

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

ROLL CALL: Bob Keogh, Dennis Recker, Louann Artiaga (6:52), Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, and Mindy Curry. 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 Police Chief Alan Baer, Clerk Susan Miller, Karen Gerhardinger, Julie Studer, Carol Williams-Young, Larry Yunker, Rita Yunker, Mona Snyder, Dan Holman, Richard Hoover, Deanna Wurst, Richard and Amy Wolff.

Council prayer was given by Pastor Carol Williams-Young of Zion United Methodist Church.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Richard Bingham to approve the bills totaling \$54,919.44 dated June 16, 2022 the Addendum bills totaling \$125,049.16 dated June 21 2022 and the May 2022 Financial Statement. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the Oakbrook Drive Block Party July 30, 2022 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson recognized Rory Smith for being accepted to the Naval Academy.

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Richard Bingham to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation for an Amended Ordinance to make appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Whitehouse, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Mindy Curry to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation authorizing the Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Industrial Parkway Resurfacing, for the sum of \$118,134.60, in the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve Crust Pizzeria placing tables and chairs in the right of way on the sidewalk on the Waterville Street side of the building. 6 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation Repealing Ordinance No. 2-2022 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Whitehouse and declaring an emergency.

Motion failed for lack of a second and will Ordinance 2-2022 will be on the ballot in November.

Mayor Don Atkinson asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items:

- Larry Yunker objected to Council not repealing Ordinance 2-2022 repealing the Income Tax Credit, consideration was at the Committee of the Whole
- No one wants to raise taxes, no one wants the tax credit repealed, eliminating the credit should be on the ballot
- Others in the region watching to see what happens here
- Citizen comments are for comments, not questions

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 4-2022 an Amended Ordinance to make appropriations for Current

Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Whitehouse, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Mindy Curry to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 4-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Louann Artiaga to accept Ordinance 4-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 6-2022 authorizing the Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Industrial Parkway Resurfacing, for the sum of \$118,134.60, in the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 6-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept Ordinance 6-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Louann Artiaga to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation for Council review that requires refuse containers to be behind the building line or screened. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Citizen referendum of the income tax credit repeal, regulations for refuse cans, referendum to go to the ballot, staved off increasing revenue through many avenues, further cuts will be to services, Council can reconsider the legislation
- Refuse/Recycling containers, exterior maintenance code, behind the building line and screened, \$2.00 and \$4.00 penalties, amending code section 955
- Letter to ease gas tax
- Cherry Fest was a success
- Schools come together to support families and students, honor wall for students and staff that have served, thank you Mom's, parents, brother's friends, Dr. Pfefferle, teachers, Coaches, and the community for putting a premium on people that serve in the military
- Reconsideration of the repeal of the income tax credit, unless repealed will be on the November ballot
- Community gardens storm sewer and catch basins being installed to alleviate flooding
- Congratulations to part time public service worker Kenneth LeGrand for graduating from the University of Toledo school of engineering and pursuing a job in robotics
- Public Works is looking for part time help, thank you for all of the work on Cherry Fest
- W-3 steering committee meeting June 30, 2022, coop city of Waterville and Whitehouse
- Whitehouse Cemetery paved, trees trimmed
- Pleased to see people took advantage of the referendum, going to the ballot, no one is required to live or work anywhere, residents enjoy the amenities of Whitehouse
- Thank you to the Police and Maintenance workers at the summer concerts, next summer concert is July 21, 2022
- Community problem, community solution, zero levies have failed, takes time, believe Citizens will do the right thing, 400 people signed the referendum
- Whitehouse cemetery is paved, other communities have reached out inquiring about the Union Cemetery District, encouraged people are involved and informed,

Educating the Public about the income tax credit repeal, right of referendum, getting the correct information out there

- Council member Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer joined remotely
- Thank you UCD and Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer for taking care of paving the cemetery, mowing and weeding around the headstones, UCD regulations on the website, families responsible for maintenance of plants on their plots and 12” around the stone, lawn care maintenance is happening, FTUC.org
- 1975 1.5% income tax was put in place, Council gave .75% credit 45-50 years ago, option to remove it, right of referendum a great thing, working for over 10 years, held off for a long time to remove the credit, it eliminated - everyone will be at the same rate, thank you to the Public Works Department for going the extra mile for Cherry Fest
- No one wants a tax increase, doing more with less, increased carryover for catastrophic events, cut everything possible, cost of service passed on to residents, budget reviews, need more revenue, 2 near perfect biennial audits, law state revenue can be raised three ways, cut as much as possible, employees leave - absorb their duties, stabilize until Finance Committee put together to look at permanent decisions, Police, FBI Academy, every Leadership Academy, prestigious awards, Fire Coop, prestigious awards, CPA, Master’s, our workers can get a job anywhere, done our due diligence, 3 options for revenue increase by law, carryover came from sacrifices of the employees, residents don’t want big box stores, maintaining ambiance of the Village, residents need to participate
- Business owner, dealing with issues internally, raise prices, moved to Whitehouse because of the income tax credit
- Repeal Ordinance 2-2022 to save time, no motion or discussion, solve before November, Town Halls to inform voters, open up for development, limited options to shop and work
- Lack of education, go out and educate people, more job opportunities
- Paving job and consolidation of cemeteries, tree work
- Precedence for voting on tax, unusual
- Crust Pizzeria will open on July 12, 2022

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Dennis Recker to adjourn at 7:54 PM. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor