

At 5:00 PM Mayor Don Atkinson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Dennis Recker, and Louann Artiaga,. Also present were the following: Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachmann, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Susan Miller, Mark Schriefer, Julie Tippie, Darryl Bauman, Bonnie Bauman, Jon McAfee, Wendy Gehring, Bea and Paul Ludwig, Dan Kleiboemer, Scott Duncan, Dennis Tippie, Jason Sybert, Tom Holman, Jimmie Winters and Karen Gerhardinger.

Deputy Police Chief, Allan Baer was excused and currently on location at a situation.

Council prayer was given by President of Council Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Dennis Recker to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to approve the bills totaling \$112,338.64 dated March 10, 2022 the Addendum bills totaling \$131,076.06 dated March 15, 2022 and the January 2022 and February 2022 Financial Statements. 6 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve a \$300 donation to the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association for the Anthony Wayne Alumni Scholarship Fund for Public Safety. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Dennis Recker to approve the Whitehouse Cherry Festival June 9, 10, 11, 2022 with Safety Services assistance, street closures, and use of the enclosed shelter house and pavilion. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the Cherry Fest 10K/5K/1K Walk/Run June 10, 2022 from 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM with Safety Services assistance and use of the enclosed shelter house. 6 ayes

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to approve the amended request for the Mad Anthony River Rally and Mad Fondo August 13, 2022 from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM with Safety Services assistance and use of the enclosed shelter house and pavilion. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson recognized Bud Bauman for over 80 years of volunteer contributions to the Village of Whitehouse.

Upon recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, motion by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer, seconded by Dennis Recker to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation authorizing the Elimination of the Village of Whitehouse Income Tax Credit. 4 ayes, 2 nays  
Richard Bingham, Louann Artiaga

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Dennis Recker to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Used by the Public Works Department and Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of no Further Use to the Village and is Hereby determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to accept, as previously authorized, Resolution 5-2022 Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Used by the Public Works Department and Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of no Further Use to the Village and is Hereby determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Resolution 5-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to accept Resolution 5-2022 and to pass said Resolution and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to authorize virtual attendance to Council Meetings for Council members. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Guidelines to disperse Village donations, timeline, set policy to act fairly and equitably
- Tree inventory, removal, HOA street trimming, Nature books added to Facebook, Arbor Day Plantings and celebration, Growth Award, Growth Award projects, beekeeping, master plan update, Tree Ordinance Review
- Board of Zoning appeals, Mike Walters - Chair, Chuck Kethel - Vice Chair, Julie Studer - Secretary, 6 month extension approved for portable storage unit
- Planning Commission, Tom Lytle - Chair, David Prueter - Vice Chair, Justin Clampitt - Secretary, preliminary site plan for Magnolia Estates Savannah Lake Plat 2 sidewalk variance, Cul de sac variance, meetings at 6:00 PM
- Stabilizing the general fund, options, Administration recommends eliminating the Income Tax Credit, bedroom community, little commercial tax base, engaging the public, doing nothing would cause reduction in services and degradation of capital projects, three full readings for public comment, publicize on social media, 30 day referendum after it passes, income tax has not increased since 1975, 13 other communities in NW Ohio have reduced/eliminated the income tax credit
- Firefighters Derek Francis and Dustin Richardson were recognized at the Waterville Council Meeting.
- Reciprocity is to prevent double taxation, some communities give 100% reciprocity, slow the process down, 4 people making a decision, need to increase revenue, believe the voters will do the right thing
- Public officials elected to do the work on residents behalf, Council members are residents that will be affected
- Public comments will still be able to be taken virtually after July, Council virtual attendance make arrangements with Chief Hartbarger
- Place Village donation distribution guidelines on the next COW agenda
- Whitehouse is a bedroom community, keep services, residents don't want large businesses, not raising property taxes, paying for services you are receiving where you live, won't be passed and effective until June, input from residents
- Public Service work appreciated in the snowstorm
- Councilman Dennis Recker will participate in the April meeting virtually
- People are happy to be a part of Whitehouse, going to have a severe financial situation in 2-3 years without action, 1975 was the last revenue increase due to good management, half of Residents are paying and not receiving the tax credit
- Not raising property taxes for concern of the effect on people on a fixed income, \$500,000 needed, option 4A raises \$750,000

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Dennis Recker to adjourn at 6:25 PM. 6 ayes

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March 15,

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Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

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Mayor