

Whitehouse

February 8, 2023

Meeting Notice
Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
February 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that the Whitehouse Village Council will meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Approval of the January 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- IV. Citizen Comments on Committee of the Whole Agenda Items
- V. **Finance**
 - A. ALS Contract
 1. **Supporting Information** – Recommendation from Fire Chief, Jason Francis and a Copy of the Proposed Contract (Exhibit A)
 - B. Revenue Source Review
 1. **Supporting Information** – Updated 2024 General Fund Analysis and Projections (Exhibit B)
- VI. **General**
 - A. Review and Discussion of Proposed Survey Questions
 1. **Supporting Information** – Copy of Proposed Questions (Exhibit C)
- VII. Citizen Comments
- VIII. Consider Other Business as Appropriate Under the Village Charter
- IX. Adjourn

**Village of Whitehouse
Village Council Meeting As A
Committee of the Whole
Village Hall, Whitehouse, OH
6:30pm January 9th, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by President of Council Louann Artiaga.

Council Members Present: Dave Riggerbach, Carrie Tuohy, Steve Connelly, Larry Yunker and President of Council Louann Artiaga

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Deputy Administrator Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Nicole Hartbarger, Mayor Richard Bingham

Guests Present: Wendy Gehring, Karen Gerhardinger, Steven Fine, Joseph Bublick and Robert Keogh

Motion by Councilman Dave Riggerbach, seconded by Councilwoman Carrie Tuohy to approve the minutes of the December 5th, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. 5 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA ITEMS

Council President Artiaga asked if there were any citizen comments to be made regarding the agenda items. There were none.

GENERAL

Attention to Vacant Council Seat

President Artiaga informed all in attendance that it was time to interview/chat with the applicants for the vacant council seats. She explained that Council will ask for brief explanation of who each applicant is and why they applied. After this brief introduction of each applicant, Council plans to go through a series of questions that were curated.

All three council seat applicants were in attendance: Steven Fine, Joseph Bublick and Robert Keogh. They began with a brief introduction of themselves.

Robert Keogh explained that he started on council in 2015 and sat through the end of 2023; he has also been a Whitehouse resident since 1979. He stated that with a very new council that has just been seated, he feels he could add value with experience of being a previous council member while also having been involved with the Board of Zoning, Economic Development, etc.

Joseph Bublick shared that he was born and raised in the AW area, graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and Bowling Green State University. He then joined the Air Force and spent his time there as an officer before returning to this area to join the Guard Base. Shortly

after the move back home he took over his father's construction business, going on 10 years ago now. Bublick stated that he loves being involved in his community and now is a good time to get even more involved as his children are more grown. He feels joining Council is the next big step in being able to serve his community.

Steven Fine began by sharing that he grew up in the AW area as well, graduating from Anthony Wayne High School. He stated that he wants to serve the community and be helpful. He has over 20 years of experience with government work and is good at communicating and achieving goals. He was recently appointed to the Village Charter Commission and is looking forward to seeing his impact on that committee.

President Artiaga next shared that she will be asking several questions that Council came up with to all three candidates and that each one of them will have time to answer and share their thoughts.

President Artiaga asked the candidates what steps they would take to help resolve any budget issues, keeping in mind that the recent levy that was on the ballot failed.

- Steven Fine: would ask for even better communication so citizens have an understanding on how things are run. He said to keep that line of communication open asking what citizens are hoping for, explaining that no tax increase could mean less services. He shared that now is the time to have more communication with citizens asking what is holding them back on passing the levy; focus on working together to find balanced approach.
- Joseph Bublick: shared that the focus should be on communication and trust – the Village citizens have to understand that council is here to do the best for the Village, we need to build back that trust. He stated that communication is key, but does not know the exact answer to get there but we have to work toward something better.
- Robert Keogh: stated that education to the public as far as what the budget/monetary situation is, is important; they might not fully understand the non-funded mandates and things the village doesn't have control of that show up unexpected and have to be able to handle. He feels that putting information out there as much as possible, all year long, will go a long way toward this education.

President Artiaga mentioned that Council takes up a lot of time, a lot of hours are involved. She asked the candidates if they are willing to do even more by being appointed to additional Boards or Committees as most Council members are.

- Joseph Bublick: shared that he is generally at all community and school related events, willing to continue to support these and add more responsibility. He stated that the Tree Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals would fit well with his past experiences and career background.
- Robert Keogh: stated that he fully understands the amount of time that is involved in Council and the additional committee responsibilities. He shared that he would enjoy continuing in the Economic Development committees and focus, as he has in past years.
- Steven Fine: shared that he is willing to help out and be a part of any committee that is needed but would also like to stay involved in the Village Charter review if possible. He stated that Economic Development would be an interest as well.

President Artiaga stated that one of the big challenges on Council and Village Administration is getting citizens involved. She asked what ideas the candidates might have to increase public participation.

- Steven Fine: shared that enhancing electronic presence would be a great place to start. He believes some things are outdated, not as fresh as they could be, need to keep those up to date. He stated that looking for opportunities for speakers from the Village at local gatherings or events to inform citizens of things going on within the village would be a good way to get in front of citizens.
- Joseph Bublick: stated that meeting people where they are, out in the community, being available, park events, AW sport events can go a long way to help make up for the fact that not a lot of people attend council meetings. He shared that a special table at Cherry Fest, and in general being more often out in the community, would help.
- Rober Keogh: he stated that focusing on education of public as available is imperative; found out with levy committee if people knew and understood more it would be better. He shared that Council members should be approachable, have a want list of seats that need to be filled for committees, etc.

President Artiaga asked the candidates how they feel Council can help to support future growth of the Village, to make the Village a choice for new businesses.

- Joseph Bublick: started by saying we must have correct economic growth, conveyed to town people correctly, we need to be a desirable place for housing and business. He shared that educating people accordingly will go a long way, taxes might be a bit higher, but it helps to keep the village desirable. He said we need to continue to grow or start to have issues.
- Robert Keogh: shared that additional income comes from businesses, we need this to better our budget. He suggested having on hand a better inventory of spaces that are available for economic development and focus on doing a better job of advertising those areas.
- Steven Fine: he started by stating the economic development plan needs to be revisited; where should things change, competitive advantages against other nearby communities, etc. He suggested the Village survey local businesses to see what works and what doesn't, get input from them. He stated from experience, some businesses want to move quickly, obtaining permits, etc. can slow things down; can we have something to offer where it is a quicker set up. He said we need to keep all communications going, not just once a decade plan but to keep ideas fresh and worthwhile. He feels we could go out into other community events to advertise Whitehouse.

Lastly, President Artiaga told the candidates that for the last several years there has been a Council Wishlist at the beginning of the year; this would be for items that can be done during the year that shouldn't cost a lot, fit into the current budget, yet add value to the Village. She has asked the candidates to name a few items they would like to see on this wishlist.

- Steven Fine: he suggested the village do more via Facebook live to keep citizens involved and informed, update/enhance the village website, and focus on communication in general. He also mentioned that in surrounding communities lower electric rates were able to be negotiated on behalf of the citizens. He suggests

that this is something the Village should look into to see if they can help negotiate to save residents money.

- Joseph Bublick: he stated he would like to see continued development of city park, it is a gem that we need to keep expounding on. He also shared that beefing up the communication process, offering more electronic information, more flyers, whatever it takes to get the information out there would be a low cost yet valuable update. He wants to get people excited again about the community.
- Robert Keogh: shared he would like to see more involvement and cooperation with the Metroparks, along with update/clean up of ballfields.

President Artiaga asked the Council members if they had any additional questions for the candidates.

Councilman Yunker asked Steven Fine specifically if he applied for the vacancy that came up on Council in the last few years but then chose not to actively run for a council seat during the recent election cycle. Fine responded that yes he applied for the vacancy but did not run during election for a seat; he stated that at that time it was not a good fit for him to run. Councilman Yunker also asked if he is interested in just fulfilling the remainder of the vacant term or if he will plan to run again going forward. Fine responded that he's excited to see how things go for the next term.

Councilman Connelly asked the candidates to share what they think is the single biggest issue that Council should be taking an active role in.

- Robert Keogh: shared that he feels economic development is a big issue that needs more attention as it will help enhance Village income.
- Joseph Bublick: stated that we will have to ask people for more money, and it is a delicate time to ask people for more. He shared that when we do have to ask, we have to make sure we are prepared to show the why. Focus on more communication, more information to prepare for this time.
- Steven Fine: shared that rebuilding the trust of the community and citizens is imperative; without the trust everything else will continue to be difficult. Trust is not as good as it could be, but Council is now in a great position to build that up. He feels that transparency and listening is key; if we can do that, we are in a much better position for all other issues.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Council President Artiaga asked if there were any general citizen comments to be made. There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Artiaga asked for comments on other business from all Committee of the Whole members. There were none.

At 7:01pm, President Artiaga made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Councilman Connelly. 5 ayes

At 7:18pm, President Artiaga made a motion to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Councilman Riegenbach. 5 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Riegenbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council



WHITEHOUSE · OHIO

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Francis
Fire Chief

MAYOR

RICHARD BINGHAM

COUNCIL

LOUANN ARTIAGA
STEVE FINE
STEVE CONNELLY
CARRIE TUOHY
DAVID RIGGENBACH
LARRY YUNKER

February 6, 2024

To, Mayor and Council

I am writing this letter to bring to your attention the emergency medical services (EMS) advanced life support (ALS) reform that is proposed to occur on June 3, 2024, once each municipality signs or "ops out" of the agreement. Opting out of the agreement means that the municipality would provide their own ALS coverage without supplemental funding through Lucas County. Currently, the ALS life squad system is funded through a 0.25% sales tax in Lucas County. This funding is stretched across six municipalities. In Whitehouse, our annual revenue is \$804,396.14 to operate the orange and white ambulance that is staffed with a total of six paramedic positions (2 per shift).

The proposed change will turn operational control over from Lucas County to six regions. Our region would consist of Whitehouse, Waterville, and Providence Twp. Through ongoing meetings, The Village of Whitehouse and City of Waterville will provide ALS coverage to Providence Twp. Thus splitting \$804,396.14 between Whitehouse and the City of Waterville. Below outlines key takeaways listed as "pros" and "cons".

Pros

- Automatic renewal of the contract.
- Contract has an annual CPI increase up to 2%.
- Continued ALS coverage through mutual aid if our region has ALS ambulances on other incidents.
- Increase to the Village of Whitehouse's billing revenue.
- Minimum staffing will include one Paramedic and one EMT per ambulance. This stretches out the ALS coverage.

Cons

- Increased cost of supplies and equipment.
- Revenue loss of \$402,198.07 per year.

In summary, while the reform of the EMS system in Lucas County will offer improved coordination, accountability, and a tailored service to our residents, it also presents challenges related to financial, operational, and political considerations. Effective implementation will require careful planning, collaboration, and ongoing evaluation to ensure timely, high-quality emergency medical care that our residents deserve.

Based on the facts in this letter, and the agreement itself, it is my recommendation that the Governing body of the Village of Whitehouse signs the contract. I am excited to be able to share further details and historical data with you at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Sincerely,

Jason Francis

**AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PROVISION OF
COUNTYWIDE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
IN LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

THIS AGREEMENT is made pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.05, 9.60 and 505.44 to facilitate the provision of countywide Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Lucas County, Ohio and is entered into by and between the City of Maumee, the City of Oregon, the City of Toledo, the City of Waterville, Jerusalem Township, Monclova Township, Providence Township, Richfield Township, Springfield Township, Sylvania Township, the Village of Whitehouse, Washington Township (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "SUBDIVISIONS") and the Board of Lucas County Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY").

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS to provide countywide ALS EMS primarily through the public sector;

WHEREAS, from 1992 through the execution of this AGREEMENT, the COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS have collaborated to operate a countywide ALS EMS system;

WHEREAS, the provision of countywide ALS EMS is a matter of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the COUNTY and the SUBDIVISIONS to continue to improve, refine, and maintain a system of countywide ALS EMS to facilitate the highest level of public health and safety for Lucas County, Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, covenants, and promises contained in this AGREEMENT, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

- a. "Paramedic" means an individual who holds a current, valid Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic certificate issued in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.30(C).
- b. "EMT" means an individual who holds a current, valid Emergency Medical Technician – Basic certificate issued in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.30(B) or Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate certificate issued in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.30(C).
- c. "Advanced Life Support (ALS) Medic Unit" means an ambulance, furnished by the SUBDIVISIONS, which is capable of providing ALS treatment and transport of emergency victims, staffed with a minimum of one Paramedic and one EMT and equipped and stocked with the medical equipment, supplies and medications as required by Rule 4766-2-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- d. "Responsible ALS Department" means the SUBDIVISION fire and EMS department responsible for providing ALS EMS services to a Response Region as described in Section 2 of this AGREEMENT according to the Standards of Service established in Section 3 of this AGREEMENT.

2. PROVISION OF ALS SERVICES

- a. In order to provide seamless ALS EMS response in Lucas County, the COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS agree to establish six Response Regions in Lucas County as described here and graphically represented in ATTACHMENT A:
 - i. CENTRAL – The Central Region shall consist of the political subdivisions of the City of Toledo, Village of Ottawa Hills, and Washington Township.

- ii. EAST – The East Region shall consist of the political subdivisions of the City of Oregon, Jerusalem Township, and Village of Harbor View.
 - iii. NORTHWEST – The Northwest Region shall consist of the political subdivisions of the City of Sylvania, Richfield Township, Sylvania Township, and Village of Berkey.
 - iv. SOUTH – The South Region shall consist of the political subdivisions of the City of Maumee and Monclova Township.
 - v. SOUTHWEST – The Southwest Region shall consist of the political subdivisions of the City of Waterville, Providence Township, Waterville Township, and the Village of Whitehouse.
 - vi. WEST – The West Region shall consist of the political subdivisions of Harding Township, Spencer Township, Springfield Township, Swanton Township, the Village of Holland and the Lucas County portions of the Village of Swanton.
- b. The COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS agree that in each Response Region, dedicated Responsible ALS Departments shall provide ALS EMS in accordance with the Standard of Service identified in Section 3 of this AGREEMENT as follows:
- i. CENTRAL – The Responsible ALS Department for the Central Region shall be the City of Toledo Fire and Rescue Department.
 - ii. EAST – The Responsible ALS Department for the East Region shall be the City of Oregon Fire and Rescue Department.

- iii. NORTHWEST – The Responsible ALS Department for the Northwest Region shall be the Sylvania Township Fire Department.
 - iv. SOUTH – The Responsible ALS Departments for the South Region shall be the City of Maumee Division of Fire and the Monclova Township Fire Department.
 - v. SOUTHWEST – The Responsible ALS Departments for the Southwest Region shall be the Waterville Fire Department and the Whitehouse Fire Department as provided by the W³ Fire Cooperative Agreement.
 - vi. WEST – The Responsible ALS Department for the West Region shall be the Springfield Township Fire Department.
- c. Any modifications to the Response Regions identified in Section 2(a) of this AGREEMENT or the Responsible ALS Departments identified in Section 2(b) of this AGREEMENT and any associated modifications to payments made to SUBDIVISIONS by the COUNTY as delineated in Section 5 of this AGREEMENT shall be documented in an Amendment to this AGREEMENT and attached to this AGREEMENT.

3. ALS EMS STANDARD OF SERVICE

- a. The COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS desire to maintain the highest standard of ALS EMS response and care possible.
- b. SUBDIVISIONS that operate a Responsible ALS Department agree to provide or cause to provide all ALS EMS response to their assigned Response Region.
- c. SUBDIVISIONS that operate a Responsible ALS Department shall be required to staff, equip, stock, and put into service or coordinate the provision of the

appropriate number of ALS Medic Units to ensure timely ALS EMS response to their assigned Response Region 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Timely ALS EMS response shall be defined as an average annual response time of ALS Medic Units to each political subdivision within the Responsible ALS Department's Response Region that is either the same or timelier than the average of the three previous calendar years. Response time shall be measured as the amount of time from the dispatch of an ALS incident to the logging of the first arriving ALS Medic Unit on scene as recorded in the Lucas County 911 Regional Council of Governments' computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. Response time measurements shall include incidents initially entered as requiring Basic Life Support and subsequently being upgraded to Advanced Life Support.

- d. SUBDIVISIONS that operate an ALS Medic Unit shall assist the COUNTY in the coordination of ALS data.
- e. SUBDIVISIONS that operate an ALS Medic Unit shall be responsible for the training and certification of all Paramedics and EMTs operating on the Unit.
- f. SUBDIVISIONS that operate an ALS Medic Units shall be responsible for furnishing, equipping, maintaining, and stocking the Unit with the medical equipment, supplies, and medications as required by Rule 4766-2-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

4. ALS MUTUAL AID

- a. In the event that a Responsible ALS Department is unable to provide a timely response within their region on a particular day and time, the SUBDIVISIONS

agree that the closest appropriate ALS Medic Unit from a Responsible ALS Departments shall provide ALS mutual aid, upon dispatch request.

5. PAYMENT, PENALTIES & BILLING REVENUE

- a. The COUNTY shall annually appropriate and make available an amount consistent with Sections 5(b) and 5(c) of this AGREEMENT. The COUNTY shall provide payment to the SUBDIVISIONS that operate Responsible ALS Departments as identified in Section 2(b) annually, no later than April 30th of each calendar year.
- b. The COUNTY shall provide SUBDIVISIONS operating as the Responsible ALS Department for their respective Response Region the following annualized amount in 2024 for the provision of ALS EMS:
 - i. CENTRAL
 1. City of Toledo - \$4,524,728.29
 - ii. EAST
 1. City of Oregon - \$804,396.14
 - iii. NORTHWEST
 1. Sylvania Township - \$804,396.14
 - iv. SOUTH
 1. City of Maumee - \$402,198.07
 2. Monclova Township - \$402,198.07
 - v. SOUTHWEST
 1. City of Waterville - \$402, 198.07
 2. Village of Whitehouse - \$402,198.07

vi. WEST

1. Springfield Township - \$804,396.14

- c. The amount provided to Responsible ALS Departments identified in Section 5(b) of this AGREEMENT shall increase each calendar beginning in 2025 by the percentage of year-over-year growth in the COUNTY's sales tax receipts, capped at two percent (2%) per year. In the event of a reduction in COUNTY sales tax receipts, the amount provided to Responsible ALS Departments shall not increase until COUNTY sales tax receipts recover and exceed the COUNTY's peak sales tax receipt level.
- d. The COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS agree that timely ALS EMS response is critical to the public health and safety of Lucas County. As such, in the event that the average annual response time to any political subdivision within the Responsible ALS Department's Response Region exceeds the average of the response time of the three previous calendar years as delineated in Section 3(c) of this AGREEMENT, the SUBDIVISION that operates the Responsible ALS Department shall be provided a warning in writing by the COUNTY no later than April 30th of the year following. In the event that the average annual response time to that same political subdivision exceeds the average of the three previous calendar years for two consecutive calendar years, the COUNTY shall notify the

SUBDIVISION that operates the Responsible ALS Department no later than April 30th of the year following and may remove funding identified in this Section of this AGREEMENT from the SUBDIVISION. Removed funds may be offered to other SUBDIVISIONS operating a fire and EMS service within the Response Region and, if not accepted by a SUBDIVISION operating a fire and EMS service within the Response Region, then may be offered to SUBDIVISIONS operating a fire and EMS service in neighboring Response Regions in order by geographic proximity to the impacted political subdivision. Funds may only be removed and provided to another fire and EMS service if it is the consensus of the EMS Medical Policy Committee that the alternate fire and EMS service will provide a more efficient and effective response to the impacted SUBDIVISION. In accordance with Section 2(c) of the AGREEMENT, any realignment of Response Regions or Responsible ALS Departments servicing all or portions of such shall be documented and attached to this AGREEMENT as amendments to the AGREEMENT.

- e. The SUBDIVISIONS agree that should a member of the EMS Medical Policy Committee that represents the SUBDIVISION fail to attend half (50%) of the Committee meetings properly publicly noticed in a calendar year, the COUNTY may suspend funding provided to that SUBDIVISION in this Section of the AGREEMENT.
- f. The COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS recognize that billing revenue is currently generated through the transportation of patients. The COUNTY and SUBDIVISIONS express their understanding that the agency providing ALS EMS

transport shall have the right to transport billing revenue and no other party to this AGREEMENT shall stake any claim to these funds.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTY EMS CAPITAL ASSETS

- a. In order to support the success of EMS operations in Lucas County, the COUNTY agrees to distribute all EMS Capital Assets associated with field operations in its possession in an equitable manner to the SUBDIVISIONS included in this AGREEMENT no later than September 30, 2024.

7. LUCAS COUNTY EMS MEDICAL POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. In order to ensure the coordination of EMS policy across Lucas County, the COUNTY shall facilitate an EMS Medical Policy Committee to serve as a forum for the following:
 - i. Presentation and discussion of any changes to EMS protocols by SUBDIVISIONS;
 - ii. Coordination of mutual aid as it pertains to EMS response in Lucas County;
 - iii. Coordination of policies, procedures and protocols with receiving hospital facilities and the Lucas County 911 Regional Council of Governments;
 - iv. Annual review and discussion of countywide and regional ALS EMS response times no later than April 30th of each year, as discussed in Sections 3(c) and 5(d) of this AGREEMENT; and
 - v. Negotiation and update to this AGREEMENT.
- b. The EMS Medical Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- i. COUNTY Administrator, Deputy County Administrator or member of the County's Administration and an alternate as identified by the Board of County Commissioners;
 - ii. Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, EMS Chief, Battalion Chief or other member of each SUBDIVISION party to this AGREEMENT's fire service and an alternate as identified by the SUBDIVISION's executive or board of trustees; and
 - iii. Medical Director of each SUBDIVISION party to this AGREEMENT.
- c. An invitation to all EMS Medical Policy Committee meetings shall be extended to the following:
 - i. Representative of each hospital that operates a receiving emergency department in Lucas County;
 - ii. Executive Director of the Lucas County 911 Regional Council of Governments; and
 - iii. Medical Director of the Lucas County 911 Regional Council of Governments.
- d. The EMS Medical Policy Committee shall meet at least quarterly, but may meet more often as necessary. Members, as identified in this Section of the AGREEMENT, shall be required to attend at least half (50%) of the Committee meetings properly publicly noticed in a calendar year. Failure by a Member to attend half (50%) of all meetings properly publicly noticed in a calendar year shall trigger notification of such by the COUNTY to the appointing SUBDIVISION's

executive or board of trustees and may result in suspension of funds as provided in Section 5 of this AGREEMENT to the SUBDIVISION the member represents.

8. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- a. This AGREEMENT shall take effect on June 3, 2024 and shall continue for an indefinite term on a year-to-year basis unless terminated as provided in Section 9 of this AGREEMENT.

9. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- a. This AGREEMENT may be modified, amended or supplemented in any respect not prohibited by law upon approval of the modification, amendment or supplement by all the parties to the AGREEMENT. All Amendments shall be documented and attached to this AGREEMENT as amendments to the AGREEMENT.
- b. Each SUBDIVISION and the COUNTY shall have the right, with or without cause, to cancel and annul its participation in this AGREEMENT upon 2 years written notice. Notice to cancel or annul participation in this AGREEMENT shall be prohibited from taking effect prior to June 2, 2027.

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a. The parties to this AGREEMENT agree that in the event of a dispute over the terms of this AGREEMENT a good-faith effort at resolving the dispute will be made prior to the filing of a complaint. The subject matter of the dispute will be provided to the other party in writing. Once written notice of the dispute has been delivered, the parties will engage in good-faith mediation with a mediator within 60 days. The

fees for the mediator will be split evenly between the parties to the dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved through mediation, a complaint can be filed in the Lucas County Common Pleas Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands by their duly authorized officials.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Gerken, Commissioner

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Commissioner

John Borell, Prosecutor's Office

Date

Date

Lisa A. Sobecki, Commissioner

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Dennis Cole, Director of Emergency Services

Date

CITY OF TOLEDO

Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Allison Armstrong, Fire Chief

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dale Emch, Law Director

Date

CITY OF OREGON

Mayor Michael Seferian

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Clayton O'Brien, Fire Chief

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melissa Purpura, Esq.
Law Director

Date

CITY OF MAUMEE

Mayor Richard Carr

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Brandon Loboschefski, Fire Chief

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Lehenbauer, Law Director

Date

VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE

Mayor

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Jason Francis, Fire Chief

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin Heban, Solicitor

Date

SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP

John Jennewine, Trustee

Date

Neal Mahoney, Trustee

Date

John Crandall, Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Michael Ramm, Fire Chief

Date

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Robert Bethel, Trustee

Date

Andrew Glenn, Trustee

Date

Tom Anderson, Jr., Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Barry Cousino, Fire Chief

Date

MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP

Barbara Lang, Trustee

Date

Chuck Hoecherl, Trustee

Date

Trudy Yoder Vicary, Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Matt Homik, Fire Chief

Date

RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP

John Hassen, Trustee

Date

Steve Bettinger, Trustee

Date

Andrew Lumbrezer, Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Keith Clonch, Fire Chief

Date

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Don Barto, Trustee

Date

Kellie Schlachter, Trustee

Date

Mark Schuster, Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Ron Kay, Fire Chief

Date

JERUSALEM TOWNSHIP

Mark Sattler, Trustee

Date

David Bench, Trustee

Date

Beau Miller, Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Tony Parasiliti, Fire Chief

Date

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

Steve Kendall, Trustee

Date

Lee Bialecki, Trustee

Date

Jeremiah Floyd, Trustee

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richard Triggs, Fire Chief

Date

CITY OF WATERVILLE

Mayor Tim Pedro

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Doug Meyer, Fire Chief

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Philip L. Dombey, Esq.
Law Director

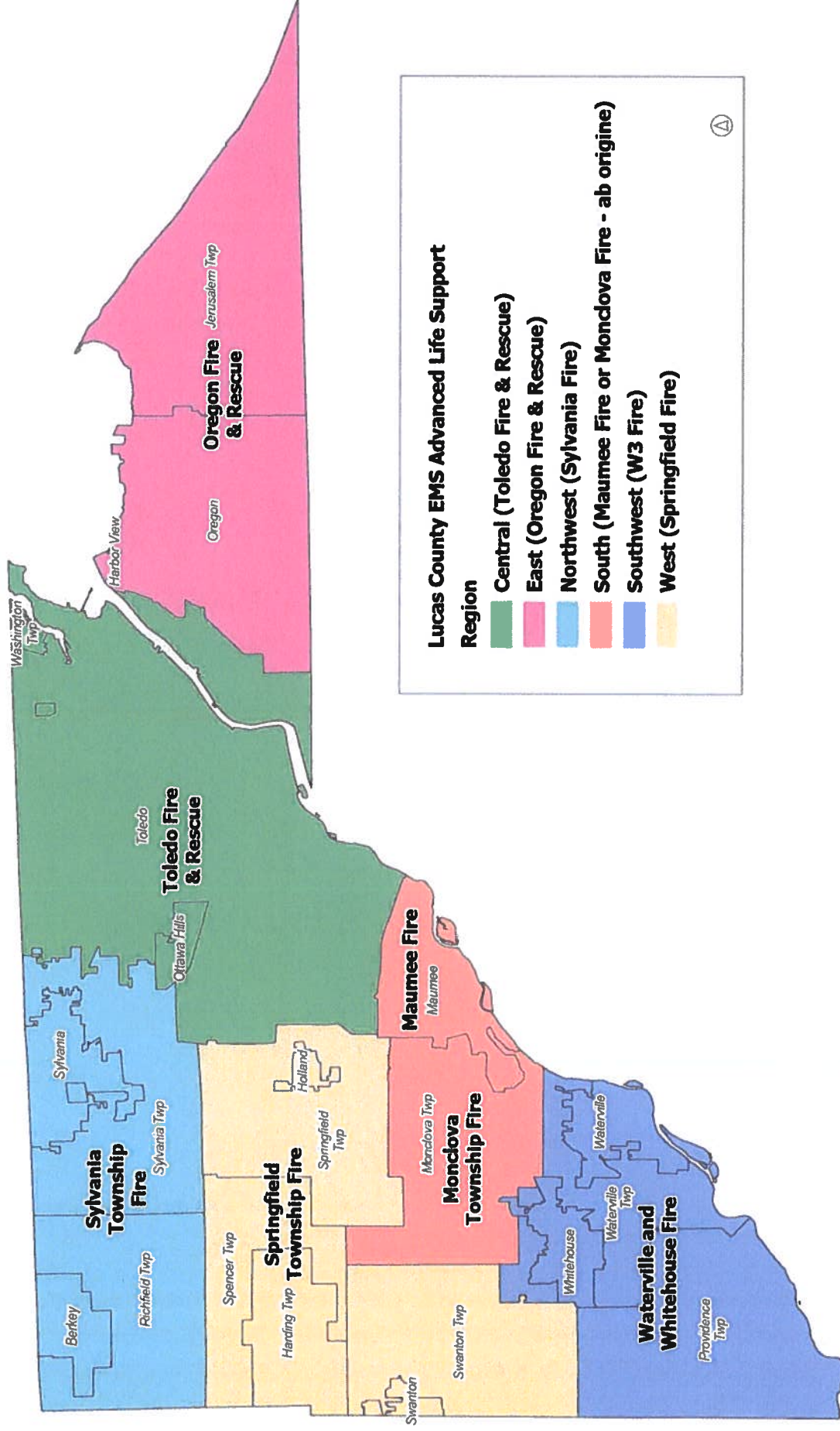
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ATTACHMENT A

Response Regions

EMS Advanced Life Support (ALS) Regions

Lucas County, Ohio



GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	2019	% of Rev	2020	% of Rev	2021	% of Rev	2022	% of Rev	2023	% of Rev	Ave % Change	
Property Tax	\$ 426,730	11%	\$ 446,502	12%	\$ 458,711	9%	\$ 532,378	10%	\$ 541,240	10%	5%	Property values "bubble?"
Local Gov't	\$ 165,358	4%	\$ 172,976	5%	\$ 183,279	3%	\$ 231,794	4%	\$ 222,444	4%	7%	Jeopardy of removal by state
Cigarette/Liquor Tax	\$ 4,558	0%	\$ 937	0%	\$ 6,864	0%	\$ 8,070	0%	\$ 609	0%	-17%	Nominal
Other State/Fed	\$ 162,703	4%	\$ 69,353	2%	\$ 63,071	1%	\$ 21,397	0%	\$ 14,644	0%	-18%	Volatile
Fire Contracts	\$ 57,632	2%	\$ 73,494	2%	\$ 74,964	1%	\$ 76,464	1%	\$ 77,993	1%	7%	Likely going away
Police Contracts	\$ 100,000	3%	\$ 57,183	2%	\$ -	0%	\$ 136,785	3%	\$ 181,473	3%	16%	Barely covers cost
Refuse	\$ 221,290	6%	\$ 235,235	6%	\$ 256,628	5%	\$ 277,715	5%	\$ 294,636	6%	7%	Only covers cost
EMS Contracts	\$ 90,714	2%	\$ 83,370	2%	\$ 81,906	2%	\$ 115,622	2%	\$ 130,476	2%	9%	Dependent on run volume
Fines & Licenses	\$ 33,550	1%	\$ 26,882	1%	\$ 28,156	1%	\$ 22,905	0%	\$ 14,315	0%	-11%	Nominal
Building, Insp, Zoning	\$ 23,558	1%	\$ 17,179	0%	\$ 17,986	0%	\$ 16,672	0%	\$ 15,258	0%	-7%	Nominal
Franchise Fees	\$ 69,792	2%	\$ 73,029	2%	\$ 75,377	1%	\$ 76,329	1%	\$ 74,127	1%	1%	Steady
Interest	\$ 73,288	2%	\$ 52,228	1%	\$ 18,587	0%	\$ 80,275	2%	\$ 357,458	7%	78%	New Investment Approach
Donations	\$ 7,256	0%	\$ 6,060	0%	\$ 6,067	0%	\$ 5,250	0%	\$ 7,259	0%	0%	Nominal
Miscellaneous	\$ 86,540	2%	\$ 187,625	5%	\$ 101,677	2%	\$ 98,004	2%	\$ 126,696	2%	9%	Volatile
Income Tax B	\$ 2,136,717	57%	\$ 2,275,991	60%	\$ 2,416,011	46%	\$ 2,721,486	52%	\$ 3,194,204	61%	10%	Poised for market correction
Sale of Fixed Asset	\$ 4,722	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	-20%	Nominal
	\$ 3,664,408		\$ 3,778,043		\$ 3,789,645		\$ 4,421,744		\$ 5,252,832		9%	

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

	2019	% of Exp	2020	% of Exp	2021	% of Exp	2022	% of Exp	2023	% of Exp	Ave % Change
Police	\$ 1,314,756	41%	\$ 1,306,825	39%	\$ 1,395,643	35%	\$ 1,559,794	39%	\$ 1,505,386	38%	3%
Fire	\$ 856,085	27%	\$ 792,213	24%	\$ 762,675	19%	\$ 811,658	20%	\$ 866,635	22%	0%
Lights, Health Dept, & Civil	\$ 95,248	3%	\$ 105,964	3%	\$ 103,312	3%	\$ 91,405	2%	\$ 90,816	2%	-1%
Park	\$ 106,934	3%	\$ 96,350	3%	\$ 91,353	2%	\$ 67,274	2%	\$ 91,579	2%	-3%
Community Planning	\$ 104,875	3%	\$ 131,035	4%	\$ 156,828	4%	\$ 109,244	3%	\$ 103,770	3%	0%
Building	\$ 45,313	1%	\$ 32,760	1%	\$ 38,937	1%	\$ 45,517	1%	\$ 51,044	1%	3%
Sanitation	\$ 260,854	8%	\$ 253,975	8%	\$ 293,789	7%	\$ 319,398	8%	\$ 343,093	9%	6%
Administration	\$ 311,003	10%	\$ 216,110	6%	\$ 229,612	6%	\$ 228,571	6%	\$ 240,087	6%	-5%
Council	\$ 50,364	2%	\$ 59,666	2%	\$ 60,262	2%	\$ 63,520	2%	\$ 81,153	2%	12.23%
Maintenance	\$ 164,843	5%	\$ 162,396	5%	\$ 169,429	4%	\$ 210,999	5%	\$ 197,846	5%	4%
Auditor	\$ 46,279	1%	\$ 24,171	1%	\$ 49,046	1%	\$ 6,796	0%	\$ 31,870	1%	-6%
Transfers	\$ 3,356,554		\$ 3,181,466		\$ 3,350,886		\$ 3,880,828		\$ 3,962,637		4%

FIVE-YEAR PROJECTED GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS*

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Est. Beg. Bal.	\$ 3,237,481	\$ 2,514,881	\$ 1,685,602	\$ 791,779	\$ (169,317)
Est. Revenue	\$ 3,888,760	\$ 3,966,535	\$ 4,045,866	\$ 4,126,783	\$ 4,209,319
Est. Expenses	\$ (4,611,360)	\$ (4,795,814)	\$ (4,939,689)	\$ (5,087,879)	\$ (5,240,516)
Est. End. Balance	\$ 2,514,881	\$ 1,685,602	\$ 791,779	\$ (169,317)	\$ (1,200,514)

*Assumes no changes in revenue structure
 **Assumes nominal health insurance cost increase in 2024-2028
 ***Assumes nominal (2%) average IT increase/year

2024 Appropriations

2023 Difference	\$ 5,252,832	2023 Revenue	\$ 3,962,637	2023 Expenses	\$ 1,290,195
Partial Explanation					
	\$ 277,183	New Investments & Banking	\$ 44,689	Increased Police Contract	\$ 472,718
		Unexpected 10+% incr. in Inc. Taxes (Jan. '24 poor outlook)			

From: Larry Yunker

I apologize in advance, but I wrote a lot more than 3-5 questions..... I came up with a strategy to try to get the person who is taking the survey to come to realize what the village actually does for them but that takes a long series of questions:

First I'd gather some demographic information to assist us with understanding our audience

1. How many years have you been a resident of the Village of Whitehouse?
2. How many adults live in your household?
3. How many children (under 18) live in your household?
4. Are you retired and/or on a fixed income?

Next I'd ask a series of questions designed to get the individual who is taking the survey to more fully realize what services are being provided by each department within the village.

5. Have you or someone in your household ever used either fire or emergency medical services from the Village of Whitehouse?
6. How important is it to you to have staffed local fire and emergency medical services available to the citizens of Whitehouse?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

7. Have you or someone in your household ever filed a police report, requested or used police assistance from the officers in the Village of Whitehouse?
8. How important is it to you to have 24 hour a day / 7 day a week police protection available within the Village of Whitehouse?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

9. Have you or someone in your household ever received assistance from or benefited from the work performed by the Whitehouse Public works department?
10. How important is having the grass cut, garbage picked up, trees trimmed, bathrooms maintained, and playground equipment maintained at the Village parks?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

11. How important is having pot holes fixed, roadways striped, flooded areas barricaded and sidewalk repaired within the Village?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

12. How important is having fresh drinking water, and a properly functioning septic and storm sewer system within the Village?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

13. Have you or someone in your household ever received assistance from or benefited from the work performed by the staff and administration of the Village of Whitehouse?
14. How important is having water service, building permits, building inspections and zoning enforcement available within the Village?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

15. How important is it to have staff who regularly seek out and obtain hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars annually in state and federal funding for projects that would otherwise fall upon the taxpayers in Whitehouse?

Rank 1 to 5 (5 being highest importance)

FINALLY, I would turn the questions to the issue of our budget deficit.

16. Are you aware that the village is currently running a budgetary deficit of \$_____ per year and is estimated to exhaust its "rainy-day" funds by the end of 2025? (revise as necessary to describe the "rainy-day fund" and to accurately reflect the current estimated exhaustion of funds)
17. Are you aware that ____% of the village's total operating revenue comes from local income taxes?
18. Are you aware that the Village has maintained and not raised its current 1.5% income tax for ____ years and that during that same time, the village population has gone from _____ to roughly 5000 residents?
19. Given the anticipated depletion of the Village's "rainy-day" fund by 2025, we need to understand the public's preferred route to balancing the budget. Below are several of the options that would make a large enough impact to address the \$500,000+ deficit. While we are looking at all options for bringing the budget into balance, smaller dollar line items such as eliminating flowers or eliminating music-in-the-park do not appear on this survey as those expenses are too small to significantly address the magnitude of this deficit. Please rank your order of preference (with 1 being your favored option and 5 being your least favor option) for the following measures:
 - a) Increase Local Income Tax from 1.5% to 2.0%
 - b) Cut firefighter/EMS positions with the potential to reduce in-district coverage to less than 7x24 and/or result in longer response times to emergencies.
 - c) Cut police positions resulting in less coverage and/or longer response times to incidents.
 - d) Cut public works employees resulting in less maintenance of streets, parks, water, sewer, and sanitation.
 - e) Cut administration staff resulting in longer permitting processes, delayed inspections, less availability for water service establishment, termination, and billing, less assistance with tax questions, and less expertise and potentially less success with obtaining grant funding.
20. Please provide any other suggestion (aside from those listed in the previous question) that you might have for how the Village might balance its budget.

From Steve Fine

Here are some suggestions for survey questions:

- How satisfied are you with the types of services and quality of services provided by the village
- If your satisfaction rating is higher or lower than [middle score], please describe why you feel that way
- What questions do you have about the village's financial situation?
- How would you propose balancing the village's budget? This could include reductions in services, increases in taxes, or a combination of both. If you propose service reductions, please describe how you would reduce services. If you propose increasing taxes, please describe which taxes you would increase.
- [Provide list of potential reductions and ask residents to choose the ones are most comfortable with implementing.]
- Are there any other recommendations, concerns, or compliments you'd like to share with village government?

From: Steve Connelly

Per your request from last night's council meeting, below are some initial questions I would propose for inclusion in a community survey:

Government / Services:

Please rate your current level of trust in your elected leaders to represent the best interests of the residents and the village.

10-point scale

If < 5, why

What aspects of our village or local government do you believe are currently working well, and why?

Multiple choice + Open End

In your opinion, what are the most pressing challenges or issues facing our community that need immediate attention?

Open End

What specific changes or improvements would you like to see in our community in the next few years?

Open End

How can the local government better involve residents in decision-making processes and community initiatives?

Multiple choice + Open End

What services or amenities do you believe are lacking in our community?

Multiple Choice + Open End

Budget / Finances:

What factors influenced your decision to support or oppose the tax increase to address the projected budget shortfall?

Word cloud / sentiment question

In your opinion, what changes or compromises would make a tax increase more acceptable to you, considering the importance of maintaining essential services in the community?

Open End?

In your opinion, what specific areas of the budget would you prioritize for protection if it became necessary to cut services?

Multiple choice + Open End

From: Richard Bingam

I have attached a few survey questions per last nights conversation.

In your opinion, what are the most important problems that (Village) is facing today?

Are you willing to pay additional taxes to maintain current municipal services? If not why?

If revenue cannot be increased, what services do you think should be cut?

What would it take to get you to support a tax levy?