

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PRAYER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Rich Bingham.

Council Members Present: Louann Artiaga, Dave Rigggenbach, Carrie Tuohy, Steve Fine, Steve Connelly and Larry Yunker

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Village Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Deputy Administrator Joshua Hartbarger, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Police Chief Allen Baer, Fire Chief Jason Francis, Council Clerk Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: Wayne King, Becky King, Tim Tuohy, Wendy Gehring, Sharon Roberts, Karen Gerhardinger

Council Prayer was given by Pastor Shawn Bellner of Cedar Creek Church

Mayor Bingham reserves the right to enter into an executive session at the end of this meeting in order to discuss contracts.

Motion by Councilman Rigggenbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve the minutes of the March 19th, 2024 Council meeting. 6 ayes

Question from Councilman Yunker regarding a US Bank \$7,516 line item in the current bills. Administrator Daugherty comments that this charge is part of the municipal bond, refinanced back in 2013, this is the interest only payment on the rate of 2.75-3%. Councilman Rigggenbach asks Chief Baer if we took delivery of the new, recently purchased police vehicle and Chief Baer confirms that yes, it is on the road.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the bills totaling \$114,684.71 dated April 11th, 2024 and the Addendum bills totaling \$180,177.41 dated April 16th, 2024. 6 ayes

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asked if there were any persons to appear before council.

- A. Request for the Cherry Fest 10K/5K/1K Walk/Run & 1K Kids Fun Run & Wild Walk for June 7, 2024

Deputy Administrator Hartbarger asked to present information on this request to Council by Julie's Fitness. He comments that the race has been going on for 8+ years so far – working on promoting health for the community. He states that the race funds are used to benefit a chosen charity each year. Hartbarger confirms that in the last 8 years Whitehouse fees to hold the race have been paid once and have been waived the other 7 years.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to waive the required fees for the Cherry Fest 5k race to be put on by Julie's Fitness Studio. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Rigggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve Cherry Fest race to be put on by Julie's Fitness Studio on June 7th, 2024. 6 ayes

- B. Request for Summer Concert Series (3) May 16, 2024, June 20, 2024, and July 18, 2024

Summer concert series request, similar to in years past. Councilwoman Artiaga comments that applications for the required liquor license has been submitted to the state for the first date in May. She comments that the Whitehouse Library will be hosting the first event, then the Sertoma Club will host the June event and then back to the Whitehouse Library

hosting the last one in July. Deputy Administrator Hartbarger comments that all acts/events have been booked they are just waiting on a few contracts. He states that this is a great, collaborative event between the Village and the host groups – it is considered a Village event. The ask is for fees to be waived in regard to these events as they are Whitehouse events.

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve waiving any fees for the Concert Series events in May, June and July 2024. 5 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve the Summer Concert Series events to be held in Village Park in May, June and July 2024. 5 ayes

Councilwoman Artiaga has abstained from both votes pertaining to the Summer Concert series due to her involvement with the Whitehouse Library.

C. Request for the Whitehouse Cherry Fest June 6-8, 2024

Whitehouse resident and Chamber Member, Wendy Gehring says the group is excited for the event this year. She commented that the Chamber does have electric going in throughout the park at a \$4,400 estimate for line to go in, and an additional \$1,000-1,200 for the switch to go in. The ask is for fees to be waived; part of the increase in dollars is because of military night, as it is now publicly opened but the revenue from this stays local – TaskForce20. Some of the funds also go to the Whitehouse Legion and Purple Star Generals local group.

Councilman Riggensbach asks is the electrical going in permanent. Yes, per Gehring, with the Chamber covering the cost.

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to waive fees associated with hosting the Whitehouse Cherry Fest on June 6-8th, 2024. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve the event for the Whitehouse Cherry Fest on June 6-8th, 2024. 6 ayes

D. Request for Memorial Day Service on May 27, 2024

Wayne King with the Whitehouse Legion speaking on the event. He first thanks Council, Fire Department and Police Department for support during easter egg hunt. He commented that the Scouts did a wonderful job but with help of others it was an awesome event. Over 4k eggs, biggest he has ever been involved in. He tells Council that the Legion is requesting the use of Veterans Memorial Park at 10am for Memorial Day service to recognize veterans on May 27th, 2024. He shared that he has talked to Chief Baer about blocking Maumee Street along with traffic control along Providence Street during service.

