

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 Riggengbach, Carrie Touhy, 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, Police Chief Allan Baer, Fire Chief Jason Francis, Public Works Director Mike Hill, Police Captain Brad Baker and Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: Nan Myers, Greg Telecky, Stephen Bond, Karen Gerhardinger, Paulette Mills

Council Prayer was given by Pastor Steve Bond from Community of Christ Lutheran Church

Motion by Councilman Riggengbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve the minutes of the September 2nd, 2025 Council meeting. 6 ayes

Fine asks about the \$176k bill for Monclova sanitary. Daugherty comments the Monclova Township JEDD board took action a few years ago to work on an improvement project, board had passed a motion to pay 10% of that project.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the bills totaling \$587,052.12 dated September 12th, 2025, the Addendum bills totaling \$327,346.63 dated September 16th, 2025. 6 ayes

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

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

Kleinfelder Group to Present an Update on Revenue Pursuit and Grant Activity

Greg Telecky from Kleinfelder thanks all for the opportunity to be here again after finalizing projects to move forward back in August. He comments that four buckets of priority were decided upon including downtown development, St Rt 64 improvements, community identity and connectivity.

Telecky comments on the St Rt 64 corridor project – since August they have reached out with folks from Lucas County for potential development on both the north and south side of SR-64. Plan to schedule a separate session, executive session, where the confidential details can be discussed regarding the commercial and industrial opportunities. He also shares that on the SR-64 corridor project the idea of the pedestrian overpass has been discussed, grant request put in back in May to be able to do a study on that project in more detail, still waiting on results from ODOT on that grant application. Telecky shares that regarding downtown development, the next step is getting together with administration and downtown building owners and businesses to start some dialogue.

Paulette Mills from Kleinfelder shares that Whitehouse was awarded a \$1.44MM grant to go toward the connectivity project – this will cover areas including Finzel near the school campus, down Grover, up Cemetery, a multi-use path up Weckerly then sidewalk at Lenderson. Mills says this was successful due to the power of planning; the community survey helped, working with Kleinfelder on the study, etc. This grant is part of a \$2MM project, village cost will be around \$600k plus the cost of engineering. She says the Village has until around 2030 to get construction going but advises to get moving as fast as possible. Mills shares that next, they will be continuing to pursue safe routes to school funding, and

this will help fill some gaps in on any sidewalks. Telecky confirms the extra work Council put in with collecting information from the Village resident survey really helped with the success of receiving the grant. Mayor Bingham asks about the \$600k construction costs, asks if TMACOG could pick up any of that cost; Mills is unsure – Daugherty comments that staff will continue to make that cost smaller as it is 5 years out and there is time to plan. Mills comments she is looking into additional funding possibilities from ODNR. Telecky comments that the Village share of these funds will not be required for a few years so there will be time to add to budget planning. Councilman Fine thanks Mills and Public Works Director Hill on their efforts with the grant proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report on the August 28th, 2025 Tree Commission Meeting

Councilman Connelly shares that the tree inventory reviewed. There are some replacements scheduled for fall planting. He shares that the library staff meeting is set for December 9th, 2025. Connelly shares that the Storybook Trail has 22 pages currently on display. New business was discussed and planned for. Mayor asks about the invasive spotted lantern fly. Tuohy comments they were very thick Downtown Toledo recently.

Report on the September 3rd, 2025 TMACOG Meeting

Councilman Fine shares that the metropolitan policy group met and discussed several topics including changing the Perrysburg interchange to help traffic flow. The group reviewed and approved project planning where federal funding will be used, \$23MM. Waterville did get some federal funding to improve the Roche de Boeuf overlook.

Report on the September 9th, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting

Councilman Riggerbach shares that the group discussed council rules during a working session including meeting times, holiday conflict handling, member speaking limit caps, and voting method with potential for ‘present’ voting. They discussed where roll call versus voice vote applies; they will discuss it again at the next committee of the whole meeting. Riggerbach shares that suspending rules were discussed along with finances, amended appropriations, parks and community enhancements. The group reviewed a sensory garden concept for near the quarry or future library, modeled after Metroparks – public works to put together a good faith estimate for cost and design. Lastly, Riggerbach shares that they discussed the multi-use path funding that was awarded.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Bingham begins with a reminder that Coffee with Council and Mayor is scheduled for November 8th from 8:30-10:30am at Copper Press.

Bingham shares that he met with Delta Institute virtually to talk about ditch clean up funding requests. He shares he did fill out forms and return, EPA requested additional info, and he did provide.

Mayor Bingham shares he was invited to be guest on WGTE Voice of Legacy on September 22nd at 9am. He shares the Whitehouse Library appreciation dinner was held on September 8th, well attended, two reps from Lucas County library to speak to volunteers and share updates.

Bingham comments that Hartbarger, himself and a representative from Hope Church met with Karen Gerhardinger regarding the new Senior Connection program; the first event is this coming Saturday. Bingham shares that the first Council meeting in October planning to honor area resident Sheri Luedtke.

Mayor Bingham comments that the disc golf course is going well; 5th and 6th graders used the course recently, and all items used were donated by a company to the school. Mayor

shares that the Pythian Sisters agreed to buy two Knox Boxes to supply to the fire department.

Mayor Bingham asks if Whitehouse has ever considered a dog park. Daugherty says administratively it has been discussed. Artiaga comments that it has come up with past Councils; they did not move forward because Waterville was in the process of moving forward with one, did not make sense to have two so close. She comments that she does not believe they ended up going forward with the build. Tuohy comments there is one in Toledo and you must prove the dogs have been vaccinated, etc. to be able to use.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

Hartbarger shares her thanks to the Police and Fire departments for their participation at the Whitehouse Primary Back to School Bash that was held on September 5th.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Request Authorization for Legislation for an Amended Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Whitehouse, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

Daugherty comments there was a recommendation of approval for this from the previous Committee of the Whole meeting where it was reviewed.

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve Authorization for Legislation for an Amended Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Whitehouse, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County

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Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve Authorization for Legislation Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation Requesting the Advance of Monies on Taxes Collected by the Lucas County, Ohio Treasurer as Same Have Been Collected for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio

Daugherty shares that this is annual housekeeping, Lucas County requires this legislation to advance the income tax money to municipalities.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve Authorization for Legislation Requesting the Advance of Monies on Taxes Collected by the Lucas County, Ohio Treasurer as Same Have Been Collected for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio. 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

Daugherty shares that there are details in the council packet regarding the property that is surplus.

Motion by Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve 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. 6 ayes

Operations Report Summary

Hartbarger shares that starting next year zoning will be moved completely internal, not using any contract services anymore. Riggenbach asks if it is all on the Whitehouse app now; Hartbarger confirms yes.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

Mayor Bingham asks Solicitor Heban for any items to report.

Heban asks Council to consider going into executive session after citizen comments regarding pending or imminent litigation.

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to add an executive session to the agenda after citizen comments. 6 ayes

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief Francis shares that monthly statistics have been provided; comments that the department is getting busier. This past Friday they had 11 incidents. He comments that the award banquet is coming up. Fire Prevention week is October 5th-11th; October 9th is open house at the fire department from 5-7pm. Riggenbach asks about increase in calls, are there any concerns or need for additional headcount, Chief Francis says not currently.

Police Chief Baer shares that monthly statistics have been provided from August. Baer comments that the homecoming parade is this Friday at 5pm, restricted traffic flow near the school for around an hour, road blocking by police and fire. Reminder for asking residents to fill out the police survey, share with all. He shares there have been complaints about e-bikes, this is not just a Whitehouse issue, it is everywhere. He says the department is working with school, administration, etc. to approach this issue. Not e-bike issue, but behavior on the e-bike issue.

Public Works Director Hill shares that at last Committee of the Whole meeting a gaga ball pit was brought up. He says they can install a nice pit with rubber flooring for \$4,500-\$5,000, including a concrete pour. His question is if it is done, where in the park would it go. Curbside refuse pick up on September 27. Hill says he is beginning to work on budgets to prep for later this year; his recommendation for 2026 is same program done as this year for bulk disposal; June and September curbside pick-up, January and March drop off – around \$24k. Mayor says the including at least two curbside pick ups was well received, feels we should do this.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to adopt the proposed refuse schedule provided by Hill. 6 ayes

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 Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve **Ordinance 15-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency, second reading. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve to suspend the rules and have the third reading of **Ordinance 15-2025** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Ordinance 15-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Ordinance 15-2025: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Village Park Trail Replacement Project to Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc.** Third reading vote by name.

B. **Ordinance 16-2025:** Amended Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Whitehouse, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve **Ordinance 16-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 16-2025** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Ordinance 16-2025: Amended Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Whitehouse, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025.** 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 12-2025:** Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Resolution 12-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggensbach to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Resolution 12-2025** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve **Resolution 12-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

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Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Resolution 12-2025: Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County.** Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

B. **Resolution 13- 2025:** Requesting the Advance of Monies on Taxes Collected by the Lucas County, Ohio Treasurer as Same Have Been Collected for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve **Resolution 13-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

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

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Resolution 13-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Resolution 13- 2025: Requesting the Advance of Monies on Taxes Collected by the Lucas County, Ohio Treasurer as Same Have Been Collected for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio.** Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

- C. **Resolution 14-2025:** 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 Fine, seconded by Councilman Connelly to approve **Resolution 14-2025** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Resolution 14-2025** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Resolution 14-2025** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to adopt **Resolution 14-2025: 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 Fine thanks Solicitor Heban for sending the model ordinance on trash in driveways, would like to get it in the queue for consideration. Riggenbach asks if it should be on the Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion in October. Daugherty will add.

Yunker shares he was made aware of concern with U-turn signs on Providence Street, they have disappeared – where the soccer fields are. Hill confirms these were removed a few weeks ago – they were asked to remove as they are not enforceable. Baer says there has been no accident, it was placed because a resident did not want people to do a U-turn but did cause people to stop in the middle of the road and allow kids to cross the street. Police department believes it is safer if there is a U-turn versus kids crossing the street with oncoming traffic. Yunker had another concern brought to him, question on large groups from outside area using the shelter house and playground areas in the park – is there a limit on number of people in the shelter house; Hartbarger confirms there is capacity for the shelter house, less than 50. Yunker says as it is used more frequently, is opening it up to outside the community blocking the use for residents to use; Hartbarger will get numbers on resident versus non-resident usage.

Artiaga had a few people notice the equipment near gas station and ford dealer; AW Heating is starting construction. She asks about an event for Veterans Day, Daugherty confirms the Village hosts no event; shares that the legion does have a luncheon that day.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

Motion by Councilman Connelly, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga at 7:24pm to enter an executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) conference with attorney for Village concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Riggerbach, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy at 7:45pm to reconvene the Council meeting. 6 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Riggerbach, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor