

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

ROLL CALL: Bob Keogh, Louann Artiaga, 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 Bachman, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Deputy Police Chief Allan Baer, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Clerk Susan Miller, Dreama Kirby-West, Karen Gerhardinger, Steve Fine, Amy Valiquette-Shultz, Steve Connelly, Dave Riegenbach, David Barrett, Joe Valvano, Tom Borck, Bernie Welniak, Dorothy Welniak, Tom Lytle, Neil Raymond, and Doug Meyer.

Council prayer was given by Administrator Jordan Daugherty.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Louann Artiaga to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting. 5 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the bills totaling \$274,950.06 dated January 12, 2023 and the Addendum bills totaling \$84,347.98 dated January 17, 2023. 5 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, to approve the Great Black Swamp Festival of Races on March 18, 2023 from 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM with Safety Services assistance. 5 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the Mad Anthony River Rally on August 12, 2023 with use of the Shelterhouse on the Thursday and Friday. 5 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson recognized Chief Mark McDonough and his many awards and accomplishments and presented him with an award for Outstanding Service.

Joe Valvano recognized Mark McDonough with a plaque from the City of Waterville for Distinguished, Selfless Commitment.

Mayor Don Atkinson appointed Deputy Police Chief Allan Baer as the interim Whitehouse Police Chief.

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept the Mayor's appointment of Deputy Police Chief Allan Baer as the interim Whitehouse Police Chief. 5 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson appointed Tom Lytle to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Lytle to the Planning Commission. 5 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson appointed Michael Walters to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the Mayor's appointment of Michael Walters to the Board of Zoning Appeals. 5 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson appointed Michael Walters to the Spencer Township JEDZ.

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the Mayor's appointment of Michael Walters to the Spencer Township JEDZ. 5 ayes

Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer reserved the right to Executive Session.

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation authorizing the Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Poggemeyer Design Group (A Kleinfelder Company) for Engineering and Consulting Services for a 500,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank in the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio for and on Behalf of the State of Ohio and/or the Ohio Public Works Commission; to Reimburse the Village's Street Improvement Fund for the CL04Y/CL05Y, Industrial Parkway, and Weckerly Road Improvements with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to reject the bid for the Pedestrian Bridge and look for additional funding. 5 ayes

Police Chief Mark McDonough pinned the Police Chief's badge to interim Chief Allan Baer.

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

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept, as previously authorized, Resolution 01-2023 authorizing the Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Poggemeyer Design Group (A Kleinfelder Company) for Engineering and Consulting Services for a 500,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank in the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Resolution 01-2023 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept Resolution 01-2023 and to pass said Resolution and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept, as previously authorized, Resolution 02-2023 declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio for and on Behalf of the State of Ohio and/or the Ohio Public Works Commission; to Reimburse the Village's Street Improvement Fund for the CL04Y/CL05Y, Industrial Parkway, and Weckerly Road Improvements with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Resolution 02-2023 by title only and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept Resolution 02-2023 and to pass said Resolution and declaring an emergency. 5 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Bob Keogh to adjourn to Executive Session on a matter of Personnel at 7:25 PM. 5 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to reconvene. 5 ayes

Steve Connelly was nominated to fill the vacant Council seat. 5 ayes

Solicitor Kevin Heban swore in Steve Connelly to the vacant Council seat.

Other items discussed:

- Police Chief Mark McDonough was published in multiple prestigious publications, best Officers, training and equipment, will be difficult to lose Chief McDonough, exemplary Leader, Recognition for the department, brought people together, leadership and training instilled will go on, Thank you for all of the work you've done, Michael J. Kelley Award for Excellence and Innovation by the State of Ohio
- Chief McDonough stated that he has a lot of good people that make him look good, when he began he said that once he completed his goals and objectives for the agency and himself it would be time to move on, premier agency for our size in Northwest Ohio, thankful for my family, all are in good hands
- 5 year analysis implemented by 2024, household operation fee, dispatch assessment, wage study, reviewed applications for the vacant Council seat, thank you Council for the diligent process
- Officer Rick Gallagher retiring
- Thank you to the Waterville Chiefs for coming
- Fire hydrant repairs, waiting for parts
- Thank you candidates for the vacant Council seat, encourage people to run
- Good luck to Mark McDonough and Allan Baer
- Committee of the Whole meeting, continued conversation on revenue, wage study

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 7:53 PM. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor