion with input from a Concerned Citizen.

- Letter from Tom Carr concerning Pro Hardware, conversation with Barb Knisely, fence, junk vehicles, unregistered vehicles, debris, pallets, 16+ years of violations, fence collapsed on adjoining property's evergreens, condition of the hardware lowering property values, asking the Hardware store to be a good neighbor
- Nothing in the code to require a fence
- Jacob Barnes is an excellent zoning inspector
- Chamberlain violations, went through a punch list, Mr. Chamberlain complied, based upon review of the site and the code, Mr. Chamberlain is in compliance
- The Village and this property have a long history, looking at improvements on a regular basis, not fast progress, started the violation process
- If there is a fence it has to be maintained
- The Village has gotten as good of compliance as we're going to get
- Bob Bryce, attorney for Mr. Chamberlain, photos distributed were taken before the Maumee Courts were involved, the fence is painted, vehicles are gone, there are bushes across the back
- Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban met with Mr. Chamberlain and his Attorney Bob Bryce and say Mr. Chamberlain is currently in compliance
- Fences being down, dead shrubs, the fence came down in 60 mph winds
- Code for buffers for a 50,000 square foot building, the hardware is 9,000 square feet
- Mediator for the situation, Mr. Chamberlain – is in compliance, invested time and money, is not interested, Mr. Carr is willing
- Mr. Carr can put up a fence
- Mr. Chamberlain may look into whether a semi-trailer can be parked for storage
- The Village could erect a fence with consent from property owners
- Mr. Chamberlain is in compliance, you can't legislate beautification
- The code addresses open storage in the front of the property
- Vehicles must be registered or stored inside
- Zoning has improved over the last year
- The Village is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in beautification, let's all continue to work together to beautify Whitehouse
- Solicitor Kevin Heban will stay in touch with Zoning inspector Jacob Barnes and Chamberlain Attorney Bob Bryce
- Mr. Chamberlain would be willing to sign off on neighbors putting up fences on the property line

The next order of business was discussion of Cherry Fest Activities.

- Concerns over the way Cherry Fest has been run the last few years
- Proceeds to be reinvested in the park
- Village cost – Police, Fire, Public Services, electricity
- Transparency – put concerns to rest, profit and loss
- Carnie trailers – living in them, is there another place for them to stay

- Can't be discriminatory, Is Cherry Fest like any other event? Is there interweaving with the Village?
- Sometimes Cherry Fest loses money, advertising, bands, memorial wall, Well behaved carnival workers – don't leave garbage, the Village doesn't ask to see any other events books
- Our businesses benefit from Cherry Fest
- Cherry Fest is signature to Whitehouse
- Started out as the Fireman's Festival
- No legislation for public space use for profit
- Some years it is profitable, some years it is not, massive project with planning all year long, Village and Council members ran the event at one point, Cherry Fest went to 3 days when Carnival rides were included because that's what they required, carnival workers have been Good to work with, the festival hires an overnight officer, there has never been an incident with the carnival workers
- Everything is reviewed by a CPA, contracts are reviewed by an attorney
- Nothing attracts people to Whitehouse with positive publicity like the Cherry Fest. It is a keynote event in the community.
- Construction during Cherry Fest
- Can't imagine Whitehouse without Cherry Fest

The President of Council, Bill May asked for Citizen Comments. There were none.

Other items discussed:

- Letter from the historical society for a donation to purchase software to catalog graves and Memorabilia. The historical society will donate the time to catalog.

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to donate \$1,000 to the Historical Society to purchase software to catalog memorabilia and graves. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to adjourn into Executive Session on a matter of Economic Development at 8:26 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to reconvene at 9:01 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 9:02 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Miller  
Clerk of Council