

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
January 17, 2023
5:00 PM

At 5:00 PM, President of Council Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Bob Keogh, Louann Artiaga Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, and Mindy Curry. 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, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, and Clerk Susan Miller, Steve Fine, Steve Connelly, Amy Valiquette-Shultz, Dave Riggerbach and Karen Gerhardinger,

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Louann Artiaga to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting. 5 ayes

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items.

The Mayor will be exiting to speak to the Cub Scouts.

General

The first order business was continued attention to the Vacant Council Seat.

- Councilman Dennis Recker resigned, 30 days for Council to make an appointment
- 11 applications, 1 past the deadline,
- 4 applicants to be interviewed, Amy Shultz-Valiquette, Steve Fine, Steve Connelly, and Dave Riggerbach
- Dave Riggerbach, 17 year resident, wife is a teacher, 3 kids, volunteered at the high school, and Cherry Fest, watched the community grow, worked in several communities, we are unique, getting younger as a community, need to communicate and educate challenges, I am a communicator and education, my duty to put my name in, good at involvement, Concert Series, parks, continue to enhance, experience, entice people to move in, present as youthful and interactive, promote growth for people to move in, encourage more people to move in, grow business tax revenue, be business friendly, infrastructure, services, drive to go talk to people, core services, continue to be a leader, detailed focus on services, had a conversation with the family on the time commitment, flexibility in business to make the time commitment, educated self how to get out of bad financial decisions in early 20s, Financial Peace classes, put a plan together, identified problem, educate, plan, reevaluate, stick to The Plan, will run in November, describing yourself as an open book, know who you are and what you believe, stand by them and know you will alienate some people, empathy, understand people's situations, protect the community as a whole, know what citizens think and feel, fully viable Whitehouse Landing, restaurants, businesses
- Steve Connelly, 20 year resident, youngest of 8, grew up in Perrysburg, safety, stability, worked in Perrysburg and currently in Findlay, give back when you can, not enough to vote, be engaged, skill set in operations and managing critical applications, managing budgets, Community sells itself, services and amenities are top tier, high school is top tier,

accessibility, responsibility to changing demographics, grow businesses, but maintain Small Town feel, can get anywhere in 15-20 minutes, built strong teams everywhere I've gone, mentored, educated, facilitating team member growth, would run again in November, can have the tough conversations, contribute as long as I can, thick skin, stand on your convictions, be deliberate, part of the job, collaborate, fight the battles you need to fight, don't disparage members, all trying to make the right decision, good relationship with Administration and Department Heads, steward of tax dollars, legislators, maintain light touch, red tape and bureaucracy, perform unencumbered, steward of the tax dollars, do we need to legislate, is there another way to privately handle, another business park, Infrastructure with bays for a Farmer's Market

- Steve Fine, Anthony Wayne graduate, 22 years in Federal Government, managing large Organization, figure out how to provide more value to Citizens, chose Whitehouse for quality of life, watched the community grow and change, established HOA, emergency management, weather service, emergency service, communications, trained EMS response team, Citizens advisory committee on Transportation, want to continue to see Whitehouse be great and enhance, Financial issues, could effect the quality of life, watching since March, very interested in contributing to keep this a great place to live, involve more people in the Community, people are busy, areas Citizens have interest, look at the survey, get people involved in meetings, talk to people, balance with business, infrastructure, be attractive to Businesses, make it profitable for businesses to be here, maintaining and enhancing services, maintaining staff quality of life, work through financial difficulties, maintains staff, Infrastructure, roads, water tower, grants and other opportunities, unfunded mandates, help Citizens understand why it's important to them, see how it goes and then determine if this is long term, understand others perspective and different opinions, effective information, clear Vision of Council to know what you want to accomplish, another business park
- Amy Valiquette-Shultz, 16 year resident, Tree Commission, finance committee and Tree Commission in Waterville, one of the best tree commissions in Ohio, business background, Accounting, Management, I'm a doer, have difficulty bragging about myself, strong need to help with the community, work with others, direct communication, positive media, less negative, Communication, involving citizens, make Council more accessible and listen to people, understand they may be coming from a different point of view than you, Great place to live, services do a great job, was going to run in November, need to use experience and knowledge to help the community, conduct self, open and honest, communication with Residents, feedback

President of Council Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer asked for Citizen Comments. There were none.

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 6:14 PM. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller
Clerk of Council