

At 6:30 PM Mayor Don Atkinson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Dennis Recker, Louann Artiaga, and Richard Bingham,. 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, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Deputy Police Chief Alan Baer, Clerk Susan Miller, Karen Gerhardinger, Rob Casaletta, Scott Duncan, Jeff Yoder, Rita Yunker, Mona Snyder, Larry Yunker, and Adam C. Brody.

Council prayer was given by Pastor Shawn Bellner of Cedar Creek Church.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to approve the bills totaling \$33,044.02 dated March 31, 2022 the Addendum bills totaling \$112,292.87 dated April 5, 2022. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson Proclaimed April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio.

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Bob Keogh to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation Authorizing the Administrator of the Village of Whitehouse to Execute a Permanent Easement and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer, seconded by Louann Artiaga to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation Authorizing the Administrator to Purchase Road Salt for Use by the Public Service Department during the Calendar Years 2022-2023 for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to authorize the Administrator to renew insurance with Paramount with a .5% increase for twelve months. 6 ayes

Solicitor Kevin Heban asked for Public Comment pertaining to farmland owned by Bruce Miller at 7412 Finzel Road to be placed in an Agricultural District. There was none.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Louann Artiaga to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation authorizing the Administrator of the Village of Whitehouse to Execute a Permanent Easement and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

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

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Dennis Recker to accept, as previously authorized on March 15, 2022, Ordinance 2-2022 Amending the Codified Ordinance of the Village of Whitehouse and to Repeal the Income Tax Credit in Whitehouse Municipal Code Section 186.08 and Section 186.081 for Tax Year 2023 and Thereafter. 4 ayes, 2 nays Richard Bingham, Louann Artiaga

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 3-2022 authorizing the Administrator of the Village of Whitehouse to Execute a Permanent Easement at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 3-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer to accept Ordinance 3-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept, as previously authorized, Resolution 6-2022 Authorizing the Administrator to Purchase Road Salt for Use by the Public Service Department during the Calendar Years 2022-2023 for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

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

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

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve use of the park for the Farmer's Market and Flower Market Market July 16 through September 10, 2022. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn into Executive Session on a matter of Personnel at 7:59 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Keiboemer, seconded by Bob Keogh to reconvene at 8:41 PM. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Nancy Cole requested a donation for Blue Star signs, \$3,660 now will go up \$240 each on May 1, 2022, future plans for Whitehouse Park, upcoming donation guideline discussion, concern for trees, COVID pushed back many plans, sign placement, thank you to the River Road Garden Club for what they do
- Union Cemetery District, balance, bills, first tax disbursement received, mowing, pay plan, Wakeman platting, applications for clerk/treasurer position, paving project bids, dump truck, equipment purchases
- Longest community receiving the Tree City USA designation, Growth Award, 4 in the state received the Growth Award this year
- There has been no increase to the general fund for 50 years, outstanding biennial audits, numbers are accurate, Administrator Jordan Daugherty is a CPA, has his masters and is finishing his PhD, figures are accurate, property tax will affect senior citizens on fixed incomes, 50% of residents affected by reducing the income tax credit, can raise income tax, The Village has been frugal and hasn't hired people, safety services do an extraordinary job, nowhere else to make cuts, nothing else to cut, done more with less, staff does an amazing job, carryover for catastrophic failures has increased from \$250,000 to \$1.4 million, the Mayor is in favor of reducing the income tax credit that affects less people and it affects people that are working, not placing a burden on people on fixed incomes
- Fire levy, firemen hired, the Village is cost conscious on what it spends money on, taking it to the voters
- Last increase was in 1975 because of good management, maintained a high standard in the Village
- 2021 Annual police report is online, Chaplin Reverend Mike O'Shea completed basic training, OPOTA requires 24 hours of professional training, Drug take back April 30, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sunoco donation to police department \$860 used for Rescue Task Force training, thank you to the community and instructors

- Police Chief Mark McDonough received the Excellence and Innovation Award and will be presented at the banquet of Chiefs
- Two officers recognized for building evacuation at a fire
- Safety Council of Northwest Ohio selected the Village for the Best Small Town Department in The State of Ohio, we appreciate our safety departments!
- Fire Department statistics are forthcoming
- Interceptor sewer main line will be connected next week, underground work will be completed, clean up, demolition, \$2.5 million project
- Residents choose to live here instead of where they work, surveys show what residents value
- Community problem, community solution, how many voters from 1975 are still here
- Bedroom community, 1.5% income tax, people enjoy the quality of life in the Village, Residents don't want big box stores, forgoing .75% income tax credit for quality of life is worth it, COVID affected the Village just as it did everyone else, everything has gone up, will be in a \$500,000 spending deficit in two years, what it costs to live in a nice place
- No need to rush, extended time for public comments, the second reading can be tabled
- Health quotes coming in lower doesn't change the problem, it extends it possibly a year, deficit spending in 2024
- Buying salt, roads cleared, OPOTA training, unfunded training requirements, increases on everyone's general budgets
- Police 2021 Annual Report is phenomenal
- Utility pole in the middle of the parking lot across from Local Thyme is gone
- Do not overfill trash cans, refuse regulation campaign
- Whitehouse Library Farmer's Market will be chaired by Linda Baker and Sheri Leudtke, Flower Market in May 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Farmer's Market July 16 through September 10, 2022
- The Public Works department did a wonderful job handling the Dennison Drive water issues

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:42 PM. 6 ayes

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Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

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Mayor