

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

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Mayor Rich Bingham.

Council Members Present: Dave Riggenschach, Carrie Touhy, Steve Fine and Larry Yunker

Council Members Absent: Louann Artiaga and Steve Connelly – excused by Mayor Bingham

Staff Present: Municipal Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Deputy Administrator Joshua Hartbarger, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Police Chief Allan Baer, Fire Chief Jason Francis, Police Captain Brad Baker, Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: Nan Myers, Karen Gerhardinger, Julie Westenfelder

Council Prayer was given by Village Administrator Jordan Daugherty

Motion by Councilman Riggenschach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve the minutes of the August 19th, 2025 Council meeting. 4 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve the bills totaling \$597,117.11 dated August 29th, 2025, the Addendum bills totaling \$103,960.98 dated September 2nd, 2025. 4 ayes

Riggenschach comments on the line item for Fire Safety Services of around \$311,000 – shares that this was mostly paid for by a grant that was written by and applied for the department by Lieutenant Joe Miller; his first time writing a grant.

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asked if there were any people to appear before Council.

Request for the Terror Trot on October 25th, 2025

Julie Westenfelder from Julie's Fitness Studio here to ask permission. She shares that she typically hosts the Cherry Fest 5K and is trying another run this year with a new theme around Halloween with zombies. She comments that you can sign up to be a zombie or a runner. Westenfelder comments this is her first year trying it and is keeping it simple and basic. Westenfelder is asking permission to use the bathrooms at Village Hall – Dave's Running would plug in outside of Village Hall. Chief Baer has no concerns, just needs the building opened before the race and locked up after.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the use of Village Hall building for bathrooms and electricity for the Terror Trot on October 25th, 2025. 4 ayes.

Request for Anthony Wayne Homecoming Parade on September 19th, 2025

Deputy Administrator Hartbarger comments that this is the same as every year; there are no questions from safety services. Chief Baer comments same as always, officers on duty help with traffic control, no direct expense to Village.

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve the request for the Anthony Wayne Homecoming Parade on September 19th, 2025. 4 ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report on the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Meeting

Yunker reports that the group met on August 18th at 5:30pm. All trustees were present. Minutes from previous meeting were approved. The financial report included revenue of \$6,310, expenses of \$50,271 and an ending cash balance of \$294,164.13. Yunker shares that the detailed minutes have breakdown of all expenditures for the period. The group discussed new business including that there are nine foundations on order to be completed, Wakeman Cemetery cleaning requests, the Whitehouse Cemetery building project to be completed this week, and that the Wakeman bathroom is completed. New projects brought up and discussed, then board approved including \$4k for flooring projects, \$4.5k for tree and stump removal, \$5k for material and labor for top soil and stone for various projects. Yunker shares there was a discussion on keeping stock of cremation vaults available at the cemetery, in past have FTUCD has referred people to other commercial burial services – believe can offer at lower cost than other services. Discussion on possible options for contracting labor – will continue into the next meeting, trying to figure out how to get coverage for all projects needing to be done.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Bingham begins with a reminder that Coffee with Mayor and Council is scheduled on November 8th from 8-10am.

Mayor shares that he was involved in an online meeting with Delta Institute out of Chicago, looking for funding for ditch cleaning. He also shares he was invited to be a guest on Voice of Legacy, WGTE, to talk about public service dedication – will let all know when this will be aired.

Bingham comments there was one recent Knox Box installation – resident was concerned with his own health conditions, Fire Department installed that same day. He confirms with Chief Francis that the department has one commercial box left, no residential ones. Cost is a few hundred dollars each. Mayor will follow up with Pythian Sisters who commented on donating. Chief Francis says there are no more than 10 installed currently – looking for three more at this time.

Mayor Bingham shares that he and Deputy Administrator Hartbarger have been working on the AW Senior Connection, along with Hope United Methodist Church. This is planned to be every Saturday starting September 20th, with designated programming beginning at 10am. Will include programs and activities, wellness checks, continental breakfast – they will be working with the Area on Aging. Bingham and Hartbarger will continue discussion with library as it is being built in Whitehouse for a possible meeting location. They share the guest speaker first month is Mayor Bingham; other topics include healthy eating ideas – trying to line up some restaurants, stretching for seniors – chiropractor, bingo, Metroparks update, music and dance with dance studio owner Lauren Sells, police speaking on scammers and cyber security, history of Whitehouse lecture, spring gardening tips, and a Christmas activity of building wreaths. Hartbarger says this is a tentative draft while finishing lining up everything.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asked for any items to report from Clerk of Council Hartbarger.

Hartbarger shares that she will be out of town next week during the Committee of the Whole meeting and Deputy Administrator Hartbarger will be calling roll. She also shares her thanks to Mayor, Council and staff for their thoughtful flowers sent for her and Deputy Administrator Hartbarger's grandmother's funeral.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Bingham asks Administrator Daugherty for any items to report.

Administrator Daugherty shares a follow up from last meeting; Halloween event is scheduled to be on October 31st starting at 5pm uptown, and the official trick or treat time is 6-8pm. Tuohy asks about helping uptown to pass out candy, Hartbarger says yes, the help would be great.

Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Village Park Trail Replacement Project to Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc.

Daugherty shares this is for the previously discussed and approved capital project of paving around the small quarry. He shares that first reading action will be later tonight.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve the request for authorization for legislation authorizing the award of a contract for the Village Park Trail Replacement Project to Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc. 4 ayes.

Operations Report Summary

Hartbarger shares updates on insurance meetings with new opportunity provider Sidecar. There have been three employee meetings, the last one is tomorrow. He is hoping to have all questions answered before renewal period. Fine asks about feedback so far – Hartbarger says the employees are starting to understand the details, some questions will be individual. Public Works Director Hill says his department response is positive. Chief Baer comments more responsibility on the user because of researching for the best deal on services.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

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

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief Francis shares that two full-time employees have been hired and will be starting in the next few weeks after passing their physical. Eric Leonard received Paramedic license, Megan Beaudry received her Fire and EMS instructor credentials.

Police Chief Baer shares that police survey was opened on September 1st and there have been 50+ responses so far. Total of 91 last year so this is a great response so far. Baer alerts that there is a scam going around regarding jury duty, says that callers claim they are Lucas County Sheriff's department asking to for people to pay a fine from missing jury duty. Mayor and Captain Baker confirm there are several very similar scams going around currently.

Police Captain Baker shares the Police Department will be at the Back to School Bash this coming Friday evening at Whitehouse Primary walking around saying hello and letting students and families explore a police car.

Public Works Director Hill shares they hired a seasonal employee with all summer employees going back to school. First time hiring a fall seasonal help. Hill shares that bulk pick up coming up at the end of September. Backflow update, all 35 that were notified as issues previously are now all corrected and in compliance and Whitehouse is violation free. He says they will be moving forward with the backflow survey, will give details before it goes out. Mayor asks what the age is to work for summer; Hill comments at least 16 with a valid driver's license for helping with flowers, etc. Mayor Bingham gave a shout out to Hill for helping at the Anthony Wayne football game this past Friday.

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 15-2025:** Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Village Park Trail Replacement Project to Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc.

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Ordinance 15-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 4 ayes

Daugherty confirms this is the first reading tonight as there is no super majority, this ordinance will be on the next Council meeting agenda to continue with readings.

RESOLUTIONS

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Fine comments on blue bags that are being found at the end of driveway’s in the area; it is an advertising flyer set up in newspaper format. Heban comments that there is an ordinance set up in other communities; cannot stop it from happening but can help restrict how it is done. Heban says he can send out sample ordinance – includes that the bags must be on front porch or enclosed newspaper mailbox if under main mailbox.

Tuohy comments on 8pm and later sales solicitor last week, 7pm is restriction. Others agree they have seen this recently.

Yunker comments on solicitor last week for solar products. He shares that the solicitor commented he was not selling, just checking to see if residents qualified. May need to watch for door-to-door solicitors trying to get around the ordinances set for the Village.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilman Fine to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm 4 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor