

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

ROLL CALL: Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Bob Keogh, Steve Connelly, Mindy Curry, Louann Artiaga, and Richard Bingham, 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, Nikki Hartbarger, Daniel Lee, Ethan Crosby, Rob Casaletta, Dave Riggenbach and Karen Gerhardinger.

Council prayer was given by Pastor Shawn Bellner of CedarCreek Church.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Steve Connelly to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to approve the bills totaling \$25,639.45 dated March 30, 2023 and the Addendum bills totaling \$274,946.53 dated April 4, 2023. 6 ayes

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Steve Connelly to approve the Whitehouse Cherry Festival June 8 (6:00-11:00 PM), June 9 (12:00-11:00 PM), June 10 (9:00 AM-11:00 PM) with Safety Services assistance, street closures and use of the pavilion. 6 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to approve the Whitehouse Summer Concerts May 12, June 15, and July 20, 2023, with Safety Services assistance, Street closures, and use of the shelter house and pavilion. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer,, seconded by Steve Connelly to approve Puppy Chow on May 7, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM with use of the pavilion. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer,, seconded by Louann Artiaga to approve the Local Thyme concert April 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM and April 22, 2023 at 11:00 with closure of the alley between Providence and Gilead. 6 ayes

Mayor Don Atkinson Proclaimed April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the Village of Whitehouse.

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Steve Connelly to adjourn into Executive Session on a matter of Personnel at 6:58 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to reconvene at 7:13 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Louann Artiaga to enter into an employment contract with Joshua Hartbarger as Deputy Administrator. 6 ayes

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

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, to have the second reading of 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. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Thank you CedarCreek Church for the use of your buildings and all you do for the community

- 40th Anniversary of the Whitehouse Cherry Fest, Penta Culinary Arts, scholarship, Life Flight, Bake off, Pie Eating contest, Flea Market, Grand Marshalls are those that put on the festival in the past, Military night, Task Force 20, Profits benefit Purple Star, the Legion, and Task Force 20
- Union Cemetery District 2024 budget proposals, revenue, expenses, balance, Capital Improvement projects, long term, additional employees, health insurance, benefits, debt service, similar budget - lean, reduce labor hours, trying to keep the millage the same, End Balance, April 17, 2023 next meeting, removal of seasonal decorations, \$5,000 grant application - record preservation, increased cost of liability insurance, issue with how deeds are recorded, Menonite cemetery, Thank you Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer for your excellent work on the UCD, May 8 joint meeting at 5:30 in Waterville Chambers, thank you Tiffany Bachman for your help as the fiscal officer
- Citizens Academy graduation, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger got tased, 28 attendees, Officers and attendees enjoyed, students used air soft pistols, inquiries into when it will be held again, thank you Mayor Don Atkinson for attending graduation
- Thank you Richard Bingham for service on the talented Tree Commission, 17 Tree City USA Awards, soon to be 18
- Shelterhouse design, planning, and labor was done by the Public Service Department and one other contractor, rededication plaque with the names of those that helped
- Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss Summer Rec program not needed this year
- Fourth Tuesday Open House for Tax Issue
- Shelterhouse is striking, beautiful, pulled back capital projects, did in house - inexpensively, Cost conscious, responsibly, high quality for Citizens
- Thank you to the Fire, Police, and Public Service Departments for help during the storms, More chaotic weather coming through
- Police Chief Allan Baer will be in Florida and can be reached by phone and email
- Full staff of seasonal help, working on the shelterhouse, mulching, and spring clean up
- Thank you Bob Keogh for service on the JEDDs, Waterville Township first meeting tomorrow, Spencer Township JEDD on Thursday
- Randy Launder's last day March 31, 2023
- Paver brick order for Veteran's Memorial Park goes in April 21, 2023, installed for Memorial Day, Thank you Louann Artiaga for all you've done for the Veteran's Memorial Park

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 7:24 PM. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor