

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2025

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Meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Attendance

Commission Members:

Robert Casaletta
Phillip Whaley
Larry Yunker, Council Representative
~~Dan Rauch – Absent~~

Others in attendance:

Jordan Daugherty, Village Administrator
Josh Hartbarger, Deputy Administrator
Kevin Heban, Village Solicitor

Election of Officers for 2025

Nominations and voting held for the following:

Chairman – Robert Casaletta
Vice Chairman – Larry Yunker
Secretary – Phillip Whaley

Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2024 reviewed and approved unanimously.

Review of 2024 Charter Revisions

1. Commission members had no comments concerning 2024 charter revisions.

Items for Discussion

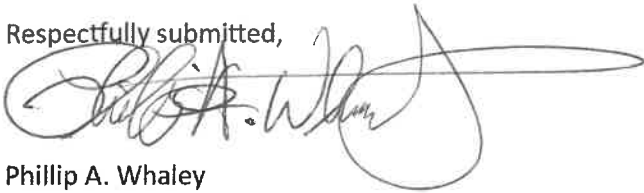
1. No changes were identified by the Village Law Director.
2. No changes were identified by the Charter Revision Commission.
3. Solicitor Heban submitted a request from Village Council to review a proposed charter revision to enact term limits for elected Village Council members. (Suggested language attached to these minutes).
 - Proposed language was passed out to those in attendance.
 - Larry Yunker indicated Council's desire to add the Office of Mayor for consideration of term limits as well.
 - Robert Casaletta stated that the question of term limits had come before the Commission previously and, after discussion, it was decided to not recommend a charter revision to enact term limits.
 - Phillip Whaley agreed with Robert's assessment.
 - Larry Yunker stated that Council did not desire to limit residents to only two terms in a lifetime, but, limit them to two consecutive terms in the same office and allowing them to again hold office after sitting out a term. The reason being that new people may be more inclined to run for office to fill the empty seat.
 - Phillip Whaley indicated that, in the past, residents could earn PERS credit after 10 years in public office which was an attraction to running for office multiple times in a row. That provision has changed significantly and may not be the attraction that was in previous years.
 - Phillip Whaley indicated that a charter revision like this may be better voted on by itself without other revisions on the ballot so it does not have an effect on passing other, more administrative, revisions.
 - Larry Yunker stated that we may want to shorten the sit out period between terms to 2 years rather than 4.

- Larry Yunker asked if there was a cost to the Village to put the issue on the ballot. Kevin Heban stated that there was a cost. Larry did not support putting the issue on the ballot as a stand-alone issue if it would cost the Village money to do it.
- Kevin Heban reminded the Commission that there would be a significant number of revisions necessary in the next 5 years, assuming that the Village becomes a city after the next census count in 2030.
- Larry Yunker indicated that current Council also discussed passing legislation to enact term limits instead of making it charter language.
- Jordan Daugherty suggested that the Commission should make their recommendation to Council regardless.
- Robert Casaletta called a vote on recommending a revision for term limits as drafted in the suggested language.
- Vote results:
 - o Phillip Whaley – No to limits
 - o Robert Casaletta – No to limits
 - o Larry Yunker – Yes to limits
- Jordan Daugherty indicated that he would put the issue of term limits on the April 1, 2025 council agenda for discussion. He reminded the Commission that Council can act on our recommendation, change it, or ignore it. If Council asks the Commission to study it further, we will schedule another meeting in 2025.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman called for adjournment which was unanimously approved at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Phillip A. Whaley
Recording Secretary

Approved _____ by Charter Revision Commission