

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

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

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

Council Members Absent: Dave Riegenbach

Staff Present: Municipal Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Deputy Administrator Joshua Hartbarger, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Mike Hill, Police Chief Allan Baer, Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: Nan Myers, Jeff Heaney, Karen Gerhardinger, Dee Resnick

Council Prayer was given by Village Administrator Jordan Daugherty

Mayor Bingham reserves the right to enter into an executive session at the end of the Council meeting pertaining to ORC 121.22(G)(2), considering the purchase of property for public purposes.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve the minutes of the June 3rd, 2025 Council meeting. 5 ayes

Tuohy asks about Kleinfelder and payments showing for the water tower project, asks about possible overpayment; Daugherty suggests there are two contracts. Tuohy comments she is hoping to clarify what Kleinfelder is getting paid for; Daugherty will review and report back. Yunker asks about a charge from Triotech that references covid. Hartbarger shares this was part of the covid funds that needed to be used up and completely spent; it was previously obligated and approved by Council, just now expenses incurred.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve the bills totaling \$37,459.99 dated June 13th, 2025, and the Addendum bills totaling \$131,066.94 dated June 17th, 2025, and the April 2025 Financial Statements. 5 ayes

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asked if there were any people to appear before Council. There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report on the June 4th, 2025 TMACOG Meeting

Councilman Fine reports that the group approved four documents during this meeting. First was the TMACOG Transportation Asset Management Plan which includes plans for federal funds and plans for conditions of federal roadways. The second document was the Regional Freight Plan which promotes trucks, trains, aircraft, etc. traffic and calls out more parking options, infrastructure improvements and other topics. The third document was the Air Quality Document which keeps in line with EPA standards. The last document approved was the 2055 Regional Transportation Plans which are looking forward plans for the transportation in the area.

Report on the June 10th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Councilwoman Tuohy reports that meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The backflow program information was presented and discussed; the Village is under EPA requirements. There are currently 35 properties out of compliance that need to be fixed by October 2025. She shares that the cost of updates for residents was discussed. Tuohy comments that the Council rules discussion was postponed to the August Committee

of the Whole meeting. The financial dashboards were reviewed and discussed, planned to be available on the website in July 2025. Tuohy shares there was a citizen comment regarding the actual cost of backflow updates, relatively high at \$1,300-1,500.

Report on the June 17th, 2025 Records Commission Meeting

Police Chief Baer reports that the group reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 2024 meeting. Baer comments they appointed a new chairman; Baer was nominated and approved. The group reviewed the current retention list and motioned to accept the records retention schedule. Other business included discussion on the State's lack of body worn camera retention plans, it is currently up to the individual localities to make retention plans.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Bingham shares that he attended a news conference regarding funding from the State on ditch clean up; still in limbo on decision if that funding will be added to the State budget or not - \$15MM for the entire State of Ohio.

Bingham shares that he will be part of the Lucas County Fair grand opening coming up soon. He reminds all that there is no Committee of the whole meeting on July 8th, 2025 and no second council meeting for July on July 16th, 2025.

Bingham comments that Councilman Fine will be attending the SOPEC general counsel meeting to represent Whitehouse coming up. Administrator Daugherty shares that SOPEC has everything they need to continue the electric aggregation set up.

Mayor Bingham shares additional reminders. Ice cream with Mayor and Council is planned for August 16th, 2025. Founders day is coming up on July 2nd, 2025. Bingham shares that Cherry fest and parade went well, great comments regarding Council and the kids on the float. Dancing in the park is June 26th from 6-8pm; Village was approached to see if any issues with this event – there are no issues, the staff supports. Summer concert series this Thursday June 19th.

A question came up regarding the new SR 295 and Waterville St. 4-way stop sign; people are requesting flashing lights on all stop signs. Residents nearby witnessing lots of near misses; north and south traffic is the biggest concern. Mayor asks for a letter to be drafted to ODOT requesting these updates; this is a state highway, the Village has no say in what happens here.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Bingham asks Administrator Daugherty for any items to report.

Daugherty reminds all that there is only one day of meetings in July. Finance meeting at 6pm, regular Council at 6:30pm on July 1st, 2025. No additional meetings in July as it relates to Council. He comments that Council has shown their interest in the employee survey, that has been compiled and will be going out next week, will report back on results. Daugherty shares that the auditors are here for the bi-annual audit. This is the regularly scheduled audit by the state, this year also includes an additional single audit driven by acquiring over \$750k of federal funds; along with each JEDD and JEDZ being audited this year. This schedule happens every two years, everything is going well so far. He asks Council to confirm that they have been emailed a questionnaire regarding the audit; all confirm they have.

Operations Report Summary

There were no operational items to report.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

Mayor Bingham asks Solicitor Heban for any items to report.

Solicitor Heban introduces the third-year law student he has in attendance at the meeting. He shares that she has been invited to stay on with their law firm after she graduates and has some interest in municipal law.

Heban comments that Chief Baer handed out the SOU and SRO contract, set to expire end of July this year. He shares this was just now finalized; the plan is to hand it out for Council to review as there will be legislation on this, considered as an emergency, for the July Council meeting. Baer comments they have been meeting with Superintendent Kevin Herman to discuss, there are no changes compared to the previous contract other than the active date range updates. Councilman Fine asks if Heban and Baer are comfortable with the language, Baer and Heban both confirm they are.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Hill shares a reminder of bulk pick up on June 28th, 2025; it is curbside pick up, not drop off.

Police Chief Baer comments that Cherry Fest went great, thanks Public Works for barricades being placed as needed and Fire Department for their help. He shares there were only very small, minor incidents. Baer comments that the Multi-sport festival coming up this Saturday, there will be no road closures, just some restrictions. Safety Town is coming up, a week long event being held at the primary school. Baer shares the Task Force 20 event is coming up on June 29th, there will be some traffic control but no closures. Safety Town graduation on June 27th, Mayor confirms he will be there.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Bingham asks 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 were none.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Bingham asked Solicitor Kevin Heban for any resolutions to be reviewed or voted on. There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Artiaga asks about the shelter house. She shares that at the last summer concert in May, the floors from the condensation got a bit slippery, concerned with a fall, is there any treatment to make a bit more abrasive to prevent slips. She comments they did put some mats down from Village Hall to help make it a bit safer. She also comments on there being only one handicapped parking space that is currently near the shelter house, can one be added. Hill confirms they will look into adding an additional.

Councilwoman Tuohy thanks Chief Baer for the Police presence at Cherry Fest. The work by everyone, including Public Works and Fire is impressive and everyone pulls it off without a hitch. All the effort is appreciated. Tuohy thanks Daugherty for being at the parade and representing the Village.

Councilman Fine thanks all for helping to make Cherry Fest successful including the Chamber, Police, Fire, Public Works. He comments they heard from SOPEC last week, they have received all they need from Toledo Edison current customers and the Village. Fine shares that the Village does not have to take the first price presented to them by SOPEC, there will be some discussion. Once a price is locked in, letters will then go out to customers, and they have 21 days to decide to opt out.

Councilman Yunker shares one issue brought to his attention. He comments the Village has been seeing a big uptick in door-to-door solicitors recently. Solar company, bug treatment, etc., several in one week. He asks about reasonable restrictions and if the Village can put any in place. Baer shares there is a strict solicitor permit process including a background check – if they do not have that permit on a lanyard they are wearing the Police should be contacted. Yunker asks if there is a way to get the currently permitted companies shared.

Baer comments he can get some public education together to share with residents. Artiaga asks if there are hours they are restricted to, Heban comments yes, it is all detailed in the ordinance. Fine asks if there can be a section added to the Access Whitehouse app to keep the list of current permitted solicitors up to date and out there for residents to reference quickly.

Artiaga asks about restrictions on electronic bikes on sidewalks within the Village. Baer comments that in general, on sidewalks, there are no restrictions. He shares that in areas downtown there are restrictions. Artiaga shares that Ludwigs Clock Shop grand opening is tomorrow, encouraging all to stop out and welcome them to the Village.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Bingham asks if there are any citizen comments to share.

Jeff Heaney - 11250 Centerville Street: Heaney asks if trash collection people submit to a background check as we heard that permitted solicitors do. Comments trash collection is door to door; mayor comments this is a private company. Mayor asks can the Village force a private company to do background checks. Heban says going forward for a contract renewal that is something that could possibly be added as a requirement. Tuohy comments that department of transportation does a high level, not criminal, background check. Daugherty comments he will look up the renewal date.

7:06pm

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy at 7:06pm to enter into an executive session regarding ORC 121.22(G)(2), considering the purchase of property for public purposes. 5 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to reconvene the council meeting at 7:31pm. 5 ayes

Mayor Bingham comments there is additional business to discuss regarding the Rue Du Lac roadway topic. He asks Rue Du Lac resident Nan Myers to share some details with Council. Heban asks Myers to explain where the neighborhood association is currently at regarding roadway updates. Myers shares their last board meeting was last Tuesday; they have quotes from several different companies, and they voted on which one they think is the best - decided on Gerken Paving. Myers shares that the invoice is around \$90k, and these updates should last for 20 years. They have \$35k in their road fund currently; they have been collecting since 2020. Myers shares they can take another \$10k out of their association checking but need the remaining \$45k. Myers comments they are planning to do an assessment on residents which would be \$1,800 per household. She is asking if Council can do anything to make this more manageable.

Tuohy asks if homeowners have been approached on the idea of the assessment; Myers shares that several months ago, when engineering estimates were discussed, assessments were brought up at that time. Myers shares there is 24 houses on the road, and they need a 50% vote to support an assessment which is 13 houses. Tuohy asks when they need to answer Gerken Paving; Myers shares they have already accepted the bid. Tuohy comments that Council has made a promise that this is a topic that will be discussed and putting it out to the residents to open up for their opinion; that gives them the Council meeting in July, first meeting in August and second meeting in August will be the third voting day to meet a mid-August deadline of being able to support in any way. Tuohy comments they cannot vote on

the topic today, it was the first discussion, they cannot vote until meeting in July once legislation/agreement is drafted. Fine comments they could make a final decision by the first meeting in August with an emergency after second reading.

Myers comments that residents do not yet know about the \$90k. Mayor asks if Gerken Paving will extend agreement by 30 days so there can be additional time for planning. Myers comments she believes there is 30 days after for the invoice to be paid. Tuohy shares there is a possibility that \$25k could be pulled out of the village capital fund to support the updates, which would help with the amount of assessment going to each resident. Myers confirms a

half downpayment is required. Artiaga asks if the first reading will be at the July 1st meeting to approve the expenditure. Heban shares he is more concerned with the agreement itself, not just the expenditure amount of the money. Heban comments he can reach out to the attorney representing Rue Du Lac and discuss the agreement. Fine asks if this were to be considered, financial support, he feels it would be important to have an agreement with some measure in place that makes sure this issue doesn't come up again in 20 years. Myers comments it wasn't done right in the first place, hopefully fixing it this time will help this last longer. Heban confirms they need 13 of 24 property owners to consent, Myers says yes. With the \$25k from the Village, if that is a possibility, the assessment goes down to \$845 per home. Heban asks Myers to provide the plans and estimate from Gerken to Public Works Director Hill for his review since things flow down to the public system. Mayor confirms plan; Heban will discuss contract with Rue Du Lac lawyer, Council will discuss at the July 1st Council meeting and Rue Du Lac residents will have their next meeting on July 9th to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. 5 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor