

**Village of Whitehouse
Village Council Meeting As A
Committee of the Whole
Village Hall, Whitehouse, OH
6:30 February 10th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President of Council Steve Fine.

Council Members Present: Dave Riggenbach, Louann Artiaga, Carrie Tuohy, Joe Bublick, and President of Council Steve Fine

Council Members Absent: Larry Yunker

Staff Present: Deputy Administrator Joshua Hartbarger, Public Works Director Mike Hill, Fire Chief Jason Francis and Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: N/A

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Bublick to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2026 Committee of the Whole meetings. 5 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA ITEMS

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

GENERAL

Consideration of Additional Village Resident Survey

Fine comments it is time to start talking about this topic as Council had previously discussed doing a full survey every few years – looking to get this out in spring. Last survey was 2024.

Fine shares he has the final version from the last 2024 survey. Asking to walk through and see if there are any suggested changes or thoughts. He comments he has added a few initial thoughts. Looking to keep several thoughts/questions similar to be able to better project response trends.

Council walks through each question and approves or makes change suggestions. On question two Riggenbach suggests eventually picking some new topics as option answers. Bublick comments the question feels a bit open ended concerned people won't know what is being referred to. On question six – methods of preferred communication – Fine updated options. Council previously discussed idea of email/newsletter. Fine suggests highlighting employees in a newsletter – Tuohy likes this idea. In the Financial section it is suggested to remove questions 8, 9 and 10 as they all refer to a financial deficit which was more relevant in 2024. Riggenbach suggests a new question – do you see yourself leaving the Village or living here for a certain length of time – why if leaving. Fine comments the previous survey asked how long they have been a resident, which fits with Riggenbach's suggestion of how long a resident plans to live here. Riggenbach suggests asking if any interest in serving on a committee or volunteering time within the village.

Fine comments he will start discussion with staff on the heavy lifting of creating the survey and getting sent out.

Review Proposal for Public Service Truck Purchase

Public Works Director Hill shares that the purchase of this truck was in the approved budget. Currently we have two quotes, third request never responded back. Bauman's was lowest price – asking for approval on purchase. It should be around 3-4 months lead time.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve the purchase of the proposed truck for the public service department. 5 ayes

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Council President Fine asks if there are any citizen comments to be heard. There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Fine asks if there is any other business to discuss from Council members.

Tuohy asks about the current audit; comments that it is not available on website. Hartbarger shares he will look into this.

Fine asks if there are any topics from Council that they would like to see on the Committee of the Whole agenda for next month; please let him know. Wants to make sure priorities are covered. He comments that Daugherty has coordinated with him already on some topics. Artiaga suggests adding the topic of park projects and improvements to the discussion coming up – Bublick agrees. Mayor comments that the employee survey discussion should happen in March.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Bublick to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council