

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, Dave Riggenbach, Carrie Tuohy, Steve Fine, Steve Connelly and Larry Yunker

Council Members Absent: N/A

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

Guests Present: Nan Myers, Karen Gerhardinger, Dee Resnick, Tim Tuohy, Jenn Bingham, Connie & Hugh Benning, Randi Holley, Reverend Warren Clifton, Tenley Petersen

Council Prayer was given by Reverend Warren Clifton of Hope United Methodist Church

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve the minutes of the June 17th, 2025 Council meeting. 6 ayes

Administrator Daugherty comments that the bills up for approval include a large expense for the water tower project.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve the bills totaling \$1,281,355.73 dated June 27th, 2025, and the Addendum bills totaling \$782,402.28 dated July 1st, 2025. 6 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 Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Meeting

Councilman Yunker shares that the group met on June 9th beginning at 5:35pm. Trustees all were present along with Sexton Hartbarger, Tiffany Bachman and Dombey. Minutes were approved from previous meeting. There was a financial update that included reported revenue of \$2,700, expenses of \$12,739.79 and cash balance of \$336,918.22.

Sexton report included deeds that were sold over the month, reported on interments and funerals at Wakeman and Whitehouse. Sexton reported that all equipment is working as expected, the small building at Wakeman received updates; that is now completed. Memorial Day services went well, over 280 at Wakeman. Sexton is getting ready for the 250th anniversary of the revolutionary war, some research is going on to get details about soldiers in our cemeteries.

Yunker reports there was one special request to address. Request from a resident to prepay for interment, this is normally not done, but she has deceased son and husband and wants to make sure all is handled before she passes. The request was approved. Sexton will be out on vacation from July 1-10. There is no meeting in July, next meeting is August 18th, 2025.

Report on the June 19, 2025 Tree Commission Meeting

Councilman Connelly reports that minutes were approved from previous meeting. Tree trimming has started on rails to trails path. Noted that some homeowners may not receive trees if site is not conducive to replant. American Bloom will be in town soon. Connelly

shares he will review the tree master plan with Council in August. Reviewed trifold brochure that was put together, along with the Tree Commission swag for public purposes.

Report on the July 1, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting

Councilman Connelly reports minutes were approved from previous meeting. Reviewed quarterly budget, all is well, aware of large water tower project and possibility of change order. Financial dashboard discussion, approved small changes, will go live in early July. Councilman Fine brought up ideas for budget process improvements.

Report on the June 26, 2025 SOPEC General Assembly Meeting

Councilman Fine reports that the group approved the presented financial report. They elected general assembly representatives. Board of directors chosen by location/region in the state, including NW Ohio region, Whitehouse is the only locality so far, Fine is the representative. Discussed remote meeting possibilities for the future. Fine reports the group discussed SOPEC managed grant funds. Approved three new communities to join SOPEC; along with several on the potential list. Assembly authorized \$80k to support brownfield remediation, which will support new office space for SOPEC.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Bingham shares that he has been invited as a guest to the Lucas County fair upcoming soon. He reminds all that there is no Committee of the Whole or second Council meeting in July.

Bingham shares that Ice cream with Mayor and Council is coming up on August 16th from 12pm-2pm. Tomorrow is Whitehouse fireworks, Founders Day celebration. Dancing in the Park went well last week, there was a large turnout. The next concert series is July 17. Bingham comments he is attempting to recognize the AW Boys Baseball state champs during the August 5th meeting.

Mayor Bingham comments that a lot of questions have come up recently regarding timeline of upcoming library in Whitehouse. This is now on the website and access Whitehouse. This is one of the biggest projects in library history so it will be on a long timeline to get it done right.

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.

Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, To Enter Into an Extension of the Agreement With the Anthony Wayne Local School District For a School Resource Officer (as an emergency)

Administrator Daugherty shares that this is for the school resource officer contract. Solicitor Heban provided the draft at the last Council meeting.

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to authorize legislation authorizing the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, to enter into an extension of the agreement with Anthony Wayne Local School District for a School Resource Officer, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation for Authorizing the Finance Director of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio to Transfer Certain Funds for Village Accounting Purposes; Formal Verification of Said Transfer (as an emergency)

Administrator Daugherty shares this is a familiar process, done several times a year. He comments this is already approved through appropriations, just need authorization to execute.

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to request authorize legislation for authorizing the finance directory of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio to transfer certain funds for Village accounting purposes; formal verification of said transfer, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Operations Report Summary

Deputy Administrator Hartbarger expands a little on Founders Day. Food trucks will be set up by 5:30pm and the band will start at 6:30pm. There will be a tent for staff set up by 4:30pm.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

Mayor Bingham asks Solicitor Heban for any items to report. There were none.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Hill reports that Austin Meyers is resigning, there will be a job opening posted tomorrow for his replacement. Flower beds along SR-64 will continue to go up. Hydrant painting will start after the holiday. American Bloom representatives were here last week, love everything Whitehouse is doing. Hill will have a report with ideas and recommendations for the future from American Bloom – but it was good correspondence. Mayor asks about numbers from curb side pick-up; Hill comments he will have that in August.

Police Chief Baer shares that they made it through June, the police department was very busy. Safety Town went great, 40 kids involved. Baer introduced Sara Jackson, BGSU intern – has been valuable lately with events. Looking forward to get through fireworks tomorrow safely.

Fire Chief Francis shares an update that Tyler Wepler is resigning effective July 4th, 2025; he is going to another department due to easier work schedule for his family. Will post for full time opening soon.

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.

- A. **Ordinance 12-2025:** Authorizing the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, To Enter Into an Extension of the Agreement With the Anthony Wayne Local School District For a School Resource Officer (as an emergency)

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Ordinance 12-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 12-2025** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Ordinance 12-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Yunker to adopt **Ordinance 12-2025: Authorizing the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, To Enter Into an Extension of the Agreement With the Anthony Wayne Local School District For a School Resource Officer**, as an emergency. Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Bingham asked Solicitor Kevin Heban for any resolutions to be reviewed or voted on.

- A. **Resolution 5-2025:** Authorizing the Finance Director of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio to Transfer Certain Funds for Village Accounting Purposes; Formal Verification of Said Transfer (as an emergency)

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Resolution 5-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Resolution 5-2025** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Artiaga to approve **Resolution 5-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilman Fine to adopt **Resolution 5-2025: Authorizing the Finance Director of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio to Transfer Certain Funds for Village Accounting Purposes; Formal Verification of Said Transfer**, as an emergency. Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion on Rue Du Lac Subdivision

Mayor Bingham comments several representatives from Rue Du Lac are here. He reviews the current plan, several options. \$2.8MM for a full road update is not feasible to be fully supported by the Village or the residents. Resident Nan Myers has looked at different options. To tear up and repave the road as is, they were quoted \$90k; Village offered to cover \$25k to assist, then subdivision will be responsible for covering the rest and for maintenance going forward. Council will review again at the August meeting if need be. A Rue Du Lac resident comments that the vendor is prepared to start first of September – they do have to make a commitment to the vendor soon. Mayor Bingham is asking if Council wants to wait until next meeting or if they are ready to move forward. Heban comments he called the Rue Du Lac lawyer several times and never received call back – asks if there is a specific lawyer that was dealt with, Nan Myers says yes. Heban comments there is one other item, Public Works Director Hill to explain. Hill says the Village is looking at a pedestrian bike trail along Weckerly Road and suggests as a stipulation for the Village providing \$25k, they are looking for a guaranteed right of way along Weckerly Road right in front of Rue Du Lac. Hill confirms it is on common property. Daugherty confirms this pedestrian path is a grant the Village is currently applying for, not yet approved. Mayor explains purpose of request for bike/pedestrian trail. Nan Myers comments there is a resident meeting on July 9th to review everything – asking to have a number to work with to give idea on how much the assessment will be for the residents. Riegenbach comments they need legal language still for the \$25k but in theory all of Council seems in agreement. Fine comments need the legal agreement to include guarantee of maintenance of the road going forward. Residents confirm that currently funding for road updates is being set apart yearly. Artiaga comments that since they are looking for a commitment for the July 9th meeting, can a motion be made for contingent, subject to agreement and right of way.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riegenbach to contribute \$25,000 to Rue Du Lac road improvements, contingent on right of way approval and other legal aspects. 5 ayes; 1 abstain

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Bingham asks if there are any citizen comments to share. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Regular

July 1, 25

Motion by Councilman Riggerbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor