

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

ROLL CALL: Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Bob Keogh, Steve Connelly (7:09), Mindy Curry, and Louann Artiaga,. Also present were the following: Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachman, Police Chief Allan Baer, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Clerk Susan Miller, Rob Casaletta, Rob Nicely, Lorrie Nicely, Nathaniel Nicely, David Prueter, Sharon Prueter, Karen Gerhardinger, Jonathan Hoag, Mike Haines, Jack Harris, Michelle Roush, George Roush, Joey Roush, Phil Whaley, Julie Theroux

Council prayer was given by Public Services Director Steve Pilcher.

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting. 4 ayes

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Louann Artiaga to approve the bills totaling \$65,443.04 dated March 16, 2023, the Addendum bills totaling \$172,572.68 dated March 21, 2023 and the February 2023 Financial Statement. 4 ayes

Councilman Richard Bingham was excused for vacation.

Councilman Steve Connelly is in route.

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve Kids Athletic Camp June 12, 2023 - June 15, 2023 9:00 AM to noon with use of the pavilion. 4 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the Southfork Duathlon May 17, 2023 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Police Assistance. 4 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the Whitehouse Multisport Festival on June 24, 2023 from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. 4 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation to advertise for bids for the Pedestrian Bridge with the conduit/lights alternate. 4 ayes

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

Mayor Don Atkinson recognized Eagle Scouts and their families.

- Jack Haines, been a scout for 7 years, rebuilt a bridge in Oak Openings for his project, going to the Navy after high school
- Joe Roush, been a scout for 11 years, made a 3 ringed prayer path for his project, looking to go to the Air Force Academy or the Citadel after high school
- Nathaniel Nicely, been a scout for 11 years, built firewood storage boxes for his project, looking to go into an apprenticeship in a trade after high school

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Louann Artiaga to renew with Paramount for the Village Health Insurance, moving vision and dental over. 5 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to accept Ordinance 4-2023 Amending Whitehouse Municipal Code Section 186.012, Purpose of Tax; Rate and Whitehouse Municipal Code Section 186.02, Effective Date, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Whitehouse Regarding Municipal Income Tax at its first reading. 5 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Chickens, refuse and recycling containers, fines, enforcement, location, pedestrian bridge State Route 64 additional grant funding, lighting
- Clerk replacement
- Tax Committee
- Charter Revision Commission, strong Mayor vs. Administrator, Collective Bargaining, Human Resources Department, holding off on changes for becoming a city, election year and income tax - no changes be put forth on the ballot, volunteer firemen holding office, municipal employees can't hold office - volunteers can, resident status, clean up items on the ballot next year
- Importance of passage of the income tax increase, no increase in 50 years, 64% goes to Police and Fire, committee
- Health insurance premiums, paramount competitive over time, 9% increase, budgeted 10%, Rates have not increased in 16 months, 4% increase prorated, competitor 3%, Department Heads recommend the Village stays with Paramount, long time relationship, companies bid low, get the business and then hike the rates, renew with Paramount moving dental and vision over, renewal May 1, 2023, 12 month renewal, competitor \$6,000 credit on next premium, last cycle Paramount didn't increase
- EMS reform conversation continues, updates soon
- Citizen's Police Academy, baton, taser, stop stick, radar, 7 signed up for Junior Academy, Officers doing a wonderful job
- Shelter house will be complete the end of April, spring clean up, picnic tables, mulch, mowing
- After the tax amendment Ordinance is passed, a Resolution will be needed the beginning of August

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to adjourn at 7:14 PM. 5 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor