

**Village of Whitehouse
Village Council Meeting As A
Committee of the Whole
Village Hall, Whitehouse, OH
6:00 May 13th, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President of Council Dave Riggenbach.

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

Staff Present: Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Deputy Administrator Joshua Hartbarger, Public Works Director Mike Hill, and Fire Chief Jason Francis

Guests Present: Karen Gerhardinger, Greg Telecky, Jamie Beier Grant, Paul Proudfoot. Online; Andrew Ulrich

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the minutes of the April 15th, 2024 Committee of the Whole meetings. 6 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Council President Dave Riggenbach reserved the right to enter an executive session later in the meeting for the purpose of economic development.

PROJECT TARGETS WITH KLEINFELDER

Jamie Beier Grant thanked Council and wanted to give an update for the information they had gained. At the last meeting, the survey results weren't ready, however they have now been able to review the results. She spoke on the three main buckets of targets. Greg Telecky spoke to prioritization of targets and the need to stream down. He spoke to the desire tonight for a "yes" this is what we have discussed. Next steps would be to get with administration and narrow down the path. He also stated that a monthly report would be included. Discussion was had on the goal of the last work session and targets important to the community. Greg noted that once the priorities are blessed, then the strategic plan on the top three or four items will be addressed.

Greg Telecky spoke to an example of a grant that was applied the first of May for planning funds regarding the pedestrian bridge. The total is approximately \$50,000 and is 100% funded if awarded. Tuohy asked if that was a part of this program to which Greg Telecky confirmed.

Jamie spoke to the big picture goals and targets and how to break down into action items. These action items then receive a methodical plan. Greg Telecky spoke to the 64 pedestrian bridge and how this is in the works. He stated it's not just about grants, its alternative funding sources and partners.

Steve Connelly commented that he appreciated the pause and regroup of this meeting.

Jamie Beier Grant discussed the recommendation of targets based on all discussions and survey information. They include Downton development, State Route 64 Corridor Development, and Community Identity. Discussion was held on how to narrow these down and possibilities and funding. Greg Telecky spoke to the strategic approach with an example of the State Route 64 corridor which included talking with our neighbors and landowners along the area.

Discussion was held on prioritization of projects such as walkways and what the public may expect. Greg Telecky spoke on the window of opportunity and timing. Tuohy spoke to the importance of identifying all the projects including small ones, so the public is aware.

Council President asked on the next steps. Jamie spoke to sitting down with administration and a quick executive summary can be created with deliverables in the “buckets”. Jordan Daugherty indicated if Council agrees and we are aligned, that gives the go ahead to move forward. Daugherty indicated that while the Bridge is grand and time has been spent on this, more staff time has been spent on the sidewalk plan while we may not have been successful, we continue to try.

Steve Connelly asked what is still needed. Is there more commentary needed or action steps. Confirmation was had that the list presented was agreed upon and to move forward with the steps as discussed.

UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Jordan Daugherty spoke to the compilation of these capital projects and performance numbers. He spoke to active projects and multi-year projects with actual costs. Committed projects are on the worksheet and here is the budgeted number. Clarification was had on the total number and individual numbers via discussion. More discussion was had on individual projects including signage, finishing the caboose, and making the shelter house year-round. Councilman Riggerbach asked on the timing and when we may be moving forward. Jordan Daugherty said we would want clarification and agreement of the projects.

The top items signs, year-round shelter house, trails in the park, and caboose. Budget estimates will be provided. Jordan asked on if Council would like to prioritize the 64-corridor street scaping referencing the larger flowerpots. Council agreed on the in-house corridor landscaping (\$30,000). And the costs estimate as listed.

DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL RULES

Council President Riggerbach stated they all received the rules. He suggested they all take the list and prioritize what they would like changed. Councilwoman Artiaga stated that there are more housekeeping items needed than anything such as holiday meetings and meeting time. Council agreed to review the initial notes from Councilwoman Artiaga, and this will be brought up at the June meeting. After as this is an ordinance, it would be sent to Council in August. A request to have other rules from other communities. Jordan Daugherty agreed to help.

Discussion was had on the process for canceling July meetings.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were none.

CONSIDER OTHER BUSINESS AS APPROPRIATE UNDER VILLAGE CHARTER

A motion was made by Councilwoman Artiaga and seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to enter an executive session for the purpose of economic development. Motion carried 6 ayes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Artiaga and seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to reconvene from executive session for the purpose of economic development. Motion carried 6 ayes.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilman Connelly and seconded by Councilman Yunker to adjourn. Motion carried all ayes. At 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Hartbarger
Acting Clerk of Council