

Whitehouse

February 7, 2025

Meeting Notice
Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
February 11, 2025
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 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Approval of the January 21, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- IV. Citizen Comments on Committee of the Whole Agenda Items
- V. **General**
 - A. New Pedestrian Bridge Dedication
 - 1. **Supporting Information** – Memo & picture (Exhibit A)
 - B. Council Requested Charter Review Items Discussion
 - 1. **Supporting Information** – None
 - C. 2024 Village Survey - Mayor and Council Commentary Discussion
 - 1. **Supporting Information** – Survey Summary (Exhibit B)
 - D. Results and Recommendation on Recent Fire Equipment Bids
 - 1. SCBA Equipment
 - a. **Supporting Information** – Memo from Chief Francis (Exhibit C)
 - 2. Marcs Radios
 - a. **Supporting Information** – Memo from Chief Francis (Exhibit D)
- VI. Citizen Comments
- VII. Consider Other Business as Appropriate Under the Village Charter
- VIII. Adjourn

**Village of Whitehouse
Village Council Meeting As A
Committee of the Whole
Village Hall, Whitehouse, OH
January 21, 2025 – Immediately Following Council Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President of Council Dave Riggengbach.

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

Council Members Absent: N/A

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

Guests Present: Jen Bingham, Nan Myers, Lance Fuller, Sue & Ron Meeker, Larry & Carolyn Vrooman, Carol Sieka, Angi Sweeney, Nancy Ankenbrandt, Tim Tuohy, Tenley Petersen, Dee Resnick

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve the minutes of the January 14th, 2025 Committee of the Whole meetings. 6 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA ITEMS

Council President Riggengbach asked if there were any citizens present to comment on the Committee of the Whole agenda items. There were none.

GENERAL

Hear a Presentation and Then Discuss A Matter of Private vs. Public Streets in the Rue Du Lac Subdivision

Whitehouse resident Nan Myers of 10307 Rue Du Lac is presenting information on behalf of the Rue Du Lac neighborhood residents. She begins by sharing concerns on current private road. Commented that they have met previously with Village officials. Myers shares that they are asking for the Village to pay \$2500 for the required engineering estimate in order to continue down the path of making Rue Du Lac a public road. There are several reasons why there is current concern including weight issues, possible EMS issues with total road failure, etc. Rue Du Lac is a Cul de sac, turn arounds are not big enough for garbage truck to turn around, they have to back up into the road to do pick up, the residents feel this is a safety hazard. UPS, Amazon, FedEx all have heavy trucks breaking down current road condition. The residents are concerned the road could collapse in some areas as it is already showing some lowering in spots. Concern is also with EMS vehicles, these are heavy vehicles, would struggle to turn around, would have to back in to get into the neighborhood for a fire. Myers comments that most residents are elderly, several EMS calls per year.

Fine asks about any design concepts; told this will be shared later. Myers reminds Council that the ask today is to get approval of \$2500 spend from the Village for an engineering estimate, then the vote to actually spend that amount.

Daugherty shares that the original developer specifically petitioned to be a private road, has been appealed over the years to Planning Commission and Council, appealing to be converted to public street - meaning it would be the ownership of the municipality to maintain, currently all responsibility is with residents. Mayor asked staff if there was any ideas to come up with that could be workable. Daugherty comments that the thoughts are complex but technically doable. There are a lot of factors that Council would have to arrange. For Whitehouse to pursue any grants for this area, Rue Du Lac would already have to be a public street. Applying and getting grant funds starts to make the concept doable. The concept includes six items. 1. Must have a contract, put in clear terms what Whitehouse and Rue Du Lac HOA is agreeing to; 2. Agree to take it on as a public street; 3. OPWC next open window would agree to make priority going after grant funds, feels it will score high due to the condition of the road; 4. No public funds will be used to repair as it has been private historically; 5. Private citizens/Rue Du Lac residents personal share needs to be decided between the 24 separate properties; 6. Duration of loan portion. OPWC typically awards help/assistance of 50% of project, 25% is full grant money the other 25% is zero percent loans typically around a 10-year term. The other 50% of the project is open to be paid. Options on who is to pay, i.e. loan from Village to HOA is complex but possible; there are elements of the assessment options, but with a quarter of the cost initially taken care of by grants. Daugherty comments they did not spend a lot of time coming up with specific proposal, wanted Council to be aware of what the citizens are asking for to give Council time to think about it. Other options have been discussed and reviewed. Daugherty shares that the Rue Du Lac HOA, through the agreement, would maintain the road until the grant goes through. Artiaga asks how the 50% portion of the project would be spread out, Daugherty comments this is what needs to be decided. Daugherty shares the goal is to get the idea out there, not expecting any decision today.

Riggenbach asks if anyone in the audience has anything else to share/say. There were no new comments. Riggenbach asks Solicitor Heban, what percentage of subdivision residents have to agree to an assessment process; Heban shares that 51% of residents have to agree to assessment and it streamlines the process. Riggenbach asks if we go contract route how does that work, Heban comments that each property would have to consent to a lien on each property for a mortgage, like a bank, there will need to be title work and if not paid there would be foreclosure to get paid. Heban says there are a lot of possible problems with the contract language and this route; he also comments, from a private property, wouldn't want the private mortgage on the house but it is an option. Heban confirms assessment would be preferred path as it is more straightforward. Heban comments that today the Rue Du Lac HOA is asking to spend the \$2,500 on the engineering estimate to see what the total amount of the required road updates is.

Resident Jen Bingham asks what the other private road in Whitehouse is. Daugherty comments it is the senior villas in Whitehouse Square. Yunker asks about the senior villas, is that road up to current code. Daugherty confirms yes.

Riggenbach reiterates that the question at hand is if Council is comfortable in spending the \$2,500 for the estimate in a good faith gesture. Connelly agrees this is reasonable. Others agree.

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve spend of \$2,500 for engineering estimate on Rue Du Lac Road. 6 ayes

All Rue Du Lac residents in attendance thank Council for the approval of obtaining the engineering estimate.

Executive Session Regarding Economic Development Matters

Motion by Councilman Yunker at 7:32pm, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to enter into executive session regarding ORC 121.22G8 - confidential information related to business strategy and economic development. 6 ayes

Councilwoman Tuohy left the meeting during executive session due to sickness

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga at 8:38pm, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting. 5 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Council President Riggenbach asks if there are any citizen comments to be heard. There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Riggenbach asks if there is any other business to discuss. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Yunker to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council



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2/2/2025

TO: Jordan Daugherty
CC: Mayor Bingham and Council

RE: Pedestrian Bridge Dedication (SGT Andy Eckert Memorial Bridge)

Jordan,

Mark Schriefer and I had the opportunity to meet with Tiffany Eckert on Monday (2/3/2025). Our point of conversation was the proposed marking for the bridge dedication and potential date. Attached you will find a rendering of our proposal. This was an idea taken from discussions at Council and Committee meetings. Conceptually, this proposal is visible for both the pedestrian traffic as well as passenger car traffic. Please keep in mind this is a concept, and the location of the actual sign will be placed for maximum visibility. Furthermore, the bridge would be named the "SGT. Andy Eckert Memorial Bridge". I'm pleased to inform you she was supportive of the proposal and verbiage.

We also discussed a date for the dedication. Mrs. Eckert suggested May 8th at 6:30pm as this has significance to family and friends. We briefly discussed some programming ideas however this is in the beginning phase so details will come together soon and be communicated.

The anticipated cost is approximately \$1000. This would provide two signs and posts.

Respectfully,

Joshua Hartbarger

Exhibit A



Whitehouse
**COMMUNITY
SURVEY**

Whitehouse **COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Survey Administration and Demographics

The survey was administered between June and November of 2024, made available online to village residents with access information provided via multiple channels including water bills, social media, email, and in-person. We had a stated goal of obtaining 400 responses to achieve a 95% confidence interval and ultimately received 562 completed surveys – demonstrating relatively strong engagement from the community.

With respect to overall demographics:

- 342 respondents opted to share their information.
- A majority (54.1%) have lived in the village for 11 years or more.
- More residents (73.9%) have two adults in their household than any other category.
- 68.8% report having no children at home.
- A significant number of residents (46.3%) report that they are retired and/or on a fixed income.

When compared against the most recent Census data (2020):

- The age group 18-34 was underrepresented in the survey and the age group 55-74 was overrepresented.

Whitehouse **COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Overall Satisfaction and Community Values:

A large majority of respondents are satisfied with living and/or working in Whitehouse, with 47.7% "Very Satisfied" and 42.7% "Satisfied" resulting in over 90% positive responses. When evaluating specific services, the Fire and Police departments had very high satisfaction rates. The village is seen as an appealing place, evidenced by a significant 79.8% of respondents prioritizing maintaining Whitehouse as a desirable place to live.

Key Issues and Challenges:

The most pressing challenge identified is "Fiscal management and responsibility" (56.0% selected), followed by "Maintaining current Village services not related to safety" and "Economic development and job creation" (both at 37%). This suggests strong concerns about how the Village is managing finances and planning for future growth. Many comments reveal a deep interest in transparency around the budget, as well as concerns about property taxes, and the tax credit received when working outside the village limits.

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Financial Considerations:

- A little more than a third of respondents (39.3%) expressed willingness to pay additional income taxes to maintain current services, while a greater percentage of respondents (60.7%) were not willing.
- Residents were even less supportive of a new flat fee for property owners to maintain essential services, with only 31.1% in favor. When presented with the option of reduced services to avoid a tax increase, 29.2% were in support, but 40% or disagreed or strongly disagreed.
- 59.3% of the people who were opposed to a tax increase didn't feel they had enough information to make an informed decision and 28.6% were unfamiliar with issues.
- Support for a tax increase among those who provided demographic information strongly depended on age: 25-44 roughly evenly split, 45-64 strongly opposed, and 65+ more supportive than not.

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Desired Improvements / Amenities:

- Residents express a strong desire for "More restaurants" (47%), "More retail businesses" (40.4%), "Improvements to walkability/connectedness" (32.6%), and "More recreational amenities" (30.1%).
- There's a split view about new residential developments, with a desire to preserve the existing character of the village.
- Residents want more amenities to enhance the quality of life but reinforce that those amenities need to be fiscally responsible.
- There were varied perspectives on development with some interested in making no changes, others interested in growth that maintains the village's atmosphere, and others focusing on commercial development to bring in more tax revenue.

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Communication & Engagement:

- As it relates to preferred methods of communication from Village leaders, respondents favored "Email newsletter" (57.8%) and "Village website" (59.8%) as preferred methods of communication, indicating a need to prioritize digital channels.
- "Increased electronic communications" (58%) was emphasized, but it should be noted that Access Whitehouse was released around the same time as the survey and results may not represent current feelings about the app.
- "Regular physical letter / update from the Mayor and staff communicating initiatives (e.g., State of the Village) (50.9%)" was rated highly as well.
- "Annual resident surveys" (47.7%) and "Increased electronic communications" (58%) were key areas suggested for better decision-making involvement, suggesting strong engagement with technology.
- For those residents 65+ there was also strong interest in obtaining information from The Mirror.

Whitehouse **COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Summary of Open-Ended Question Themes

A few key themes emerged across the open-ended responses:

- **Financial Concerns and Transparency:** Residents are deeply concerned about how money is being spent and want more transparency around Village finances.
- **Maintaining Small-Town Feel:** There is a desire to limit growth and over-development that would change the village's atmosphere.

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2. How satisfied are you with living and/or working in Whitehouse?

Value	Percent		Responses
Very Satisfied	47.7%		268
Satisfied	42.7%		240
Neutral	6.8%		38
Dissatisfied	2.0%		11
Very Dissatisfied	0.9%		5

Totals: 562

** Please note that Q1 is omitted, as it was a screener question asking if respondents were a Village resident. Subsequent questions only include responses from those stating Village residency.*

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3. In your opinion, what are the top 3 most pressing challenges or issues facing our community that need immediate attention?

Value	Percent		Responses
Fiscal management and responsibility	56.0%		315
Maintaining current Village services that are not related to safety	37.2%		209
Economic development and job creation	37.0%		208
Reliable and efficient services	33.5%		188
Public safety and emergency management	27.4%		154
Communication of Village information to residents	24.9%		140
Infrastructure and roadway maintenance	24.7%		139
Green space preservation	23.8%		134
<u>Other - Write In (click to view)</u>	13.3%		75

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Summary of Q3 “Other” write-in comments

- Sentiment: Mixed, with concerns about taxes, infrastructure, growth and the need to maintain the small-town feel.
- Key Details:
 - Taxes: Many references to high taxes (both income and property) and the need for tax reductions
 - Infrastructure : Specific mentions of bulk pick up needs. A number of comments on divisiveness and the need to unite the community.
 - Growth: Concerns about over-development, desire to limit the village’s size, and concerns about traffic. Many want the small town feel to be maintained. Several residents also expressed an interest in attracting more businesses.
 - Other: Some concerns were raised about the school district, and some comments around the condition of the downtown area.

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4. Please rate the extent to which you agree/disagree with the following statement: "I trust our currently elected leaders to represent the best interests of the residents and the village."

Value	Percent		Responses
Strongly agree	11.9%		67
Agree	45.6%		256
Neutral	35.1%		197
Disagree	5.9%		33
Strongly disagree	1.6%		9

Totals: 562

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5. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of the following aspects of our Village government and services:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Responses
Fire Department (1 of 11)							
Count	295	194	51	1	2	15	558
Row %	52.9%	34.8%	9.1%	0.2%	0.4%	2.7%	
Police Department (2 of 11)							
Count	296	198	44	13	3	7	561
Row %	52.8%	35.3%	7.8%	2.3%	0.5%	1.2%	
Refuse Collection (3 of 11)							
Count	191	251	73	35	5	4	559
Row %	34.2%	44.9%	13.1%	6.3%	0.9%	0.7%	
Roads (4 of 11)							
Count	119	327	86	21	4	0	557
Row %	21.4%	58.7%	15.4%	3.8%	0.7%	0.0%	
Sewer Department (5 of 11)							
Count	130	276	121	17	5	11	560
Row %	23.2%	49.3%	21.6%	3.0%	0.9%	2.0%	
Water Department (6 of 11)							
Count	121	264	114	46	5	8	558
Row %	21.7%	47.3%	20.4%	8.2%	0.9%	1.4%	

Whitehouse COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

5. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of the following aspects of our Village government and services:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Responses
Parks (7 of 11)							
Count	226	270	51	8	3	0	558
Row %	40.5%	48.4%	9.1%	1.4%	0.5%	0.0%	
Village Beautification (8 of 11)							
Count	258	201	72	23	5	2	561
Row %	46.0%	35.8%	12.8%	4.1%	0.9%	0.4%	
Administration (9 of 11)							
Count	85	257	179	28	7	4	560
Row %	15.2%	45.9%	32.0%	5.0%	1.3%	0.7%	
Communication (10 of 11)							
Count	90	255	155	48	10	2	560
Row %	16.1%	45.5%	27.7%	8.6%	1.8%	0.4%	
Community Events / Engagement (11 of 11)							
Count	130	277	132	15	2	4	560
Row %	23.2%	49.5%	23.6%	2.7%	0.4%	0.7%	
Totals							
Total Responses							561

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6. What specific changes or improvements would you like to see in our community in the next 2 to 5 years?

Value	Percent		Responses
More restaurants	47.0%		264
More retail businesses	40.4%		227
Improvements to walkability / connectedness of neighborhoods, school, and downtown	32.6%		183
More recreational amenities	30.1%		169
Improvements to overall aesthetic (downtown area)	25.6%		144
More community activities (e.g., concerts; running, walking, bicycling events; holiday-related events)	25.4%		143
More professional businesses	23.5%		132
Improvements to green space	20.3%		114
Other - Write In (click to view)	19.6%		110
More industrial businesses	19.4%		109
More community meeting spaces (e.g., shelter houses, community center)	11.2%		63
New residential developments	3.6%		20

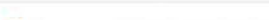
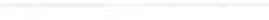
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Summary of Q6 “Other” write-in comments

- Sentiment: Mostly positive, focusing on enhancements that enhance quality of life, but also some residents who want to maintain the status quo.
- Key Details:
 - Amenities: Strong desire for more recreational amenities (swimming pool, pickleball courts, dog park), a DORA, bulk trash pickup, and a more active downtown. Multiple mentions of the benefits of a senior center.
 - Growth: A mix of desire for smart, intentional development (particularly downtown) and the need to preserve the small-town feel.
 - Community: Emphasis on community events, local businesses.
 - Improvements: Consistent enforcement of rules to improve aesthetics of private property, and more walkability/connectivity are important.
 - Younger residents gave greater priority to improvements to walkability, recreational amenities, and community activities. Those 25 – 64 had a strong interest in restaurants. Those 65+ had greatest interest in more retail businesses.

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7. What are your top 3 preferred methods of communication with the village leaders and administration?

Value	Percent		Responses
Village website	59.8%		336
Email newsletter	57.8%		325
Social Media (Facebook, X, etc.)	39.5%		222
Village publications	31.7%		178
Mobile app	28.1%		158
The Mirror newspaper	24.2%		136
Public meetings	9.8%		55
Anthony Wayne Neighbors publication	7.8%		44
In person	6.0%		34
Word of Mouth	5.7%		32
Broadcast TV	3.2%		18
Other - Write In (click to view)	2.8%		16

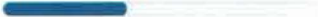
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8. How can the local government better involve residents in decision-making processes and community initiatives?

Value	Percent		Responses
Increased electronic communications: email, social media	58.0%		326
Regular physical letter / update from the Mayor and staff communicating initiatives (e.g., State of the Village)	50.9%		286
Annual resident survey	47.2%		265
Regular "town hall" meetings	29.5%		166
Increased engagement between local government and homeowners associations	19.4%		109
Booths / presence at community events	10.9%		61
Increased availability after working hours or on weekends	10.5%		59

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9. If Village finances are on track for a deficit, would you be willing to pay additional income taxes to maintain current municipal services?

Value	Percent		Responses
Yes	39.3%		221
No	60.7%		341
			Totals: 562

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For those who responded “Yes” to Q9 (supporting a tax increase in event of a deficit)

10. Please select which factors contribute to your perspective (choose up to 3):

Value	Percent		Responses
Maintain reputation of Whitehouse as a desirable place to live	79.8%		174
Concern over impact of reduced services	60.1%		131
Investment in the future	56.4%		123
Trust in Village leadership	30.7%		67
Familiarity with issues	16.5%		36
Word of mouth	4.6%		10
Other - Write In (click to view)	2.3%		5

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For those who responded “No” to Q9 (opposing a tax increase in event of a deficit)

11. Please select which factors contribute to your perspective (choose up to 3):

Value	Percent		Responses
Personal finances	60.5%		201
Not enough information to make an informed decision	59.3%		197
Unfamiliar with issues	28.6%		95
Lack of trust in Village leadership	21.4%		71
Do not believe that municipal services provide good value for the cost	14.2%		47
<u>Other - Write In (click to view)</u>	10.8%		36
Word of mouth	10.2%		34

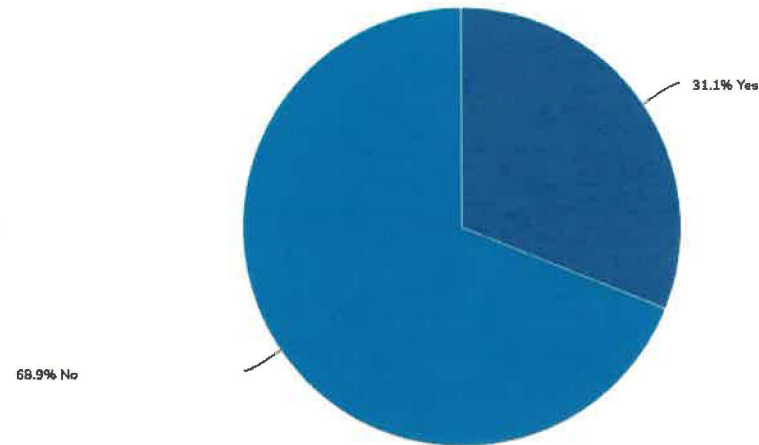
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Summary of Q10 and Q11 “Other” write-in comments:

- Sentiment: Negative and critical of budget management
- Key Details:
 - Accountability: Residents seek a more transparent view of financials and assurances of prudent spending
 - Taxes: Concern about increases given that they feel the money isn't being used wisely

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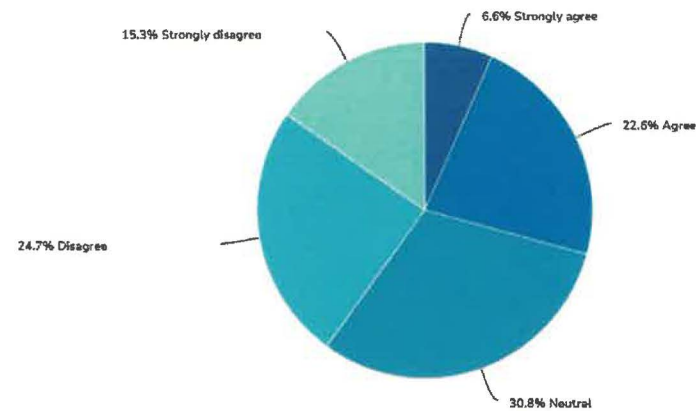
12. If Village finances are on track for a deficit, would you be in favor of assessing a new flat fee for each property owner to maintain essential services that are currently primarily paid for through income taxes, such as police, fire, road repair, and parks?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	31.1%	175
No	68.9%	387
Totals: 562		

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13. If Village finances are on track for a deficit, how likely would you be to agree to have Village services reduced to avoid increasing taxes?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly agree	6.6%	37
Agree	22.6%	127
Neutral	30.8%	173
Disagree	24.7%	139
Strongly disagree	15.3%	86
		Totals: 562

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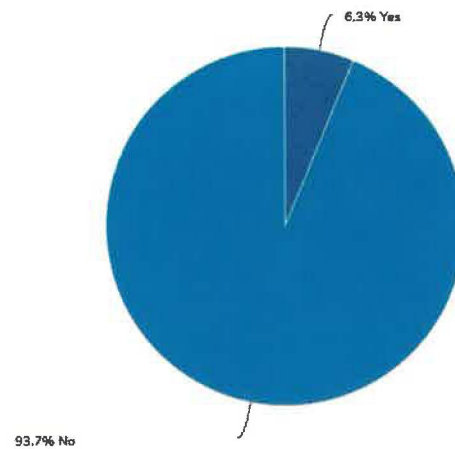
14. What additional comments, questions or concerns do you have about the village's revenues and expenses?



- Sentiment: Somewhat negative, relaying a general lack of trust in Village leadership and deep concerns about finances, and a desire for financial transparency. Request for tax increase followed by large, unexpected surplus contributed heavily to this sentiment.
- Key Details:
 - Fiscal Responsibility: Skepticism about spending priorities (flowers, unnecessary projects), calls for budget review and cuts. A desire to stop the waste.
 - Transparency: Strong demand for greater transparency and public access to financial information.
 - Tax Concerns: Many comments about tax increases being unfair, with some mentioning the tax credit for working outside the village limits. Multiple suggestions for bringing in more businesses to increase tax revenue.
 - Fixed Incomes: Concerns that retirees and those on fixed incomes are being unduly impacted.
 - Services: Concerns over reduced curbside bulk pickups.

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15. Would you like to be contacted individually by the mayor or member of council to discuss these items or any additional items not listed?*



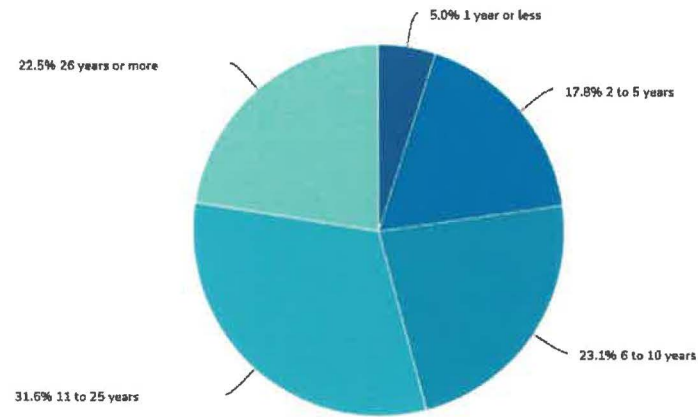
Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	6.3%	35
No	93.7%	519
Totals: 554		

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DEMOGRAPHICS

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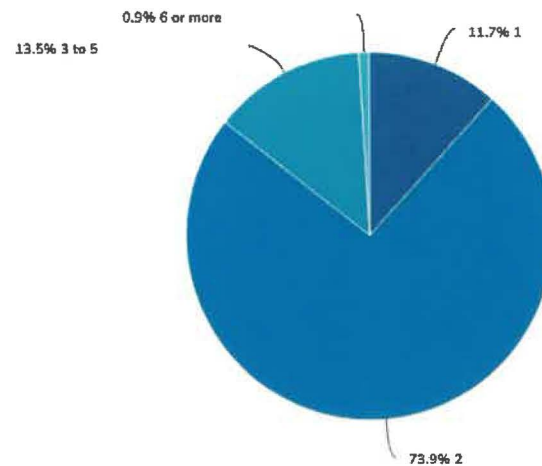
18. How many years have you been a resident of the Village of Whitehouse?



Value	Percent	Responses
1 year or less	5.0%	17
2 to 5 years	17.8%	61
6 to 10 years	23.1%	79
11 to 25 years	31.6%	108
26 years or more	22.5%	77
Totals: 342		

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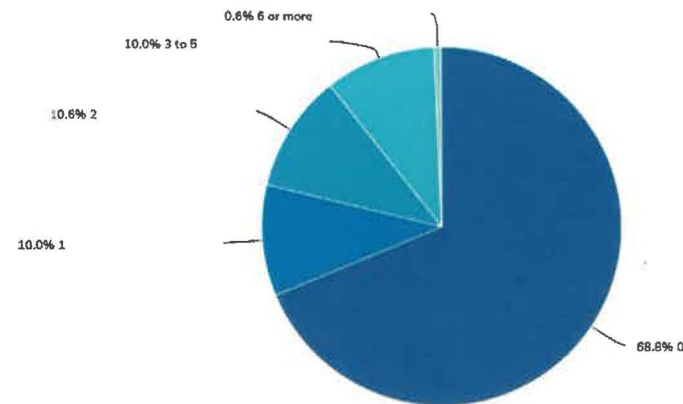
19. How many adults live in your household?



Value	Percent	Responses
1	11.7%	40
2	73.9%	252
3 to 5	13.5%	46
6 or more	0.9%	3
Totals: 341		

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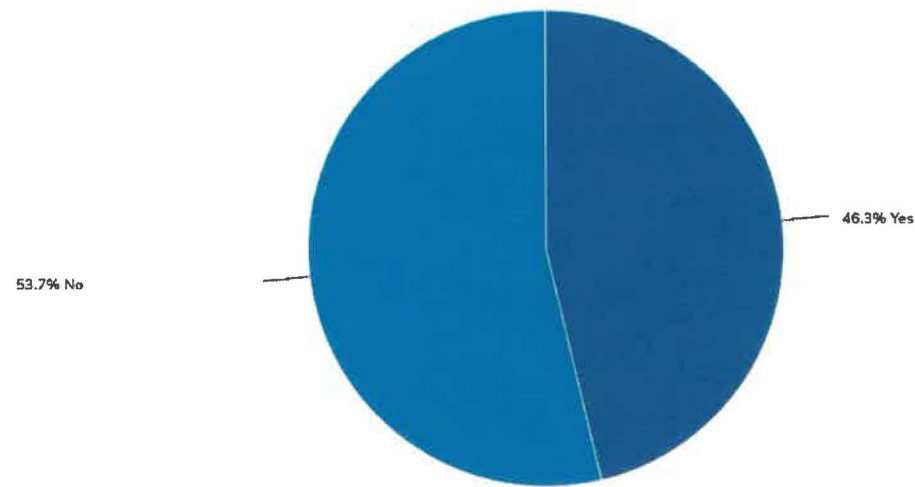
20. How many children (under 18) live in your household?



Value	Percent		Responses
0	68.8%		234
1	10.0%		34
2	10.6%		36
3 to 5	10.0%		34
6 or more	0.6%		2
			Totals: 340

Whitehouse **COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

21. Are you retired and/or on a fixed income?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	46.3%	158
No	53.7%	183
Totals: 341		

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22. Age

Value	Percent		Responses
18 to 24	0.3%		1
25 to 34	5.3%		18
35 to 44	19.3%		66
45 to 54	16.1%		55
55 to 64	24.0%		82
65 to 74	27.2%		93
75 and over	7.9%		27
			Totals: 342



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February 4, 2025

RE: SCBA Bid Opening

To: Jordan Daugherty

Bids were opened for the department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) purchase, which is grant-funded with a 5% match from Whitehouse. As you may recall, three companies submitted bid packages:

1. Howell Rescue (Dräger air packs)
2. Atlantic (Scott air packs)
3. Fire Safety Services (MSA air packs)

The bids, listed from lowest to highest price, were as follows:

1. MSA - \$257,629.00
2. Scott - \$264,947.90
3. Dräger - \$276,385.00

However, each vendor included additional requirements for their air packs to be fully operational. When factoring in these extras, the bids ranked as follows:

1. Dräger - \$296,535.00
2. MSA - \$299,171.00
3. Scott - \$302,767.90

Each air pack comes with a 15-year warranty, and annual maintenance costs for each brand are as follows:

- MSA: \$3,080.00
- Dräger: \$3,006.00
- Scott: \$1,612.00

After careful review and consideration of these bids, I recommend awarding the bid to Fire Safety Services, which offers MSA air packs, as our next department's SCBA vendor. This recommendation is based on several key factors, including the proven reliability of MSA equipment and the positive feedback from neighboring departments that are already using MSA systems.

Exhibit C



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Notably, the 180th Air National Guard, Monclova Fire Department, and most recently, Providence Township Fire Department all use MSA air packs, which offers significant advantages for mutual aid operations. Shared equipment platforms reduce compatibility issues, such as air bottle exchanges, and improve operational efficiency. Neighboring departments have consistently praised MSA for its performance, ease of use, and customer support, further reinforcing our confidence in this choice.

Additionally, the new MSA bottles are larger, offering more air capacity. Most importantly, no retooling will be necessary, as all packs and bottles will fit in the existing locations on our apparatus. This means we can integrate the new equipment seamlessly with minimal disruption.

Furthermore, the department will have approximately \$9,753.70 left over from this grant, which will be allocated for mask Lense kits, two replacement of carbon monoxide detectors, and mask adaptors to utilize the SCBA masks as APR's.

For the reasons outlined, I strongly recommend proceeding with Fire Safety Services and selecting MSA as our SCBA vendor. This decision will significantly enhance interoperability with neighboring departments, improve firefighter safety, and deliver long-term value to our team.

Given the tight deadlines associated with the AFG grant, I strongly urge Council approval through the emergency route. If we follow the standard three-reading process instead of the recommended emergency approval, the time required for purchase and implementation could prevent us from securing the necessary equipment in time, jeopardizing our funding. If we were to place the SCBA order after February 18th, we would not expect delivery until July 2025, as the process typically takes four to five months. Moving forward with expedited approval is crucial to ensure we meet all required timelines and fully maximize the grant opportunity.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional details or wish to discuss this matter further.

Jason Francis



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RE: 2025 MARCS Grant Award

Jordan Daugherty,

On December 29, 2024, the fire department was successful in receiving a grant from the Ohio Fire Marshals Office to enhance our communications. The Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Grant will fund the purchase of 10 Motorola portable radios, 10 chargers, 30 batteries, and programming of the necessary Motorola equipment. The grant also covers the cost of a one-year MARCS subscription that is fully funded through Motorola Solutions using P&R Communications as the purchasing Agency.

This grant is valued at \$49,548.88. Since the grant is 100% funded through the Ohio Fire Marshals Office, the grant does not call for a competitive bid process. This funding will ensure the fire department has the essential tools for effective communication, enhancing our ability to respond to emergencies while improving overall operational efficiency. With this grant, comes a timeline. All programing and equipment invoices are due by July 1, 2025, with the monthly MARCS service fee submitted by July 30, 2025.

Historically, communication equipment has taken up to six months from purchase to deployment. To ensure we meet the tight deadlines associated with the AFG grant, I strongly recommend proceeding with approval through the emergency route. This will allow us to place the order by the end of February 2025, ensuring timely delivery and deployment of the equipment, and securing the grant funding. Without expedited approval, we risk missing critical timelines, which could jeopardize our ability to fulfill the grant requirements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason Francis

Exhibit D