

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

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Bob Keogh, Steve Connelly, 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, Clerk Susan Miller, Wendy Gehring, Julie Studer, Dale E. Sampson, Katie Kuntz-Wineland, Dan Rauch, Michelle Myerholtz, Rob Casaletta, David and Sharon Prueter, and Karen Gerhardinger.

Council prayer was given by Clerk Susan Miller.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to approve the bills totaling \$53,294.73 dated March 2, 2023, the Addendum bills totaling \$53,547.12 dated March 7, 2023 and the January 2023 Financial Statement. 6 ayes

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Richard Bingham to approve the Cherry Fest 10K/5K/1K Walk/run, Kids 1K Run and Wild Walk on June 9, 2023 from 5:00 - 10:00 PM with Safety Services Assistance benefitting Nature's Nursery. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson nominated Allan Baer as the Chief of Whitehouse Police.

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to approve the appointment of Allan Baer as the Chief of Whitehouse Police. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson proclaimed the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Michelle Myerholtz of the Department of Developmental Disabilities and Dale Sampson on Bittersweet Farms were recognized for assisting and advocating for those with developmental disabilities.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Used by the Police Department and Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of No Further Use to the Village and is Hereby Determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

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

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept, as previously authorized, Ordinance 3-2023 Amending the Organizational Chart of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio and Establishing New Positions and Eliminating Other Positions Within the Village at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 3-2023 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept Ordinance 3-2023 and to pass said Ordinance and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept, as previously authorized, Resolution 5-2023 Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Used by the Police Department and Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of No Further Use to the Village and is Hereby Determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law at its first reading and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to suspend the rules and to have the second and third reading of Resolution 5-2023 by title only and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept Resolution 5-2023 and to pass said Resolution and declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Union Cemetery District, revenue, expenses, balance, Clerk/Treasurer Tiffany Bachman closed 2022, wet weather challenges, Keifer excavating opening and closing graves, 2024 Budget, May 8, 2023 Joint meeting at 5:30 PM, inside millage, receive funds March of the following year, projected deficit, .46 mills = \$206,000/year, year-end balance \$100,000 for 2023, Carryover has to fund until March when funds are received, next meeting March 20, 2023 at 5:30 in Whitehouse Chambers
- Tree Commission, 335 trees trimmed in Steeplechase, several trees topped by homeowners - a violation, publish Tree Ordinance in the next newsletter, Horsechestnut tree fungus Treatment \$110/year/tree, remove trees and replace, Arbor Day first Friday in May, First Energy saplings and volunteers, Growth Award, Scavenger Hunt for trees, Tree Maintenance Seminar end of March beginning of April, Canopy grant tree list, Review Tree Ordinance, Woody Warehouse in Indiana supplier of Canopy trees
- Thank you Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer and Richard Bingham for your help on Committees
- Personnel Committee, Grievance by Ashley Kunesh against Whitehouse for termination, Chair Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, violated Whitehouse Police Department policies, Kunesh recounted events, Community perception of policing, termination upheld, not sufficient evidence to overturn
- Michelle Myerholtz from the Department of Developmental Disabilities and Dale Sampson from Bittersweet Farms spoke on helping people with developmental disabilities reach their full potential, importance of recognizing those who advocate for those that cannot advocate for themselves
- Council approved .5% tax increase to go on the ballot, Citizen's Committee - Rob Casaletta, Wendy Gehring, Phil Whaley, Ed Kaplan, Daniel Rauch, Dave Riegenbach, Wayne King, send recommendations for the committee to the Mayor, looking for Citizens with school aged children, Committee is to educate the community, 50 years since there has been an increase to the general fund, staff cannot tell voters how to vote, but Council can speak freely
- Committee of the Whole meeting next Tuesday, chickens, refuse/recycle bin enforcement, State Route 64 pedestrian bridge and trail
- Citizen's Police Academy Thursday at 6:00 PM
- Congratulations Chief Allan Baer
- Bridge project rejected bid, request additional funding, additional funding approved, Village Crews cutting back brush along the Wabash Cannonball Trail
- Standing water on sidewalks, drainage issues in Westwyck, 8-10 basements flooded - 2 with sewage
- Whitehouse and Waterville Fire Associations will hold a raffle benefitting the Jim Bergfeld family

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Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 7:20 PM. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor