

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

ROLL CALL: Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Dennis Recker, Louann Artiaga, Richard Bingham and Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer. Also present were the following: Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Deputy Police Chief Alan Baer, Clerk Susan Miller, Carol Williams-Young and Karen Gerhardinger.

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

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the bills totaling \$126,948.22 dated December 15, 2022 the Addendum bills totaling \$5,626.14 dated December 20, 2022 and the November 2022 Financial Statement. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson was absent.

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation authorizing an 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, 2023 and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Mindy Curry to authorize the Pedestrian Bridge to Go Out to Bid and declaring an emergency. 6. Ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Louann Artiaga to authorize rebid of Industrial Parkway and Field Avenue water mains only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation authorizing 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 Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation Establishing Pay Classifications, and Benefit Steps for Employees of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio; Repealing Ordinance No. 16-2021, and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items. There were none. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 18-2022 Establishing Pay Classifications, and Benefit Steps for Employees of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio; Repealing Ordinance No. 16-2021, at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 18-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to accept Ordinance 18-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Louann Artiaga to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 19-2022 authorizing an 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, 2023 at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 19-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to accept Ordinance 19-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 20-2022 authorizing 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 Richard Bingham to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 20-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Bob Keogh to accept Ordinance 20-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept, as previously authorized, Resolution 25-2022 authorizing the Finance Director of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio to Transfer Certain Funds for Village Accounting Purposes; Formal Verification of Said Transfer at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Dennis Recker to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Resolution 25-2022 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept Resolution 25-2022 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- 2023 Appropriations, 0% increase, \$400,000 less in the carryover, capital project reduction, the Village will fix this, \$18.5 Million in appropriations, Revenue 5% increase, Expenses, LED Streetlights, Streets, Pedestrian Bridge, cut/delayed streetscaping
- Personnel Committee meeting was cancelled, the employee representative requested more time
- Snow is coming, long storm in duration/time, patience, Village Hall could be used as a warming station, 1-2 visitors over 10 years as a warming station
- Wage study results in January, big study that will take a couple of meetings to dissect
- Email reminding residents not to park on the street in the snow storm, shovel sidewalks, Happy Holidays
- Administration does a great job
- Councilman Dennis Recker resigned effective immediately, Councilman Recker ran with the understanding that he could attend meetings remotely as was allowable during COVID, 3 Months/year is too long to be away from his wife

- It was a pleasure to serve with Councilman Recker, looking forward to continued participation
- Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy or the Mayor makes an appointment, 3 votes to fill the vacancy, last time an email was posted and it was put in the paper, some communities decide internally, some have candidates submit an application
- Work on an application, post application online, attend Council meetings, resume, prior commitments, Special Council meeting can be held for interviews
- Asking Council candidates what they want to accomplish on Council, attend the January 3, 2023 meeting, interest, commitment, desire to find people that want to do good for the Village
- Personnel Committee vacancy
- Positive comments about the furniture in the park, will be used in warmer weather, short wall in the rendering, park name

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 7:12 PM. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor