

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
March 14, 2023  
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Bob Keogh, Steve Connelly, Mindy Curry, and Louann Artiaga. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Public Service Director Steve Pilcher, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachman, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Clerk Susan Miller, Karen Gerhardinger.

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer called the meeting to order.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting. 6 ayes

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

#### General

The first order of business was to review the Village's Position on Allowing Chickens within Residential and Commercial Zoning Districts.

- All surrounding communities with the exception of Swanton allows chickens, Perrysburg has extensive provisions, enforcement
- Email from citizen opposed, Facebook post favorable, what people want, comments from Nonresidents
- Other communities are complaint driven, enforcement, very few complaints
- Communities that have chickens don't spend a lot of time on chicken enforcement
- Lot size restrictions, setbacks, no longer microchip
- Community chicken coop
- Limit number, no roosters - hens quieter and more content, penned - enclosed on top, Chicken run, 3-6 hens
- 4-H project, education, feed family, eat them
- Collect eggs no matter the weather, ARS doesn't prohibit chicken waste, composting allowed when generated on site
- HOAs
- Perrysburg allowed chickens, then didn't allow, now do, Perrysburg has few instances that need enforcement pertaining to chickens, setbacks, at least 1/4 acre
- Expense of chickens less than price of eggs, cost vs. quality
- Won't notice chickens are there, strict compliance measures, test period, problems - rescind
- Spring is when you get chickens
- Prevailing side can bring up the issue again

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council to uphold the Village's current policy not allowing chickens. 3 ayes, 3 nays Richard Bingham, Bob Keogh, Louann Artiaga

#### Public Service

The next order of business was to Review the Language of our Current Refuse Bin Placement Ordinance and Hear an Update on Related Zoning Enforcement on the Same

- Education and enforcement, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachman, and Jennifer Herman spending time on education, letters, phone calls
- Full penalty stage, fining people
- 149 letters sent, 7 repeat letters leaving bins as the street, second violation, some hostile Residents, fines will begin, 10-15 letters/week
- Staff looking each week, sending letters, calling, numbers are going down
- Quite a few letters would go out for placement, can see a lot of bins from the road, only currently sending letters to those in front of the house and left at the street
- Getting bins off of the street is an effective use of the staffs time
- Passed in October, legislation was different than intent, didn't catch the language in three readings, HOAs mandate screening
- Don't live in subdivision, because don't want subdivision regulations
- Educate residents, social media, website, water bill
- Remind what can and cannot put in containers

Motion by Mindy Curry, no second to amend the code to remove visible from street view.

Motion failed for lack of second.

Other:

Pedestrian Bridge

- Bid was over, alternate for lighting, Cobra arms lighting, repeat Whitehouse Square to Cemetery Road, put conduit in ground for future lighting
- Additional funding \$723,840 80%, \$274,960 Whitehouse's contribution
- Project out to bid with additional funding plus \$50,000 on Whitehouse contribution from General fund
- Cheaper, placement won't disrupt the trail if the conduit is put in

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Steve Connelly to recommend to Council to authorize the Administrator to advertise for bid for the Pedestrian Bridge with conduit, cobra arms, and alternate lighting. 6 ayes

Clerk position, names for new clerk, pay, post, must be a resident

Income tax issue, Citizen's committee, talk to residents, volunteers needed

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 8:08 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller  
Clerk of Council