

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
April 9, 2019  
6:30 PM

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

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting. 5 ayes

President of Council, Bill May stated that Councilwoman, Louann Artiaga, had a family emergency.

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

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Bill May to amend the Agenda to include considering conforming boundaries. 5 ayes

#### Public Service

The first order of business was to review the Water Line Recoupment Ordinance.

- The Village extended the water main and as people tap into it, they pay per square foot of frontage, in this case \$26.79/foot
- The cost per foot will not change for this location
- People can tap into it or do nothing, they only pay when they do tap into it

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to recommend to Council to approve the Water Line Recoupment Ordinance. 5 ayes

The next order of business was to discuss a skid steer purchase.

- The department tested several pieces of equipment
- The recommendation is to purchase a Caterpillar Model 236 D for \$47,680.14

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council to enter into a contract with Ohio Cat for the purchase of a skid steer. 5 ayes

#### Fire

The next order of business was to hear a review of the radio purchase.

- Village MDT's (Mobile Data Terminals) have been in service for 7-10 years
- The lease is for equipment, installation and damage protection with a \$1.00 buyout
- 60 month lease worked best
- Thank you, Joe Miller, for spending lots of time doing the research

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council to

authorize entering into a contract for MDTs for the sum of \$8,600. 5 ayes

The last order of business was to discuss conforming boundaries.

- Historically, local government was townships
- Conforming boundaries is removing a municipality from a township
- If the township passes a levy, the Village residents pay into it
- Process: the Council petitions the County Commissioner to conform boundaries to get the process started
- The City of Waterville conformed their boundaries, they don't vote on township matters and don't pay township levies
- May not have done this before because of previous cemetery arrangements
- Whitehouse residents currently vote on Township matters
- Cost to taxpayers, Auditor estimates Whitehouse residents pay \$66,000 to Waterville Township which will not need to be paid if the Village conforms its boundaries, Whitehouse resident will not be able to run for Township Trustee if boundaries are conformed
- The City of Waterville formed a small Township (a paper Township)

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to petition the County Commissioner to conform the Village boundaries. 4 ayes 1 abstain Richard Bingham

Other items discussed:

- ODOT to fix the roundabout sign that is down
- Sewage backups in Westwyck, sewage and water issues, backflow check valve may not be working, Village Ordinance requires property owners to have backflow check valves, lots of sticks being shoved down the manhole covers in the neighborhood clogging the sewers
- Lucas County ditch cleaning and maintenance
- Whitehouse Primary Powerhouse 5K this Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 – 10:00 AM
- Mayor Don Atkinson swore in the new part time officer earlier today
- No parking signs for Waterville Street will be installed soon by ODOT

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Bill May to adjourn at 7:10 PM. 5 ayes