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve the use of Veterans Memorial Park on May 27th, 2024 for the Memorial Day service. 6 ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Bingham asked if there were any committee reports to share.

Report on the April 15th, 2024 Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District meeting

Councilwoman Artiaga shares that the group met last night at 5:30pm. Around \$7k in revenue, \$5,254.57 in expenses and \$85k account balance was reported.

The group discussed the 2025 Budget, with projected revenue from Lucas County \$214k, a total estimated \$274k revenue, and total estimated expenses around \$304k leads to slight deficit. Talked of areas to cut. This includes an extra \$20k in reduced expenses with debt paid off to Whitehouse and Waterville from start-up costs.

Artiaga commented that the District is looking to build up some spaces and work on some drainage due to water issues. She shared that there is a May 13th, full quorum FTUCD council meeting at

5:30pm – asking as many Whitehouse council members to attend as possible. She states that they are going to request an increase in millage to .50 to generate additional revenue funds; won't see this money increase until 2025.

Artiaga shared that the group has discussed making the two full time employees actual employees – currently contract employees – she has prepared a cost analysis. Artiaga said they are looking at possibly phasing in these two as employees by starting with \$2,500 medical reimbursement; expenses up to that amount. She commented that they are good employees; looking to keep them around for longevity.

Artiaga shared that the next regular FTUCD meeting is on May 20th.

Councilman Yunker asks if there is any estimate on what millage increase will translate to per household. Artiaga shared that, no, they just have overall projection from Lucas County for overall revenue amount on all three communities.

Report on the March 19th, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting

Councilwoman Artiaga shares that this meeting was called to order, and the only item on the agenda was to review the ongoing survey questions. This topic was immediately tabled and asked to be added to the April 2nd Committee of the Whole meeting.

Report on the March 28th, 2024 Tree Commission meeting

Councilman Connelly shared that old business discussed was the Arbor Day celebration upcoming on Friday, April 26th. Trees to be planted near pickle ball courts.

Stephanie Miller ODNR says Whitehouse selected for award and there will be presentation on that.

Miller shared concerns about health of trees that are being planted from the state grant around the upcoming disc golf course. Connelly shared that Miller was not very receptive to any ideas of what would help or make the situation better – she did not offer much help.

New business included Councilwoman Artiaga presenting request for new trees in cemetery on Cemetery Road. Stephanie Miller from ODNR announced that new roles have been added to ODNR and she will be moving to a different role.

Mayor Bingham asks for confirmation on time of Arbor Day celebration. Councilman Connelly confirms 1:30pm.

Report on the April 1st, 2024 Planning Commission meeting

Administrator Daugherty shared that this was the first meeting and they organized the officers. Tom Lytle nominated and accepted for Chair, Dave Prueter same for Vice Chair, and Charles Kethel for secretary.

Daugherty shared that in 2018, the Herzfeld's that own AW Heating/Cooling presented a plan to build a complex between Steve Rogers Ford and the Sunoco gas station. He shared that he updated the new commission where that was up to 2018; no construction has occurred as of yet. Commission now looking at slightly revised plans. Main points for consideration including the request to allow a specific curb cut – previous commissions had rejected, original thought was to have joint drive with the gas station – argument is now that won't work and the commission reviewed and did approve the update. Voted unanimously to approve the plan, but it still does need architectural review – there are some zoning/district requirements.

Councilwoman Tuohy asks who does the review. Administrator Daugherty shares it is whoever they pick but they will probably stick with DuBois. Mayor Bingham shared that this area could be a total of 4 businesses: theirs in back and three in front. Councilman Fine asks does the state have any say on curb cut. Administrator Daugherty confirmed they do not.

Report on the April 9th, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting

Councilwoman Artiaga shared that there was a review health care options; slight increase for next year – report from Ben Otley, Risk Strategies who has worked with the Village for several years.

The revised estimate dropped to an increase of 7% compared to an initial increase of 16%. It was suggested by COW to go with the proposal and recommend to Council.

The committee discussed Covid funds, around \$200k left that has to be spent. Village is in bad need of a backhoe, with a quote for \$142k, well under amount remaining amount with option for more projects. Recommending to council to approve purchase.

Whitehouse Valley retention pond was discussed. This neighborhood has no HOA, meeting previously with residents looking for guidance/assistance. Public Works Director Pilcher presented estimate of cost to receive a review and estimate of fixes and cost – around \$140 per household. Letter going out to residents with costs, COW to discuss again in May.

Artiaga shared that there was a review of charter revision suggestions. Most revisions are housekeeping (verbiage, spelling, etc.), removal of some boards, etc. that fall under ORC which allows for much more flexibility going forward. Striking language on how to post meetings, considering social media and technology now. Reviewed if Mayor could no longer serve who would take over/how that would work – referred to next COW in May for further clarification. Next big topic was Administration reporting to just Mayor vs Mayor/Council – referred to next COW for further discussion. There was also the removal of clause that allows fire fighters to sit on Council, presentation by Councilman Yunker of pros/cons, etc. – referred to next COW for further review. Provision eliminated removing the requirement of a primary – some further discussion in May COW.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Bingham begins his report with a reminder of coffee with the Mayor and Council upcoming the end of April. He shared this has been put out on social media and message board.

He next reviews the Mayor and Council for the day events with the 3rd Graders at Whitehouse Primary; meeting with the school this Thursday. He commented that May 2nd at 1:30pm is stations day at Village Hall. The May 7th council meeting will include the introduction of students who are the chosen Mayor and Council for the day. Lastly, he shared that on May 17th at 2:15pm at Whitehouse Primary there is a school kid council meeting in front of the student body.

Mayor Bingham asks Council what day do we want to start the door to door canvassing. Start in May or wait until after Cherry Fest. Councilman Fine commented that when we started this back in January we thought we'd have a levy and that was a lot of the topic for canvassing discussion, what is the topic now. Bingham says it would be mainly for face to face and community engagement, possibly get surveys filled out. He states that we are going to need additional revenue, sooner or later, this will help get involved and get the feel of the citizens. Councilwoman Artiaga asks how would it work; one section at a time? Bingham suggests two people together at a time for 'safety in numbers' and can hit sections at a time going out in teams – if no answer, hang a door hanger and move on. He believes we need to get in a position where we must ask for additional revenue at a time of our choosing, not when we are forced to. Councilwoman Tuohy asks what is door hanger going to say. Bingham states it is not yet designed, but should include information on the new app, text/email list info, QR code for survey. Councilman Connelly asks when are we targeting to get the app going live. Deputy Administrator Hartbarger shared that we are in the beta phase, the info is there, have had some great feedback so far – will hopefully have a resolution to one issue by end of this week or early next. Tuohy comments if going door to door would love to have the app to share as a positivity, things to offer including new app. Connelly comments that plus the survey results would help be a little more focused. Mayor Bingham comments this is to try and get better information, better communication, get people more engaged, give citizens an opportunity to ask questions – open dialogue and

communication focused. The average citizen doesn't know what is truly going on, if they aren't coming to us with questions then we will go to them with information and communication. Bingham states we can stretch this out however long we need to. Fine asks do we want to do the electronic survey first or do door to door first. Bingham comments that the problem is we might not get very many responses back to the survey – thought we would

ask the questions during face-to-face canvas if need be. He asks how many did we get back from a previous survey mailing. Administrator Daugherty comments it was around 18-20% response rate. Councilman Riegenbach states why can't we do survey first, let's try to get that out by Cherry Fest, then go door to door after – leaving survey open and can direct them to that, this could increase participation. No one is opposed to this. Riegenbach doesn't think we should do canvassing until after Cherry Fest and will have some preliminary survey results. Fine comments that one nice thing is survey asks if people want to be contacted. Mayor Bingham comments let's put survey out and then decide if we need to go door to door after results start coming in.

Mayor Bingham comments on the previously discussed shirts for Whitehouse Mayor and Council members. He is asking Deputy Administrator Hartbarger if people wanted 'Team Whitehouse' on the back which is screened on vs embroidery on front. Hartbarger commented that as ordered right now it does not have Team Whitehouse on back. The question is do we want this on back – Council decides to go without.

Mayor Bingham shared there has been some planning for June roll off for elderly/disabled. Public Works Director Pilcher shares we do not have total for March roll off usage, but it was a two day program, about 150 each day – more than January and filled 3 total 30 yard dumpsters. For June, Pilcher comments we will order 4 upfront. Councilwoman Artiaga shared that for reference Waterville offered same to residents – picking up for elderly/disabled - and had 7 need the help.

Mayor Bingham brings up the topic of a possible Cones with Mayor and Council in August, looking for residents to converse with at General's Ice Cream. Bingham asks Deputy Administrator Hartbarger to contact owner Brian Carroll to see if this is an ok event to host. Councilwoman Artiaga comments that could make for a long line and may want to look at pre making or portion control for efficiency. Councilman Riegenbach says we need to push out plan/expectation i.e. is Village paying or are residents expected to pay individually – would be helpful to have a plan or process to minimize confusion. Bingham comments in his previous participation experience anyone under age 14 got cone for free, but that was business paying not Village. He asks what is the thought do we want to pay or have residents pay. Councilwoman Tuohy asks did we ask coffee shop to provide large pot of reg and decaf coffee for the Coffee with the Mayor and council event; answer is yes that will be available. Resident Wendy Gehring comments that the other thing to watch for is youth sports schedules to avoid any very large crowds. Councilwoman Artiaga comments that since this is our first try to get people engaged, would not want people to have to pay for their own coffee. Bingham comments that we have a Village line item where this can be expensed. Administrator Daugherty comments that he applauds these efforts, do think it is our responsibility as far as outreach to not burden someone and would expect Village to pay. Will review idea for cones after – set limit, serve by Council, etc. Riegenbach comments he doesn't know how many plan to attend but avoid quorum. Solicitor Heban comments open meetings apply to deliberation of council, if not deliberating you are fine. All like the idea for cones – will pick date in very near future.

Mayor Bingham states that he and Administrator Daugherty met with Tiffany Eckert regarding a request for her husband Sgt Andy Eckert. He was an AW graduate, Whitehouse resident, enlisted in military after 2001 – served one tour of duty in Iraq with purple heart receipt, injured but volunteered to go back and was subsequently killed during the second tour. It was his goal in life to be a teacher at AWHs and to coach sports as well. It was asked to name the new bridge currently being built the "Sgt Andy Eckert Memorial Bridge". Bingham says he can't think of a better way to thank his family for their service and sacrifice.

He comments that the Committee of the Whole can discuss in May. Councilwoman Tuohy comments that she thinks Tiffany is wonderful and is on board. Sounds great to all. Councilman Fine asks are we just naming or will there be a plaque. Bingham says this is up to Council, can discuss after bridge is done. Councilwoman Artiaga comments that Destination Whitehouse has funds to contribute for plaque.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to name the new foot bridge the "Sgt Andrew Eckert Memorial Bridge". 6 ayes.

Mayor Bingham shares that he received an email from the Ohio Governor's office inviting him to round table discussion earlier this morning. He shared that the discussion was on literacy and expansion of public libraries. Bingham comments that in Whitehouse we have been trying to get a public library for over 30 years. The Governor asked a lot of questions about Whitehouse. Bingham invited the Governor to the Cherry Fest parade and will send an official invitation.

Mayor Bingham discusses the trailer for Cherry Fest parade. They will be getting signs, etc. He asks is anyone willing to tow the trailer. Wendy Gehring says possibly Lisa Schaller and Councilman Riggensbach says he could use his truck. Bingham would like chairs for the trailer, sign saying Whitehouse Mayor/Council 'come meet us at the cherry fest building'. Friday night/Saturday afternoon set up near the Cherry Fest building to meet with citizens. Bingham would like to have info to pass out, door hangers, etc. Councilman Yunker suggests something about the survey possibly on sign. Riggensbach asking ability of QR code; Deputy Administrator Hartbarger said for lead line survey they created official webpage to direct to that survey – can possibly use the same QR code going forward. It is suggested to print QR onto a large banner for booth.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Bingham read the Arbor Day proclamation; he shares that this proclamation is read every year. It is proclaimed April 26th, 2024 as Arbor Day for Village of Whitehouse. This proclamation helps tree commission with growth awards, etc.

Bingham comments that the Arbor Day program will be near the pickle ball courts, where Councilman Connelly will read this same proclamation.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asked for any items to report from Clerk Nicole Hartbarger. There were none.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Bingham asked for any items to report from Administrator Jordan Daugherty.

A. Operations Report Summary

Deputy Administrator Hartbarger comments that we've already reviewed a few of his topics. He starts with a big thank you for helping with solar eclipse event. Mark Schrieffer and office staff did great job putting this together.

Hartbarger gives a lead line survey update, very good response so far through social media. There has been a huge amount of help from boy scouts, passing out door hangers, etc.

He reviews the Access Whitehouse app, and appreciates the feedback so far. He says this project is fluid, as time goes on this will change and grow – agile software development. Currently only waiting on Teams link, but after that is fixed it is ready to be shared with all residents. When the user downloads it will ask if you want push notifications. This is where a lot of notices will be sent out that currently only go to email or social media. Will be available to sign up for email distribution list if they do not want to download app. Hartbarger

shares that code enforcement within app is already live and being used successfully by staff. Next step will be permits, should be another three weeks or so.

B. Discussion on Proposed 911 Plan Update (for May Council Meeting Action)

Deputy Administrator Hartbarger comments there is no action needed on this tonight, this week he will email the link to this plan – it is 400 pages. This is something the county is required to do per the state. Ultimately, Council will vote to approve or disapprove – he says there will be a quick deadline. Hartbarger says the Chiefs and administrative staff have been reviewing. Something every municipality must vote on. Councilman Riggensbach asks who wrote the document; Administrator Daugherty confirms it was written by Lucas County.

C. Request Authorization to for Legislation to Accept Health, Dental, Life and Vision Insurance Proposals (as an emergency)

Administrator Daugherty states that this action is coming out of the recent Committee of the Whole recommendation.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to request Authorization for Legislation to Accept Health, Dental, Life and Vision Insurance Proposals, as an emergency. 6 ayes

D. Discussion of Proposed Lucas County Solid Waste Management District Plan Update (for May Council Meeting Action)

Administrator Daugherty shares that this is a district update, something that all get a chance to review and update. He says that staff will provide details for Council to review. He states that this requires a quick turnaround, asking for a May approval/non approval response.

E. Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Purchase of a Backhoe (as an emergency)

Administrator Daugherty states that this action is coming out of the recent Committee of the Whole recommendation.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Purchase of a Backhoe, as an emergency. 6 ayes

F. Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Administrator to Purchase Road Salt for Use During the Calendar Years 2024-2025 (as an emergency)

Administrator Daugherty shares that this is an annual housekeeping item. There has already been approved funding with appropriations, now is the time to formalize the intent to spend. Councilman Riggenbach asks do we buy the same amount every year. Public Works Director Pilcher states that it varies based on previous years usage – he shares that we are working with AW Schools now as partnership on this topic.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Administrator to Purchase Road Salt for Use During the Calendar Years 2024-2025, as an emergency. 6 ayes

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Mayor Bingham asked Solicitor Kevin Heban for any items to be reported. There were none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

ORDINANCES

Mayor Bingham asked Solicitor Kevin Heban for any ordinances to be reviewed or voted on. There are Ordinances 3-2024, 4-2024 and 5-2024 requiring action.

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve **Ordinance 3-2024** to be read by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 3-2024** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve **Ordinance 3-2024** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to adopt **Ordinance 3-2024: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Swanton Street Improvement Project to B&J Concrete and Construction**. Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve **Ordinance 4-2024** to be read by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 4-2024** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Ordinance 4-2024** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to adopt **Ordinance 4-2024: Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Effectuate and Opt-Out Electric Service Aggregation Program Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4928.20 and Directing the Lucas County Board of Elections to Submit the Ballot Question to the Electors of the Village of Whitehouse.** Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve **Ordinance 5-2024** to be read by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 5-2024** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Ordinance 5-2024** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Ordinance 5-2024: To Authorize the Village Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement to Provide Health Care Benefits for the Eligible Employees of the Village of Whitehouse.** Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Bingham asked Heban for any resolutions to be reviewed or voted on. There are Resolutions 2-2024 and 3-2024 requiring action.

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve **Resolution 2-2024** to be read by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Resolution 2-2024** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Resolution 2-2024** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to adopt **Resolution 2-2024: Authorizing the Administrator To Purchase a Backhoe for Use By the Department of Public Service for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio.** Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve **Resolution 3-2024** to be read by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Resolution 3-2024** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve **Resolution 3-2024** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to adopt **Resolution 3-2024: Authorizing the Administrator to Purchase Road Salt For Use by the Public**

Service Department During the Calendar Years 2024-2025 For the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio. Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

Department Heads

Public Works Director Pilcher shared that construction on trail/bridge has come to a halt due to weather recently, lots of rain. They are looking to restart next Monday. Crews are getting back into mowing, spreading mulch. He says that public works is recruiting part-time staff, two returning and one added – watering flowers, mowing, etc. Councilman Fine asks when trail/bridge is complete will there be some event. Pilcher comments that there should be for the naming of bridge.

Fire Chief Francis shared with Council that monthly stats have been sent out, same trends as 2023. Looking to work on Citizen Fire Academy, once a month planning right now for the four-week event. He shared that the department signed an agreement with Penta County, to host unpaid internships with seniors to show them career field of public service – will be getting a senior to help out with chores and respond to incidents with supervision. Chief Francis shared that on Tuesday morning at 8:30am they will be going to Anthony Wayne Junior High to assist with 7th grade training of CPR, first aid and ‘stop the bleed’; hour and a half event – starting to do a lot more trainings with school system. Councilman Riggensbach asks does Penta high schooler have to complete any training – Chief Francis shared that when they graduate at 18 they can take Fire 2 exam so they have been through the full class.

Police Chief Baer shared that all should have received a digital copy of monthly stats report. He says the Police Department is gearing up for summer and all events. Looking forward to summertime, covering vacations. Chief Baer wishes the fire department luck in their fire academy.

Council Comments

Councilman Riggensbach comments to Deputy Administrator Hartbarger that the new village app is fantastic, great job. He also comments that he is really enjoying working with all here on Council and staff.

Councilwoman Tuohy agrees with previous comments that this has been fun, having a good time working with all. She compliments staff on the Solar Eclipse party and praises communication between all, it has been great.

Councilman Fine agrees with previous comments, working with all has been fun.

Councilman Connelly comments on the recent tree commission meeting, states that he was disappointed with Stephanie from ODNR’s response; he said there were many offers to make

things right with the trees and the disc golf course and response was ‘you can’t make it right’. He states the meeting did end in a good place but wish it had gone better. Connelly comments it was not the intention of those who are developing Sandra Park to cause problems, there is no negative intent. He shared that he is thankful to members of tree commission and all of their hard work. Connelly comments that he agrees, the app was really cool. Councilwoman Artiaga agrees with Connelly that the comments from Stephanie at ODNR about future grants was very disheartening.

Councilman Yunker shares that he was able to download the new app and give some feedback, so far looks good. He wanted to follow up on a comment made during prior meeting. Potential revisions to the charter, with not having to read each word in its entirety, he did indicate that the public should get full verbiage somewhere. He wanted to note the whole packet for the council meeting went out to the public had all information included – for ordinance and resolution wording - so that was great. He did notice, stopped by post office, but only thing posted there was the agenda, no supporting documents for meeting. Yunker agrees with all previous comments, it has been fun working with this group.

Councilwoman Artiaga asks Clerk Hartbarger how long meeting minutes take to make up since they are so long sometimes. Hartbarger comments only a few hours a week at most.

Artiaga says thank you Hartbarger for the detail in the minutes. Artiaga brings up the topics of updates to the caboose, possible Whitehouse memorabilia within, is that a possibility to put back in pipeline to work on over next year or two. She comments that there is nowhere else in the village to go see history other than pictures in Village hall. Administrator Daugherty comments that he can put this back on the pipeline/agenda going forward and will bring ideas with costs, etc. for Council to make decisions on.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to enter into an executive session at 8:21pm for contract discussions pursuant to 121.22g4 ‘negotiation regarding contract terms’. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to reconvene the council meeting at 8:37pm. 6 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Bingham asked if there were any Citizen comments to be heard. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Riggerbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor