

**Village of Whitehouse
Village Council Meeting As A
Committee of the Whole
Village Hall, Whitehouse, OH
6:30pm April 16th, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 8:39pm by President of Council Louann Artiaga.

Council Members Present: Dave Riggenbach, Carrie Tuohy, Steve Fine, 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

Guests Present: None

Motion by Councilman Dave Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Carrie Tuohy to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2024 Committee of the Whole meetings. 6 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA ITEMS

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

GENERAL

Continued Discussion of Survey Purpose and Questions/Content

Councilman Connelly began with a quick review of last discussion session; he shared that they ended up with 13 questions plus sections for feedback. The committee decided to go through question by question and make final decisions.

- Section 1:
 - Question 1 - How satisfied with living/working in Whitehouse? 5pt question with open end to provide – all in agreement.
 - Question 2 - Most pressing issue/challenge? Several options to choose from with picking top 3 including open ended response. Riggenbach asks what is the difference between public safety and maintaining current safety services; Connelly says they can remove 4th option – all in agreement now.
 - Question 3 – Rate the statement regarding ‘trusting currently elected leaders’ with open ended open – all in agreement.
 - Question 4 - Radio buttons options, rate satisfaction of certain gov areas and services with open ended option. Administrator Daugherty suggests adding community events/engagement option – all in agreement.

- Section 2:
 - Question 5 - specific changes or improvements in community, list to choose from, select all that apply including 'other' open ended option – all in agreement.
 - Question 6 – preferred methods of communication check all that apply with 'other' open option – Riggensbach suggests limiting to top 3 options; Fine suggests to include new Whitehouse mobile app – all in agreement.
 - Question 7 – how can local government better involve residents, select all from list that apply – Connelly suggests to update to top 3 choices; Riggensbach suggests to change wording to 'regular' townhall meetings - all in agreement with updates.
- Section 3:
 - Change first block to Question 8 now as presented, some felt like it was asking how someone voted.
 - Question 8 – Would residents be willing to pay additional taxes for services; yes/no question with explanation of yes/no answer from options – all agree much better question in agreement now as is.
 - Question 9 - Would residents be in favor of new flat fee for property owner yes/no – Riggensbach doesn't love the wording; Artiaga and Fine comment they are good to include. Yunker asks for Question 8 do we need to specify income tax, property tax, etc.
 - Question 10 - Would you agree to village services being reduced to avoid taxes agree/disagree – all in agreement.
 - Question 11 – Which should be considered for reduced funding if there is a deficit, check all that apply; Artiaga asks will people really say they want to reduce police/fire; Yunker comments that not a lot of budget goes to these areas so it won't make a difference; all vote to strike question.
 - Question 12 - catch all question; totally open ended – all in agreement.
- Section 4:
 - Question 13 - Would you like to be contacted by Mayor or Council yes/no with spot to include name and contact info.
 - Demographics as optional inputs, Connelly commented he took some from City of Dublin recent survey – all in agreement with these.
 - Yunker asks do we need to put commentary at top that survey is for 18+ residents.

Artiaga comments to Administrator Daugherty that sounds like all good with this survey. Daugherty says you will want to memorialize it as done, but staff can definitely start working on it – does have to be approved as it is a committee action. Connelly asks Deputy Administrator Hartbarger do you want to use survey monkey. Hartbarger comments there are some limitations for survey monkey but should work fine, can do a quick test to check. Connelly says he can also do a quick set up in Alchemer and then compare to survey monkey. Fine comments that he's thinking we need an introduction to the whole survey, Connelly asking for Mayor Bingham to do a small snippet with why this survey is being put out, etc. Connelly comments he is looking to avoid paper copy if possible.

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.

Artiaga shares her thanks with all of Council for all the time and effort being put into this survey. She comments that all have tackled this project with dedication and expertise.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council