

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
September 13, 2022
6:30 PM

At 6:30 PM, President of Council Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Louann Artiaga to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer asked for Citizen Comment pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

Public Service

The first order of business was to discuss the OPWC grant application.

- Authorization to apply for OPWC funding for the mill and fill resurfacing of portions of North Texas Street, Cemetery Road and Bond Street for year 2025
- \$338,000 with a 48% grant from OPWC

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham recommend to Council to authorize the Administration to apply for OPWC funding for the mill and fill resurfacing of portions of North Texas Street, Cemetery Road and Bond Street for year 2025. 6 ayes

The second order of business was to discuss conceptual design and cost estimates for Shelterhouse Renovations.

- Gas fireplace, new concrete, 3.5 - 4 seasons, windows instead of retractable doors
- Rentable
- Fireplace will be a wall that separates the prep room
- Will look very nice inside and out
- Fire suppression system not needed
- Internal resourcing, staff volunteers
- Concrete \$25,000
- Windows \$45,388.00
- Improvements under \$100,000 and done nicely
- Overhead door will remain in the prep area, fire department chicken BBQ
- ARPA (COVID) funds available, Fire department sign was ARPA funds
- Park funds
- Next couple of years capital is reduced, getting something of extra value
- No programming yet, rental fee, seniors
- Custodial responsibility
- Ready for next spring
- Max capacity less than 50

- General fund money doesn't have to be used
- \$75,000 budgeted for this year, \$20,000 ARPA funds
- Finish streetscaping and get the shelter house done as nicely and inexpensively as possible
- No cameras in the park, spotlight on the flag is out, vandalism is always a concern
- Internet in the Cherry Fest building will be moved to the shelter house to better serve the area and for future cameras, music in the downtown, Spectrum hotspot
- Dotson is a Whitehouse company

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to recommend to Council to move forward with the design of improvements estimated at \$100,000. 6 ayes

The last order of business was to hear an update on the Sanitary Sewer Status.

- Past repairs on the force main sewer where it connects to the Lucas County sanitary sewer collection system near Fallen Timbers Mall, extensive repairs in 2017 and 2021 due to Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) damage
- Whitehouse and Waterville sewers separated
- Smells
- Lucas County Engineer has received odor complaints since 1989, requesting Whitehouse treat the force main sewer for H₂S which will also corrode the pipe
- Seeking quotes for chemical treatment which will have a significant ongoing charge
- Lucas County requested use of a specific product
- 1,800 houses
- \$80,000 per year cost
- Waterville asked to treat theirs as well
- Users along the way to the collection site, but not in the Village charged a tap fee, but ongoing fees go to Lucas County
- Try to join with other communities using this product for purchasing power and a reduced fee
- No extra work on our staff, companies for material maintain and monitor, using the least amount of product for effective results, can be affected by rainfall, temperatures and other variables to determine how much product to use and eliminate the odor and not damage the sewers, repairs have cost around \$75,000 each time
- Adjust costs at the Committee of the Whole in October when the rate and fee schedule will be discussed

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Other items discussed:

- Referendum letter going to legal tomorrow and then will be forwarded to Council
- Send revisions to Administrator Jordan Daugherty and then back to legal

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 7:21 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller
Clerk of Council