

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

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Mayor Rich Bingham.

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

Staff Present: Municipal Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Public Works Director Mike Hill, Police Chief Allan Baer, Fire Chief Jason Francis, Acting Clerk of Council Jill Gundy

Guests Present: Shawn Bellner, Karen Gerhardinger, Joseph Bublick, Tim Tuohy

Council Prayer was given by Shawn Bellner of Cedar Creek Church.

Motion by Councilman Riggengbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve the minutes of the August 5th, 2025 Council meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the bills totaling \$193,364.44 dated August 14th, 2025, the Addendum bills totaling \$138,751.42 dated August 19th, 2025 and the June 2025 Financial Statements. 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 August 12th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Riggengbach reports that the meeting began at 6:30. There was a presentation from Kleinfelder. They discussed four specific areas of focus in the Village. Next steps from the presentation was for Kleinfelder to refine the project list and funding strategy and to work with Village staff for prioritization.

Next was a discussion on the electric aggregation program. Community Grant program was addressed that would include a surcharge that was built into the bill so Council has chosen not to take that route currently, but it can be revisited in the future. Rate locking was discussed, and it was decided to wait until higher summer pricing was over and rate locking authority was given to the Village Administrator. The contract cycle was discussed. There was a decision to release a public update on the aggregation process.

Next was a discussion on capital projects, specifically the 2026 OPWC projects. The Cemetery Road resurfacing project was agreed to be awarded to OHM as the lowest and most responsive bidder. The 2026 Finzel Road resurfacing was approved to be awarded to Kleinfelder. Both were agreed to be passed as an emergency.

There was a discussion on the 2025 capital projects. The Park sign at Village Park was discussed and Council agreed to move forward with that project. They discussed the trail around the small quarry in regard to removing the vehicle portion that runs through the park, connecting the two ends and resurfacing. Council was in support of this project. The Caboose updates were discussed, and Council approved the exterior updates to the caboose and the interior plans will be revisited at a later time. Shelter house updates such as the HVAC, ceiling and winterizing items were essentially approved. There is a desire to try to integrate a bathroom facility in the shelter house as a longer-term option. \$170,000 will be spent with \$65,000 is still available for other options.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Ice cream with Mayor and Council was just concluded and it is time to schedule Coffee with Mayor and Council at Copper Press. Agreed to have it the first Saturday after the election which will be November 8th. The time will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Mayor attended the TMACOG General Assembly on August 8th. There were members there from the State House and State Senate. When broken down into groups, the Mayor's question was chosen to ask the panel from the State. The question was "How can we raise revenue, without hurting our most vulnerable population?" Mayor was put in touch with a group out of Chicago, who he met with to discuss funding for the ditch project. The meeting went well and there may be some grant funds available to assist. Follow-up meetings have been set up.

Mayor Bingham asked if Halloween celebration would be on the 31st this year. There is concern because it will fall on a Friday and may coincide with high school football. It would be the first week of State playoffs. This needs to be researched and discussed at a future meeting.

Christmas in the Village will be the first week of December. The Mayor asked if we plan to do the toy drive again. This is the plan, but Mark Schrieffer is working to expand the plan.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Bingham asks Administrator Daugherty for any items to report.

Administrator Daugherty shares that there has been an increase in phone calls on electric rate increases. They are grateful for the aggregation. They are anxious to get this settled.

Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with Kleinfelder, Inc.

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with Kleinfelder, Inc., as an emergency. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with OHM Advisors

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with OHM Advisors, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Government Transportation Improvement Program and Designation the Administrator as the Signatory Representative for the Village of Whitehouse on any and all Contracts with Full Power and Authority to Execute Same

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Government Transportation Improvement Program and Designating the Administrator as the Signatory Representative for the Village of Whitehouse on Any and All Contracts with Full Power and Authority to Execute Same as an emergency. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of No Further Use to the Village and is Hereby Determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law

Council had a short discussion requesting that the exhibit showing the items be more specific. For this legislation, it is for old radios that still work but are not capable of doing items needed by the department. They will be posted to GovDeals.

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Operations Report Summary

This will be covered at the next meeting when Deputy Administrator Hartbarger will be able to attend.

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 Mike Hill shares that the new hire, Dillan Snyder, has started. This is the first time in quite a while that Public Works has been at full staff. Councilman Riggensbach expresses appreciation for getting up to a full staff and for keeping up when there wasn't one.

Councilwoman Tuohy asked if there were any information we could share with the school about the crosswalks. There is one situation with an electric bike where the person has been close to getting hit a few times. There is a video the Village has put out on social media on how to work the crosswalks and articles put out in local sources.

Police Chief Baer reminds Council that the citizen survey will be going out September 1st and will run for 30 days. Drug Take Back Day will be October 25th at the Fire Department. Since we are back to school the Police Department put out a school bus safety post.

Fire Chief Francis informed Council that the helipad lights have been removed. This was done due to the age of the lights. The helipad is still being used but it is not cost-effective to replace the lights at this time. Portable lights are being used. The only other item was that Council has been provided with the July statistics.

The Mayor informs that all disc golf signs are up. They are working on some corrections to the map. That will be the last step before its complete.

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.

Ordinance 13-2025: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with Kleinfelder, Inc.

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Ordinance 13-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 13-2025** by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Ordinance 13-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to adopt **Ordinance 13-2025: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with Kleinfelder, Inc.** Third reading vote by name. 6 ayes

Ordinance 14-2025: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with OHM Advisors

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve **Ordinance 14-2025** 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 **Ordinance 14-2025** by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve **Ordinance 14-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Connelly to adopt **Ordinance 14-2025: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Engineering Services with OHM Advisors.** Third reading vote by name. 6 ayes

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 8-2025: Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Government Transportation Improvement Program and Designating the Administrator as the Signatory Representative for the Village of Whitehouse on Any and All Contracts with Full Power and Authority to Execute Same

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Resolution 8-2025** 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 8-2025** by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Resolution 8-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to adopt **Resolution 8-2025: Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Government Transportation Improvement Program and Designating the Administrator as the Signatory Representative for the Village of Whitehouse on Any and All Contracts with Full Power and Authority to Execute Same.** Third reading vote by name. 6 ayes

Resolution 11-2025: Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of No Further Use to the Village and is Hereby Determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve **Resolution 11-2025** 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 11-2025** by title only. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Resolution 11-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Resolution 11-2025: Determining that Certain Miscellaneous Personal Property Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio is of No Further Use to the Village and is Hereby Determined to be Surplus Property and to be Disposed of Pursuant to Law.**
Third reading vote by name. 6 ayes

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Connelly inquired what it would cost to provide a twice-yearly communication as a mailing. Administrator Daugherty stated that Staff would come up with an estimate. Councilman Connelly also reminded that needed to be information about the 2024 actual and final financials.

Councilman Yunker stated that at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting the subject of the walkability of the Village was discussed. If this is the goal, why are we still allowing developments to be put in without sidewalks. Maybe Council could consider passing legislation that would require sidewalks in all future developments. There was discussion that there are both pros and cons to this. There are other municipalities that have this as a requirement. There should be further discussion of this manner at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Mayor recognized Karen Gerhardinger who is now working free-lance for the Toledo Free Press.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Riggerbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor