



March 13, 2026

WHITEHOUSE COUNCIL AGENDA
March 17, 2026
6:30 P.M.

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Notice is hereby given that the Whitehouse Village Council will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Village Hall, 6925 Providence St., Whitehouse, Ohio

Welcome and thank you for attending the Whitehouse Village Council meeting. The purpose of the Village Council meeting is to conduct the official business of the Village of Whitehouse and to hear citizens' comments pertaining to items that appear on the agenda and comments for future consideration. We welcome and encourage your participation. If you wish to make a comment, please wait to be recognized then state your name and address for the record. Please make your comments as concise as possible to allow time for others who wish to make comments. The Mayor presides over the Council meeting and has the authority to take the actions necessary to maintain order and proper decorum among those present. Thank you for your cooperation.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Prayer: Steve Bond, Community of Christ
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Adoption of Minutes of the March 3, 2026, Council Meeting
- VI. Adoption of Bills Dated March 13, 2026, the Addendum bills dated March 17, 2026, and the January 2026 Financial Statements
- VII. Introduction of Persons to Appear Before Council
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Report on the February 26, 2026 Tree Commission Meeting
 - B. Report on the March 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- IX. Report of the Mayor
- X. Report of the Clerk of Council
- XI. Report of the Municipal Administrator

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- A. Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Public Service Shop Building Roof Repair to Vodika Roofing
 - B. Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Award of a Contract for The Cemetery Road Resurfacing Project to Bowers Asphalt
 - C. Request Authorization for Legislation Authorizing the Finance Director of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, to Transfer Certain Funds for Village Accounting Purposes; Formal Verification of Said Transfer
 - D. Operations Report Summary
- XII. Report of the Law Director
- XIII. Report of the Department Heads
- XIV. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items
- XV. Ordinances
- A. **Ordinance 04-2026:** Authorizing a Zoning Change for Certain Property Located Within the Village of Whitehouse
 - B. **Ordinance 05-2026:** Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Public Service Shop Building Roof Repair to Vodika Roofing
 - C. **Ordinance 06-2026:** Authorizing the Award of a Contract for The Cemetery Road Resurfacing Project to Bowers Asphalt
- XVI. Resolutions
- A. **Resolution 07-2026:** Authorizing the Finance Director of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, to Transfer Certain Funds for Village Accounting Purposes; Formal Verification of Said Transfer
- XVII. Council Comments
- XVIII. Citizen Comments
- XIX. Adjournment

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

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm by Mayor Rich Bingham.

Council Members Present: Louann Artiaga, Dave Riggensbach, Carrie Touhy, Steve Fine, Joseph Bublick 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 and Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: Jeff Heaney, Tim Tuohy, Ben Otley

Council Prayer was given by Reverend Warren Clifton of Hope United Methodist Church.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Bublick to approve the minutes of the February 17th, 2026, council meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggensbach to approve the bills totaling \$40,172.90 dated February 27th, 2026, the Addendum bills totaling \$39,145.89 dated March 3rd, 2026 and the December 2025 Financial Statements. 6 ayes

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

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

Request for the Southfork Duathlon for May 27, 2026 and Request for the Multisport Festival for June 20, 2026

Michelle Barga is present speaking on both events. Asking permission to be able to hold these events as they have in years past. The Southfork Duathlon starts around 7pm and is done around 8:30pm. The Multisport Festival is held at Bluecreek Metropark and goes from 7:30am to around 11am.

Motion by Councilman Bublick, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve the Southfork Duathlon on May 27th, 2026 and the Multisport Festival on June 20th, 2026. 6 ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report on the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Meeting

Yunker shares that December 2025 minutes were approved. Financials were reviewed with revenue of \$4,014.78, expenses of \$16,705.67 and bank balance of \$391,056.93. Expenses including utilities, contractor services, etc. were all approved unanimously. Lot sales and

internments were down since last year. Some projects include building furnace repair in Wakeman, tree planting was completed in Whitehouse and snow removal services active in both cemeteries. Seasonal decoration clean-up was scheduled for March 1st. The group will start reviewing drive and drainage issues long term plan. Discussion occurred on if it makes sense to take current contractors and make them into full time employees – doing research on what this will entail; being a small organization makes it hard to get cost effective benefits. Prelim discussion regarding the 2027 budget; looking to make recommendation that current millage be maintained for the upcoming year.

Report on the March 2nd, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

Administrator Daugherty shares that Planning Commission met last night. Purpose was to hear and get feedback on draft/preliminary plat from Charlie Grass. Using this to get some feedback on the topic of Country Meadows Plat 2 – south of Lone Oak ditch. No formal action by the Commission – just received some thoughts to consider. Tuohy asks about R2 having variances; Daugherty says they can have variance, they just have to be approved.

Report on the March 3rd, 2026 Public Hearing

Fine shares that council heard comments from over half a dozen people with input and questions regarding the zoning change request. Grass helped explain some plans and answered some questions.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Mayor Bingham shares that his parents both retired from Lucas County Department of Developmental Disabilities. Bingham shares the proclamation declaring March Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

Reminder of upcoming events March 14th 8:30-10 is Coffee with Mayor and Council at the Buzz Diner. Easter egg hunt is March 21st volunteers be there around 9-9:30. First summer concert on May 25th. Cherry Fest is upcoming on June 11, 12, 13. Mayor asks about the Tree Commission and the open position that was advertised for; Daugherty says there are 4 people interested – will talk with Fine about process going forward to select.

Bingham shares that they plan to invite and congratulate OSHAA champs and national champs AWHs cheerleaders. They will be coming in soon for this.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Discussion on Opportunity for Health Insurance Renewal

Daugherty shares this information was presented to staff at the last minute; health insurance renewal must be acted upon in May – it is a tight turnaround. They have heard back from

current insurance provider, Paramount. If desired, this offer will have to be acted upon quickly. Ben Otley is present to answer any questions, works on Whitehouse's behalf to find the best deal. Proposal was provided of a 6% increase, which is very good. This typically goes through Committee of the Whole, but this is a tight timeline, just received the proposal late last week. Otley shares that Paramount called him last week to indicate they were making a no-shop offer; must agree to the 6% before it is released to the Village. Otley says we are currently prepared to shop and have started this process preliminarily if this is desired. Based on other renewals on his desk, this is low – most are between 20-30% increase. Tuohy asks about the previous Paramount issue where employees couldn't go to certain doctors, can people now go to everyone, Otley confirms yes. Council asks about Sidecar from last year. Daugherty comments still very interested in Sidecar – employees are getting more familiar with it, would like to pursue, but feels could not pass up the Paramount offer. Daugherty comments there is a little more work to do on the Sidecar. Mayor comments it was a 50-50 employee split on their comfortability with sidecar. Riggensbach confirming if Council would have to act today as an emergency.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve staying with Paramount Health Insurance for a 6% increase, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Heban confirms no resolution necessary, this motion is all that is needed to act upon.

Daugherty asks for second Council meeting in April to be the Finance Committee meeting at 6pm prior to the Council meeting. Asks if there are any requests to let him know and he will prepare.

Request Authorization for Legislation Adopting and Establishing a Cybersecurity & Information Security Policy Manual for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio

Daugherty shares the policy has now been through legal and is written up and ready to be passed through legislation.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to authorize legislation for Adopting and Establishing a Cybersecurity & Information Security Policy Manual for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio. 6 ayes

Request Authorization for Legislation Ratifying the Continuation of a Certain Lease Agreement with Brian S. Carroll, LLC, d/b/a General's Ice Cream Shop, and Adopting an Agreement to Sublease for the Continued Operation of a Seasonal Ice Cream Sales Facility Upon Certain Premises Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio

Motion by Councilman Riggensbach, seconded by Councilman Bublick to authorize legislation for Ratifying the Continuation of a Certain Lease Agreement with Brian S. Carroll, LLC, d/b/a General's Ice Cream Shop, and Adopting an Agreement to Sublease for

the Continued Operation of a Seasonal Ice Cream Sales Facility Upon Certain Premises Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio. 6 ayes

Operations Report Summary

Hartbarger shares an update on all zoning now being done in house; says this has been going well.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

Mayor Bingham asks Solicitor Heban for any items to report.

Heban comments that now would be time to authorize legislation on the requested zoning change as we are through the public hearings. He believes this would go three readings and can prepare for the first reading to be next council meeting. He states this is not to approve or deny the request, this is to put the request on the agenda for legislation.

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Fine to authorize legislation for zoning map amendment submitted by Charlie Grass, Artisan Craft Built Homes, LLC, developer, for the property located at 11320 Archbold Whitehouse, Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio (Parcel 98-02468). 6 ayes

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Hill shares update on Cemetery Road resurfacing, bid opening is tomorrow, hopefully will have recommendation for upcoming Committee of the Whole. He shares that Arbor Day festivities are planned for April 29th at 1pm in Village Park. Rain date May 4th at 1pm. Bulk drop off coming up end of month March 27th and 28th.

Chief Francis shares that on the sheet presented in the packet shows the fire department hired four part-timers and one volunteer; they have since updated that to five part-timers and two volunteers. Q4 2025 implemented a minimum for hours to be worked by part-timers.

Chief Baer shares they are still recruiting for Citizen Police Academy if minimum threshold not met will not hold this year. Annual report is 95% done. Preparing for busy season, a lot of special events are coming up.

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 03-2026:** Adopting and Establishing a Cybersecurity & Information Security Policy Manual for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve **Ordinance 3-2026** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman Bublick to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Ordinance 3-2026** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve **Ordinance 3-2026** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilman Yunker, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adopt **Ordinance 03-2026: Adopting and Establishing a Cybersecurity & Information Security Policy Manual for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio**. 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 06-2026:** Ratifying the Continuation of a Certain Lease Agreement with Brian S. Carroll, LLC, d/b/a General's Ice Cream Shop, and Adopting an Agreement to Sublease for the Continued Operation of a Seasonal Ice Cream Sales Facility Upon Certain Premises Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve **Resolution 6-2026** to be read by title only, as an emergency. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilman Bublick, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to approve to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading of **Resolution 6-2026** by title only. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve **Resolution 6-2026** by title only, declaring an emergency. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to adopt **Resolution 06-2026: Ratifying the Continuation of a Certain Lease Agreement with Brian S. Carroll, LLC, d/b/a General's Ice Cream Shop, and Adopting an Agreement to Sublease for the Continued Operation of a Seasonal Ice Cream Sales Facility Upon Certain Premises Owned by the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio**. Third reading vote by name. 6 Ayes

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Fine asks about executive session on pending litigation. Heban confirms this will be after council comments and citizen comments.

Yunker shares a reminder that he will not be here for committee of the whole next week.

Fine asks about last year's discussion on sidewalks – what needs to be done to review. Heban shares this would be an amendment to the zoning code. Fine asks to squeeze in for next weeks committee of the whole meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine at 7:23pm to enter into an executive session pertaining to ORC121.22(G)(3) conference with attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action. 6 Ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy at 7:51pm to reconvene the Council meeting. 6 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. 6 ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor

COUNCIL BILLS

3/13/2026

VENDOR	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
Amazon	Fire	\$51.98	\$51.98	Supplies
Bound Tree	Fire	\$1,039.78	\$1,039.78	EMS Supplies
Bubba's Towing and Fleet	Fire	\$1,293.10	\$1,293.10	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance
Buckeye State Pipe & Supply	Water	\$15,258.72	\$15,258.72	Meters
Fisher Auto Parts	Water	\$11.10		Supplies
Fisher Auto Parts	Police	\$52.76	\$63.86	Supplies
Galls	Police	\$247.54	\$247.54	Uniform
General Pro Hardware	Maintenance	\$91.45		Hardware
General Pro Hardware	Parks	\$44.51		Hardware
General Pro Hardware	Sewer	\$10.99		Hardware
General Pro Hardware	Streets	\$20.91		Hardware
General Pro Hardware	Water	\$14.99	\$182.85	Uniform Service
IAPE	Police	\$425.00	\$425.00	Training
Kissflow	Administration	\$178.00	\$178.00	Software
Liberty Washington Township Fire	Fire	\$150.00	\$150.00	Training
MASI	Water	\$107.85	\$107.85	Water Sample Analysis
Morton Salt	Streets	\$1,220.29	\$1,220.29	Road Salt
NOVO Solutions	Maintenance	\$1,874.00		Annual Software
NOVO Solutions	Parks	\$1,874.00		Annual Software
NOVO Solutions	Sewer	\$1,874.00		Annual Software
NOVO Solutions	Streets	\$1,874.00		Annual Software
NOVO Solutions	Water	\$1,874.00	\$9,370.00	Annual Software
Ohio Compost & Recycling LLC	Water	\$30.00		Asphalt Disposal
Ohio Compost & Recycling LLC	Sanitation	\$1,093.75	\$1,123.75	Quarterly Contract
Ohio Gas Company	Sewer	\$27.97	\$27.97	Natural Gas Charges
OHM Advisors	Capital Projects	\$4,291.40	\$4,291.40	Cemetery Rd Resurfacing
Penn Care	Fire	\$543.12	\$543.12	EMS Supplies
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	Water	\$35.00	\$35.00	Annual Charge
Risk Strategies	Administration	\$142.00		Benefit Software
Risk Strategies	Administration	\$406.64	\$548.64	1094/1095 Mailing
Shelly Materials	Water	\$1,097.55	\$1,097.55	Cold Mix
Stafford Building Products	Fire	\$157.00	\$157.00	Door Repair

VENDOR	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
T & J Excavating & Tree Clearing	Streets	\$150.00	\$150.00	Top Soil
Teleflex	Fire	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00	EMS Supplies
Toledo Department of Public Utilities	Water	\$100.00	\$100.00	Water Sample Analysis
Treasurer State of Ohio	Police	\$644.00	\$644.00	Monthly WebChecks
US Bank	Police	\$155.47		Copier Charges
US Bank	Fire	\$152.68		Copier Charges
US Bank	Maintenance	\$229.20	\$537.35	Copier Charges
Verizon Wireless	Police	\$280.77	\$280.77	Cell Phones & Data
		\$40,155.52	\$40,155.52	

Whitehouse Tree Commission meeting Feb. 26, 2026

Present: Elliot Tramer, Chris Manzey, Laurie Mauro, Angie Boudouris, James Forrest, Steve Fine and guest Rick Hathaway

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:25. Elliot introduced guest Rick Hathaway
- II. Minutes from Jan. 29, 2026, were discussed. Diane moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Angie, approved by all present.
- III. Announcements
 - A. Our 2025 Growth Award and 2026 Tree City USA Renewal
Out of 48 municipalities that participate in Tree City USA in our area, only 10 received growth awards and we were one.
 - B. Arbor Day with the 3rd graders from Whitehouse elementary will be held on Wed., April 29th with Monday May 4th as a rain day.
 - C. Updates to Village Facebook and Website. After Elliot reviewed these, the following changes were made, Michelle Tippie's name was removed as she is no longer a member of the committee, Steve Fine's name was added as the Village Council representative, the name Master Plan was changed to Street Tree Planting Design. The meeting time was changed from 7 to 7:30 pm.
 - D. The new Whitehouse Tree Commission table cover was viewed.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Tree Inventory: 9 storm damaged Callery pear trees in Village Meadows were removed after being deemed hazardous. Tree planting may begin next week, depending on weather.
 - B. Forms & Docs: The November 14, 2025 Tree Risk Inventory of the Village Park was distributed. James will follow up on having it downloaded to the Village Website.
 - C. Select trees for Arbor Day planting. Based on availability from Woody Warehouse 3 of the following trees will be planted, Shellbark Hickory, Catalpa, American Elm (Princeton cultivar) and Swamp White Oak. There was discussion on the location of the plantings. There is a need for the Village to come up with a long-term plan for the park as trees are a long-term installation and should not be planted where they will be in the way of future installations in the park (i.e. Playgrounds...) Elliot will write a letter to Jordan, Josh, and Mike with a cc to Steve regarding this issue.
 - D. Date and Plans for spring mosquito seminar by Paul Bauman. Elliot has reserved the Village Council Chambers for the presentation on April 22 at 7 pm. Elliot will inquire about technology needs and handouts.
 - E. Process for inviting new Tree Commission members. Jordan will be handling this. Rich Hathaway has expressed an interest in joining the Commission. Laurie mentioned that Matt Brown may be interested in joining the Tree Commission. James will speak with him.

- F. Tree Commission shirts, safety vests. James will ask Jordan if the Village will cover the cost of the vests as these will stay with the Village when members go off the Committee. Chris took a list of the committee members' sizes for ordering the shirts.
 - G. Annual Report Ideas. Laurie shared a list of topics she felt should be in an annual report. Discussions concerned where and how to obtain the information needed. The growth award application was discussed as one source of information. The percent canopy cover could possibly be obtained on iTree. Laurie will investigate finding the data and coming up with graphics which show the information in an easily understood fashion.
- V. New Business
- A. Bee City USA. Chris shared information on becoming a Bee City. There is a lot of information available from the Xerces Society. Becoming a Bee City will let us be a role model for the community and lead to reduced costs by doing less mowing. James will bring the idea to Jordan, Josh and Mike.
 - B. Orientation packet for new Tree Commission Members. Laurie let us know what she has been working on. It will take a while to complete this (maybe up to a year).
 - C. Tree City USA Award Banquet Planning. The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge in Maumee on May 13. Committee members attending include Chris, Elliot, James, Mike, Angie, Laurie and Diane
- VI. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter. No items were discussed.
- VII. Adjourned at 9:10 pm. Moved by Diane, seconded by Angie

Respectfully submitted by Diane DeYonker

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

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm 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 and Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present: Jeff Heany

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilman Bublick to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 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

Review Proposal for Maintenance Building Roof

Hill comments that the memos were shared with the bids/proposals in the meeting packet. The quality of the material being used is different in all which drives the different price. Hill likes the proposal from Vodika because of the offerings they have provided. He shares that the Village has used Vodika before. Artiaga asked what the budget amount was; Hill says \$47k. Bublick asks for timeline; Hill not sure when it would start, possibly mid-summer.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to accept the maintenance building roof proposal from Vodika. 5 ayes

Discuss Conditions for No-Bid Contracts

Daugherty reviews the current process for state bidding. There are exceptions for Council being able to waive. Wants to make sure all understand the area between purchase order and bidding. Do we want parameters on things that go to Committee of the Whole or straight to legislation. Often with proposals they are projects that are already budgeted, the roof just approved for example. Purchases that have been approved with the budget – sometimes the process extends too long with Committee of the Whole then going to Council, etc. From a policy standpoint, Council still approves the specific line-item budget and also approves the payment when made. Daugherty is asking Council's wish to take things to Committee of the Whole if already budgeted, can things be passed with an emergency, etc.

Riggenbach comments on appropriations from fall, does not remember specific discussion on roof for example, feels it is helpful for the memo if items were forgotten that were previously discussed. Understands the request, since already approved for spending of the money. Riggenbach

comments for things like this where the item is already approved through the budget process, would it be good to have a baseline for passing as an emergency, would Council be OK with that. Tuohy comments do we need to take into consideration if the cost of the item surpasses the budgeted amount – does that go as an emergency. Daugherty comments if the Committee prefers, the memo can still be provided with the line-item budget detail and actual spend detail. Council does like the memo. Riggerbach says if already approved in budget as actual detailed line item does the Committee still need to go through and approve again – Bublick says if it has not changed probably not. Daugherty comments in the middle band of the spending process, it must pass as a resolution – staff always gives memo of what is being recommended and what was budgeted. Riggerbach confirms if it goes to resolution because of the \$31k spend limit; Daugherty confirms yes. Riggerbach comments if it is already approved as line item should be comfortable to be passed as an emergency to accommodate timelines. In the roof scenario bring directly to Council and present it as an emergency. Daugherty confirms if it hasn't been appropriated in line item detail it should be an automatic Committee of the Whole discussion, or if it was budgeted but bid comes in above the approved budget amount it should come to the Committee. Riggerbach suggests a range within the line-item budgeted amount – 10% to 15% of the budget should still go straight to Council.

Fine paraphrases the Committee's decision. If the purchase or project is not in the line-item budget it should come to Committee of the Whole, then recommend to Council. If the purchase or project is in the budget line-item, and the amount is equal to the approved budget or less or within 15% of the budget bring directly to Council as an emergency with the memo.

Motion by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman Riggerbach to update the conditions for no-bid contracts as follows: If the purchase or project is not in the line-item budget it should come to Committee of the Whole, then recommend to Council. If the purchase or project is in the budget line-item, and the amount is equal to the approved budget or less or within 15% of the budget bring directly to council as an emergency with the memo. 5 ayes

Preliminary Discussion Regarding All-Inclusive Playground

Hill shares this topic has been brought up by past Councils; he brought it up a few meetings ago. Suggesting that we add some all-inclusive items to the playground. Would like to do some updates to the playground, it is getting aged, even consider moving it to the larger grassy area closer to the ball diamonds. Fine asks the reasons to move there, Hill feels the front of the park should be more greenspace, park setting. Daugherty comments staff did a parks master plan – the new area is poised for more programming with more trees, etc. Artiaga asked about the space moving and how much it is used by Cherry Fest, will that disrupt at all. Riggerbach comments it puts this playground much closer to the pond; this is a concern with the body of water having no fence around it. Hill comments the current area is not really an all-inclusive surface – could look at putting a fence around the playground. Daugherty asks does the idea of transitioning the playground sounds OK to all, all agree it does. He comments that staff will come with some proposals. Have been in contact with tree commission to review as well. Bublick comments closer to the Cherry Fest building might be better. Hartbarger comments on the idea of disrupting Cherry Fest – he says there is a good established relationship with the planning committee now and it is all in the communication, letting them know the possible plans. He feels it is not a concern. Bublick asks next steps – Hill comments to start looking at costs. Daugherty comments if Council OK, will move forward with overall transition plan that includes the all-inclusive pieces. Daugherty comments City of Bryan has a great example – this was private donor lead. Hill suggests others have tried to get as much grant money as they can, donations from local healthcare companies. Fine shares the Tree Commission would like to be in the loop on planning so there aren't trees that are planted that eventually have to be torn up. Daugherty comments staff will move forward with proposed ideas.

Resident Survey

Fine shares the final draft of the survey. Asks if anyone has comments or questions. Riggensbach comments he went through the packet and nothing to add or subtract. Artiaga same, no questions. Tuohy and Bublick comfortable as well. Fine will work with staff to get ready to send out.

Preliminary Discussion Regarding a Village Newsletter

Fine comments that the survey two years ago asked about communication methods. Village newsletter was brought up. Comments on timing; could be quarterly to start. Does the committee feel like it would be worthwhile to start up? Artiaga asks if this would be mailed, online, etc. Tuohy comments on the website and app and feels like this is the newsletter. Since the last survey, the app is up and running but wasn't before the survey. Tuohy comments on Whitehouse discussion groups and how they are being well used to spread the word on village updates as well. Bublick comments he feels we are doing adequate communication right now. Fine comments on longer term piece might be missing – not an event coming up but maybe sharing things about plans i.e. park plan. Artiaga suggests adding a tab to the app that shares topics that are being discussed. Bublick concern with this is a lot of questions coming in before any actual plans are being made. Fine confirms not a lot of interest in an actual newsletter now which is OK. Hartbarger says this has been a point of discussion as well internally – try to evaluate same things being talked about, what is being communicated, what's the best way to share it, etc. Could very easily come up with a plan if there is any want for the newsletter. Daugherty comments not just the fact of getting information, people can get the info if they want it – but the why is more important. Such as why we are considering transitioning the park area. Thinking of a bi-weekly very short video/audio of the why's – why does legislation take so long, etc. could be more summarized things. Fun ideas to get the public to understand what is going on and why. Fine confirms, Administration will come with ideas regarding a newsletter and in lieu of one – all willing to hear ideas.

Discussion on Potential Sidewalk Ordinance

Fine shares this was talked about last year. At that point Council was feeling that it should be a default that all new builds have sidewalks, but Council can waive as they see fit. Asks if Council is still interested in this topic. Artiaga comments interested in moving this ordinance forward. Riggensbach comments should be the default, Bublick agrees, Artiaga agrees. Fine confirms commercial and residential, both sides of the street for default. Daugherty comments now is the time to consider multi-use path – i.e. along Weckerly Road do you want sidewalks there or do you want multi-use path. Could be a consideration in the future. Tuohy confirms wording could be said in lieu of sidewalk can extend multiuse path in a certain area. Fine asks if this is something the Planning Commission should be expected to review if it should be a sidewalk or multi-use path. Artiaga asks about parts of town where there are no sidewalks – is there any interest in adding sidewalks to some of these neighborhoods. Daugherty comments that previously Steve Pilcher and he worked on a sidewalk master plan, there have been some things updated with as much in-house work as possible. Artiaga asks any plans to go through the town and see if sidewalks need to be updated/replaced – Hill and Daugherty confirm this is done as staff sees issues that need to be fixed. Daugherty suggests appropriating an amount every year to use for adding or updating sidewalks.

Riggensbach confirms which of the three sidewalk related topics should be decided on tonight to send to Council. All suggest the first topic, making sidewalks mandatory as a default for new developments. The second topic of including multi-use path language where applicable is liked as well. Riggensbach likes the budgeted idea every year for sidewalk additions and updates, suggests starting with proximity to school. Fine suggests reviewing the sidewalk master plan as a first step.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Bublick to recommend to Council an ordinance be created to require sidewalks as a default including multiuse path updates. 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. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING CHANGE
FOR CERTAIN PROERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE
VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE**

WHEREAS, an application has been made to change the zoning classification for the real estate located at 11320 Archbold-Whitehouse Road, Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, Parcel 98-02468, (the “property”); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Whitehouse Planning Commission has reviewed the Zoning Change request for the property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Change; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommend that the Zoning Change be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Whitehouse has also held a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Change; and

WHEREAS, Council has carefully considered and vetted the proposed change.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The recommendation of the Planning Commission recommending the Zoning Change of the property to R-2, Single Family Residential is hereby accepted.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Village of Whitehouse and the State of Ohio.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

FINAL VOTE ON THE MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE: _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Solicitor

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE SHOP BUILDING ROOF REPAIR TO VODIKA
ROOFING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Council has determined that a project is necessary within the Village of Whitehouse, namely the Public Service Shop Building Roof Repair; and

WHEREAS, The Whitehouse Municipal Code allows for the waiving of competitive bidding if Council determines it is in the best interests of the Village; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the Village and its inhabitants to waive competitive bidding is awarding this contract due to the nature of the work and the timing; and

WHEREAS, Quotes were solicited for this contract from reputable contractors for the award of the contract and the contractor providing the lowest and most responsible and best quote after complete review by the Village was Vodika Roofing

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: That the Council hereby waives any irregularities and authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into a contract for the Project with Vodika Roofing, subject to review and approval of the contract by the Village Solicitor, at a cost not to exceed Forty Seven Thousand, Thirty-Five Dollars (\$47,035.00) which sum is hereby appropriated from such fund as designated and determined by the Administrator of the Village of Whitehouse.

Section 2: Council hereby finds it is in the best interests of the Village to dispense with competitive bidding in accordance with the Whitehouse Municipal Code, and therefore approves this contract without competitive bidding due to the nature of this project.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted at open meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with legal requirements as set forth by Village Charter.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an Emergency Measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety; and for the further reason that this resolution is deemed necessary to allow for the timely commencement and conclusion of the Project.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

VOTE ON EMERGENCY MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

FINAL VOTE ON THE MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE: _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Solicitor



WHITEHOUSE · OHIO

Mike Hill
Public Service Director

MAYOR
RICHARD BINGHAM

COUNCIL
LOUANN ARTIAGA
JOSEPH BUBLICK
STEVE FINE
DAVE RIGGENBACH
CARRIE TUOHY
LARRY YUNKER

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE HILL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

SUBJECT: 2026 CEMETERY RD. RESURFACING

DATE: MARCH 12, 2026

The following bids were received on March 4, 2026, for the resurfacing of Cemetery Rd. from Weckerly Rd. to the Wabash Cannonball Trail.

The 2026 appropriated amount for this project is \$300,00.00.

The engineers estimate for the project is \$250,000.

1. Bowers Asphalt & Paving \$207,303.00
2. The Shelly Company \$215,890.00
3. Gerken Paving, Inc. \$222,979.50
4. Geddis Paving & Excavating \$219,057.00
5. Helms & Sons Excavating \$224,459.00
6. Henry W. Bergman, Inc. \$223,115.00

OHM Advisors, our engineering firm for this project, have reviewed the bids and Bowers Asphalt & Paving is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

My recommendation is to award the contract to Bowers Asphalt & Paving.

Mike Hill

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CEMETERY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT TO BOWERS ASPHALT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council has determined that a construction project is necessary within the Village of Whitehouse, namely the Cemetery Road Resurfacing (hereinafter “the Project”); and

WHEREAS, Council authorized the Administration to go out for bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received and opened and the bid from Bowers Asphalt has been determined to be the lowest and most responsible and therefore the best bid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: That the Council hereby waives any irregularities and authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into a contract for the Project with Bowers Asphalt, subject to review and approval of the contract by the Village Solicitor, at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred and Seven Thousand Dollars, Three Hundred, Three Dollars (\$207,303.00), which sum is hereby appropriated from such fund as designated and determined by the Administrator of the Village of Whitehouse.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted at open meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with legal requirements as set forth by Village Charter.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an Emergency Measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety; and for the further reason that this resolution is deemed necessary to allow for the timely commencement and conclusion of the Project.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

VOTE ON EMERGENCY MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

FINAL VOTE ON THE MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE: _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FOR VILLAGE ACCOUNTING PURPOSES; FORMAL VERIFICATION OF SAID TRANSFER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Administrator, of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, that the Village administratively transfer certain funds between duly established accounts within the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, accounting system; and

WHEREAS, this Council is desirous of implementing said transfers and hereby approving same:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION I: That the Administrator of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, is hereby duly authorized and directed to complete and enter upon the accounting records of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, the following funds transfers:

AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A HERETO.

SECTION II: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions with respect to said accounting fund transfers were adopted pursuant to this Resolution in an open meeting of this Council, with full disclosure and approval herein, and the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such fund transfer action were in compliance with all legal requirements as required by Village Charter.

SECTION III: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an EMERGENCY MEASURE necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of said Village and its inhabitant, and for the further reason that this Resolution is necessary to provide orderly transfer documentation as to the accounting records of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio; in order that necessary funding for said accounts indicated herein can be completed.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

VOTE ON EMERGENCY MEASURE: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Adopted and effective March 17, 2026 as an EMERGENCY MEASURE

Mayor

ATTEST:

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Kevin A. Heban, Solicitor

EXHIBIT A
March 17, 2026
Transfers

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
General Fund (1000)	\$675,000.00	Lucas County ALS (2902)
Income Tax A (2071)	\$137,950.00	Bond Retire Fund (3101)
Income Tax A (2071)	\$65,284.60	Note Retirement (3401)
Income Tax A (2071)	\$64,331.00	Fire Debt Retire (3901)
Income Tax A (2071)	\$500.00	Village Park Imp, Streetscaping & Sign (4942)
Income Tax A (2071)	\$48,000.00	Finzel Road Imp. (4925)
Water Fund (5101)	\$53,000.00	OWDA (5721)
Sewer Fund (5201)	\$124,000.00	OWDA (5721)
Income Tax B (2073)	\$741,748.60	General Fund (1000)



**Operations Report and Status Update
March 17th , 2026**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Administration-

- BWC Drug Free Workplace

Police-

- Field Training of New Officer is nearing completion
- 2025 Annual Report is complete (preparing dissemination)
- Working on Officer/Village Wellness Center
- Preparing for the start of Special Event Season
- Completing 2025 Ohio Collaboration Certification
- Statistics (attached)

Fire-

- Annual Report (Attached)
- New DEA Rules that the FD is working through.
- Promotions
- Recognition for Tom Vincent and Rich Snyder
- Statistics (attached)

Public Service-

- Street Tree Planting completed 51 Total Trees
- One time spring Leaf Pick up Week of March 30th.
- Bulk Drop Off March 27th and 28th.

SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT

01-06-26 None

ZONING

03-17-2026

1. Permits (Total Count for 2025):

- 0 New Home
- 29 Contractor Registrations
- 1 Commercial Building
- 1 Fence Permits
- 0 Shed Permit
- 0 Non-Temporary Sign Applications
- 1 Temporary Sign
- 0 Pool Permit
- 1 Garage

- 1 Deck
 - 0 Driveway / Sidewalk
2. **Zoning Cases:** None for 2026
 3. **Zoning Report:** (Attached) 2026 Current

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

01-20-26

Special Events

1. Coffee Event – March 14th
2. Easter Event – March 21st
3. Third Grade Tour – May 2026
4. Third Grade Mock Council – May 2026
5. Cherry Fest – June 11th, 12th and 13th
6. Summer Concerts – May 21st, June 18th, and July 16th
7. Community Garage Sales – June 19th – 20th
8. Safety Town – June 22nd -26th
9. Dancing in the Park – TBD
10. Founders Day – July 2nd
11. 25th Anniversary of 911 - TBD
12. Halloween – October 31st
13. Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade – December 5th

SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENTS

02-12-26

1. Whitehouse Square Townhomes Surveying Began April 2025. Starting work late 2025 early 2026. Infrastructure began (February 2026) Water, Storm and Sanitary Sewer Installed (March 2026)

STREETS

03-17-26

1. **Finzel Road Improvements** – Resurfacing 4600’ of Finzel Road from SR64 Roundabout to Anthony Wayne Jr. High School. This is a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded project. Project cost is anticipated to be \$644,730 and grant funding is \$466,180. Project year is 2028. Scope Walk through Scheduled (10/22/25).
2. **Cemetery Rd. Improvements** - Resurfacing 3000' of Cemetery Rd. From the Wabash Trail to Weckerly Rd. OPWC funding 2026 project year. Pre Construction Meeting held on 9/23/25. Bore samples in November of 2025. Next phase going out to bid (February 2026) Bid Opening Completed (March 2026).

PARKS & RECREATION

03-17-26

1. **Park Sign & Front Park Design** – Reconstruction of Whitehouse Park sign and Landscape design for front of park along Providence St. between St. Louis and Lucas St. Working with Edge Group on Concept May 2025. Projected fall 2025 start. Work Started (10/16/2025) Grant funding applied for to finish (10/29/2025) Sign Stone work Completed (November 2025). Etched metal design done. (02/12/2026)
2. **Story Book Walk** – Installation completed March 2025. Researching ideas on new books. 4 new books purchased (January 2026)
3. **Shelter house Improvements** - Upgrade to a 4 seasons facility. Start date Fall

Projected start date Fall 2025. Furnace and AC installed (January 2026).
Ceiling and Lighting completed (March 2026)

4. **Caboose Maintenance** - Repair holes in metal and repaint exterior. Start Date 2025 Projected start date Fall 2025. Cleaned out and ready to start repairs (10/10/2025)

WATER

02-12-26

1. **Elevated Storage** - A new .5MG Water Tower is currently in the design engineering phase. Design engineer is Poggemeyer Design Group. Grant awarded for construction of new .5 MG Elevated Water Storage Tower - \$1,874,138.00. Plans to OEPA for review. Bid opening-July 12th. Apparent low bidder-Maguire Iron for \$2,753,000. Awaiting award. Awarded to Maguire Iron. Anticipated to start mid-November. Start date pushed back to February. Groundbreaking occurred in February 2025. Foundation Poured (March 2025). Site work being completed for steel (April 2025). Steel work has begun (May 2025). Stages of water tower constructed painting in July (June 25, 2025). Tower erected July 15, 2025. Painting will be end of July. Project completion estimated November 2025. Painting to begin August 2025. Painting moved to September. Painting began 9/30/2025. Painting Completed (10/14/2025) Mixer and Sprayer installed. Cathodic Protection installed. December 7 projected substantial completion date (10/29/2025). Waiting on SCADA to be installed estimated completion March 2026. (2/12/2026)

WASTE WATER

08-01-25

1. **Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main** –Working with Jones & Henry Engineering on the installation of a sanitary sewer trunk main to be constructed to replace current force mains and sewage pumping stations which are nearing the end of their useful life and needing replaced. Wrapping up plans to submit to OEPA. Easement acquisitions underway. Awarded to Mark Shaffer's Excavating & Trucking for \$2,486,185.00. Construction Spring 2021-Project started March 2021. Presently on hold-delay in material acquisition. Material acquired-construction has resumed. Cemetery Rd closing July 26th for 35 days. Cemetery Rd. & Wabash Cannonball Trail are open. Currently constructing final connections at Logan and Field Ave. All underground construction completed. Earth work & pavement restoration is underway. Final clean up completed. Awaiting project closeout.
2. **Sanitary Sewer Collection System Evaluation** – Contacted with Jones & Henry to review sanitary sewer inspection data and make recommendation for future maintenance efforts. Recommendation to perform cast in place sectional liners and rehab manholes. Estimated project cost \$1,050,456.00. Council approved project for Water Pollution Control Fund nomination. Jones & Henry to make application – Fall 2024. Announced as an intended project for funding through Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for 2026.
3. **Force Main Hydrogen Sulfide Mitigation** – Working with OHM on testing for solutions. Oxygenation system is not a recommended option we do not have enough flow and head pressure to make it optimal (10/14/2025).

STORM SEWER

08-19-25

1. Staff working with Lucas County Engineer to move forward petition process for the maintenance of Swan Creek to include all of the Swan Creek Watershed west of I-475 in Lucas County. Petitions to be filed with Lucas County. Ditch petition hearing to begin Spring 2021. Petition Filed. First reading held 12-2-21. Approved by unanimous vote to continue with determining the need for ditch maintenance and costs. Expected to take 24 months to gather information. Lucas County Representatives will be at Whitehouse answering ditch petition questions on July 30, 2024 – 4-8 p.m. Final Hearing is August 6, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Lucas County Commissioners. Hearing postponed. Recessed to July 15, 2025. Mayor has been meeting with Lucas County and other Elected officials looking for alternative source funding. Lucas County Commissioners approved August 2025.
2. Loan Oak Ditch Cleaning – In progress. Cleaned from SR 295 to Oak Brook (May 2025)

SANITATION

10-07-25

1. Established 2025 bulk drop off/curbside dates. The drop-off dates will be January 3rd-4th & 10th-11th, March 21-22. The curbside pickup dates will be June 28th, September 27th. Total Residents served for January was 377. March Drop off 189 residents served (206 loads). Recycled 3000lbs of steel (April 2025). June Curbside 1563 homes and 69 tons of refuse. September Curbside 1607 Homes and 58.25 tons of refuse.
2. Established 2026 bulk drop off/curbside dates. Drop off dates are 1/2,1/3,1/9,1/10, 3/27,3/28. Fridays are 8:30am – 4:00pm and Saturdays are 8:00am – Noon. Curbside cleanups are 6/27 and 9/26.

MISCELLANEOUS

02-01-26

None

INCOME TAX AND JEDD/JEDZ

03-17-26 Income Tax (As of February 28, 2026)

a. Whitehouse Income Tax Collections

- i. 2026 = \$726,682.08
- ii. 2025 = \$662,197.00
- iii. Year to Date Comparison = 9.74% Increase

b. MTJEDD

Date	2nd Qtr. 2025	YTD (Disbursed in 2025)
Receipts	\$345,271.89	\$1,222,314.71
Refunds	\$35,417.76	\$90,913.02
Grants Paid	\$0.00	\$559,385.83
Subtotal	\$309,854.13	\$572,015.86
Maintenance Fund	\$30,985.42	\$57,201.59
Retainage Fund	\$3,098.55	\$5,720.17
Net Tax Revenues	\$275,770.16	\$509,094.10
MTJEDD Disbursement	\$206,827.62	\$381,820.58
Whitehouse Disbursement	\$68,942.54	\$127,273.53

c. STJEDZ

Date	4th Qtr. 2025	YTD (Disbursed in 2026)
Receipts	\$416,014.86	\$416,014.86
Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$5,980.43	\$5,980.43
Subtotal	\$410,034.43	\$410,034.43
STJEDZ Disbursement	\$307,525.82	\$307,525.82
Whitehouse Disbursement	\$102,508.61	\$102,508.61



WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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AGENCY CORE VALUES

HONESTY - INTEGRITY - RESPECT - EXCELLENCE - PROFESSIONALISM

EXHIBIT A

TO: Mayor Richard E. Bingham
Village Council

03/03/2026

Subj: February 2026 Mayors/Council Report

See Attached:

- 1) Calls by Nature of Call- Summary- 79 Total
- 2) Traffic Stop by Offense- Summary- 345Total
- 3) Incidents by Nature: 9
- 4) Adult Arrests- 1 Juvenile: 0
- 5) Traffic Citation: 18
- 6) Traffic Warnings: 27
- 7) Traffic Crashes: 3

We are still in the process of creating summary reports in our new Record Management System.

Respectfully,

Allan D. Baer
Chief of Police

*THE MISSION OF THE WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE
IN OUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SUPERIOR POLICE SERVICES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIZENS,
TO PREVENT CRIME AND TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.*



Whitehouse Police Department

ORINUM: OH0481200

Calls by Nature of Call - Summary

Date: 03/03/2026

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Selection Criteria **Calls Received Date From: 02/01/2026 Calls Received Date To: 03/01/2026 Nature of Call: All**

Nature Code	Nature Description	Total Calls Received
60	Suspicious person	1
29B	Fire department needed	1
28	Fire	1
12	Burglary	2
C-2	Check Safety	5
C-8	Assist Outside Agency	9
C-22	House Checks	1
84	Open door	2
C-7	Meet Complainant	3
2	Property damage accident	3
C-23	Assist Citizen	9
C-4	Disorderly Conduct	2
78	Alarm drop	7
12A	Burglary in progress	2
C-33	Lost Property	1
20	Domestic complaint	2
9	Investigate complaint	1
C-16	Vehicle Unlock	2
34	Juvenile complaint	5
C-11	Unwanted	1
C-14	Found Property	2
58A	Suicide attempt	1
36	Theft	1
C-18	Overdose	1
C-12	Keep The Peace	1
82	Disabled vehicle	2
26	Fight	1
C-10	Utility Problem	1
60A	Suspicious vehicle	3
18A	Animal complaint	1
8	Assault	1
86	Traffic offense	1
C-29	Telecommunications Harassment	1

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Ticket Num	ORI Numbe	Case Numt	Court	County	Traffic War	Violation Di	Race
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Hispanic
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Caucasian - Non-Hispa
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Black or African Americ
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Caucasian - Non-Hispa
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
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TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Lucas Cour	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Caucasian - Non-Hispa
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Caucasian - Non-Hispa
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Black or African Americ
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Caucasian - Non-Hispa
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Hispanic
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### White
TRC-2026-(	OH0481200			Maumee M	Lucas	YES	##### Caucasian - Non-Hispa

CR Number	ORI Number	Crash Date
OH1-26-00	OH048120	#####
OH1-26-00	OH048120	#####
OH1-26-00	OH048120	#####

Ticket Num	ORI Numbe	Case Num	Court	County	Traffic War	Violation D	Race
13936	OH0481200			Maumee M Lucas	NO	#####	White
14230	OH0481200			Maumee M Lucas	NO	#####	White
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26-000000	OH048120	#####	Assault	2903.13A	Assault _ knowingly harm victim
26-000000	OH048120	#####	Assault	2917.11A1	Disorderly Conduct _ fighting or threatening
26-000000	OH048120	#####	Threats/Ha	2917.21	Telecommunications Harassment

Whitehouse Fire Department



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Executive Summary

I am pleased to present the 2025 Whitehouse Fire Department Annual Report. As we reflect on this past year, I am incredibly proud and humbled by the unwavering dedication and professionalism shown by every member of our department. In 2025, we reached a historic milestone, for the first time in department history, we responded to 1,093 incidents. This achievement underscores not only the increasing demand for our services, but also the exceptional commitment of our personnel. For context, our second-busiest year on record was 2022, with 951 incidents, making 2025 a clear indicator of our continued growth and expanded role in community safety.

Throughout the year, our team embodied the core values of professionalism, integrity, and compassion in every aspect of our mission. Whether responding to emergency calls, conducting fire prevention initiatives, or advancing our internal training programs, our members consistently showed an exceptional level of integrity and responsibility. Our ability to adapt to rising call volumes without compromising service quality reflects both the depth of our training and the strength of our collective dedication.

Training remained a cornerstone of our success. Through intensive drills, hands-on simulations, and expanded professional development opportunities, our personnel enhanced their readiness and sharpened their operational capabilities. The compassion of our department was clear; not only in our care for the community during times of crisis, but also in the way we supported and uplifted one another as a team.

This report highlights the accomplishments, progress, and challenges of a landmark year. It is a testament to the dedication, resilience, and professionalism of every individual who wears the Whitehouse Fire Department patch. The pride I feel in our team's performance, especially during our busiest year to date, cannot be overstated.

As we move forward, we are committed to building upon this foundation of excellence. We will continue strengthening our operational capabilities, expanding community outreach, and upholding the core values that define who we are. Thank you to every member of the department for your continued service, your commitment to each other, and your dedication to the residents we are sworn to protect.

Vision Statement

To safeguard and serve our community with professionalism, integrity, and compassion, the Whitehouse Fire Department is committed to excellence. We will continually enhance our capabilities through specialized training, innovative techniques, and strong teamwork, while fostering meaningful community connections. Our mission is to provide exceptional service and support to our residents and neighboring communities, ensuring safety and peace of mind for all.

Mission Statement

The Whitehouse Fire Department is dedicated to protecting and serving our communities with a commitment to professionalism, integrity and compassion. We will strive to fulfill this mission through specialized training with innovative techniques, devoted teamwork and community outreach, while offering quality service and support to our residents and surrounding communities.

Core Values

Professionalism – Integrity – Compassion

Personnel

Department make-up

Total Personnel - 45

Volunteer Firefighter (36 hours) - 0

Firefighter I - 2

Firefighter II - 0

Firefighter I – Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) - 1

Firefighter I / Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - 5

Firefighter I / Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) - 0

Firefighter I / Paramedic – 0

Firefighter II – Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) - 1

Firefighter II / Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - 14

Firefighter II / Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) - 4

Firefighter II / Paramedic – 18

Hired – 0 volunteer members, 4 Part-time members, and 3 full-time members.

Resigned – 2 Full-Time members, 4 Part-Time member, and 1 Volunteer member.

Retired – 1 Full-time and 1 volunteer.

Community Risk Reduction

Fire Prevention Activities

Building Inspections	201
Plans Examinations	13
Food Truck Inspections	31
Amusement Ride Inspections	16
Bounce house Inspections	8

Citizens Fire Academy

Participants in the Citizens Fire Academy	9
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Public Classes

Health Care Provider (CPR)	14
Heart Saver (CPR) (Public)	42
Stop the Bleed	16



Car Seat Inspections

Car Seat Inspections	23
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Fire Station Tours

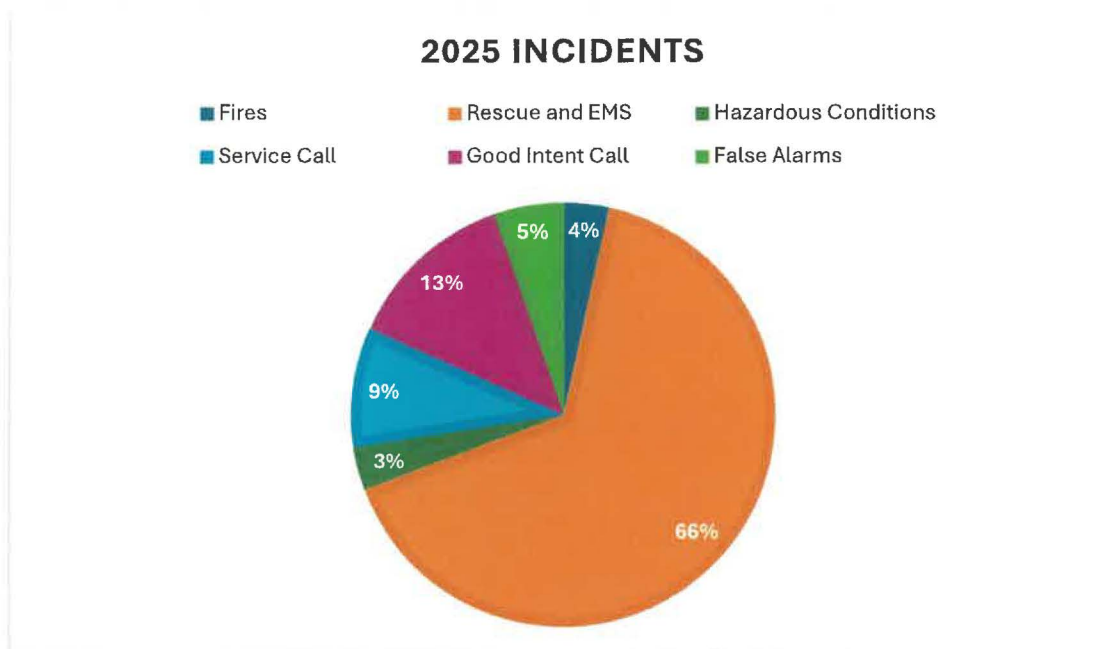
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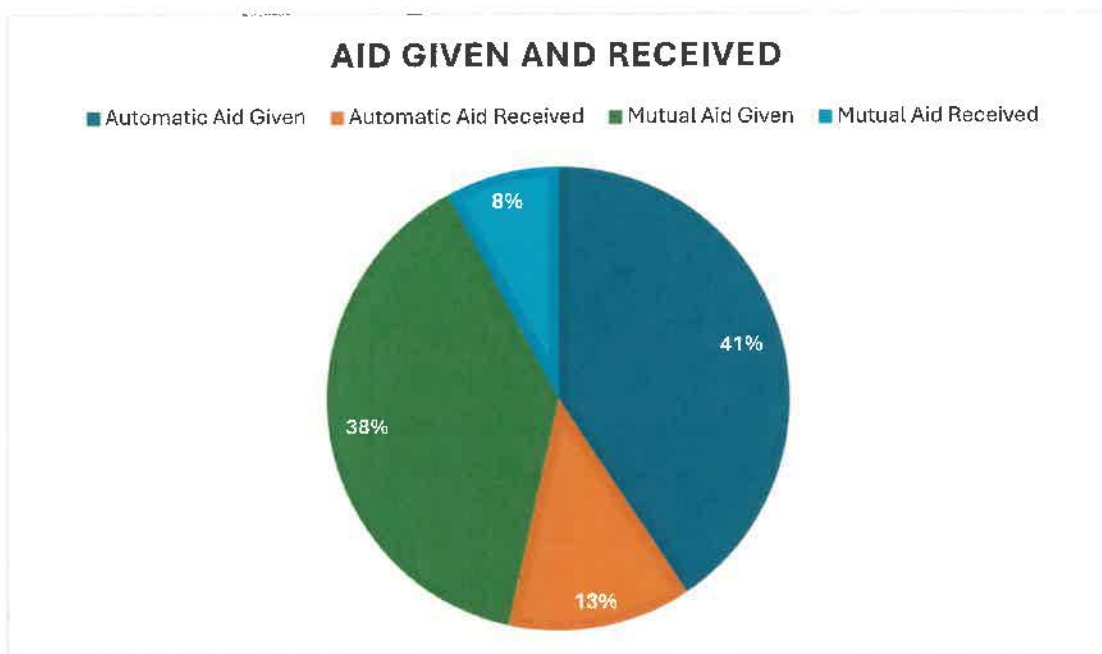
Incident Statistics

Fire	374
EMS	719

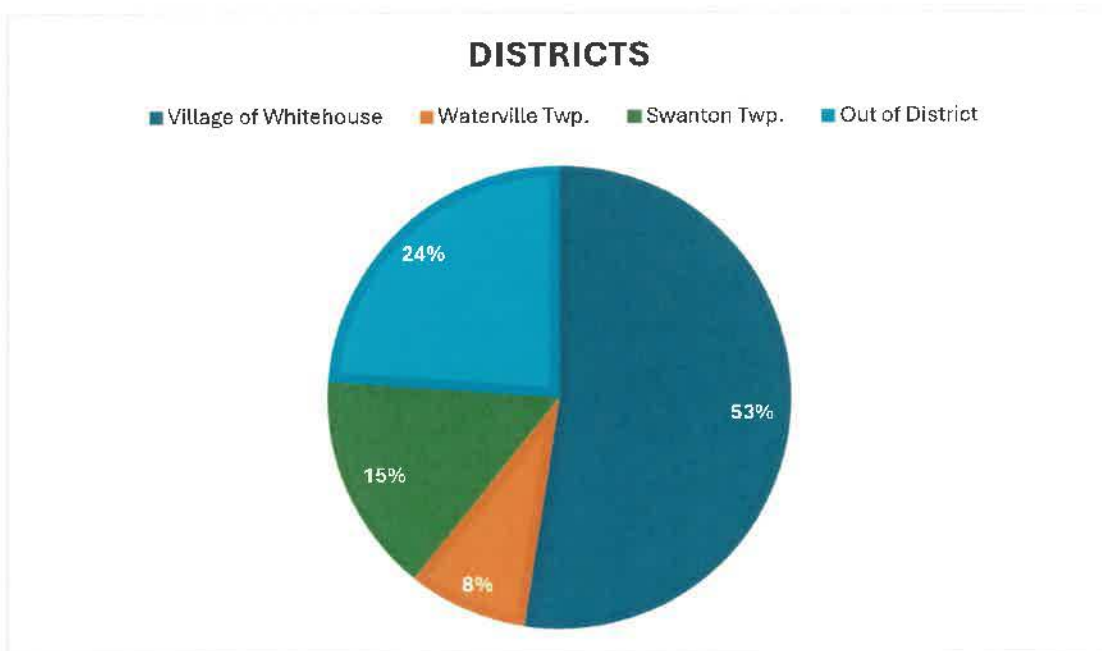
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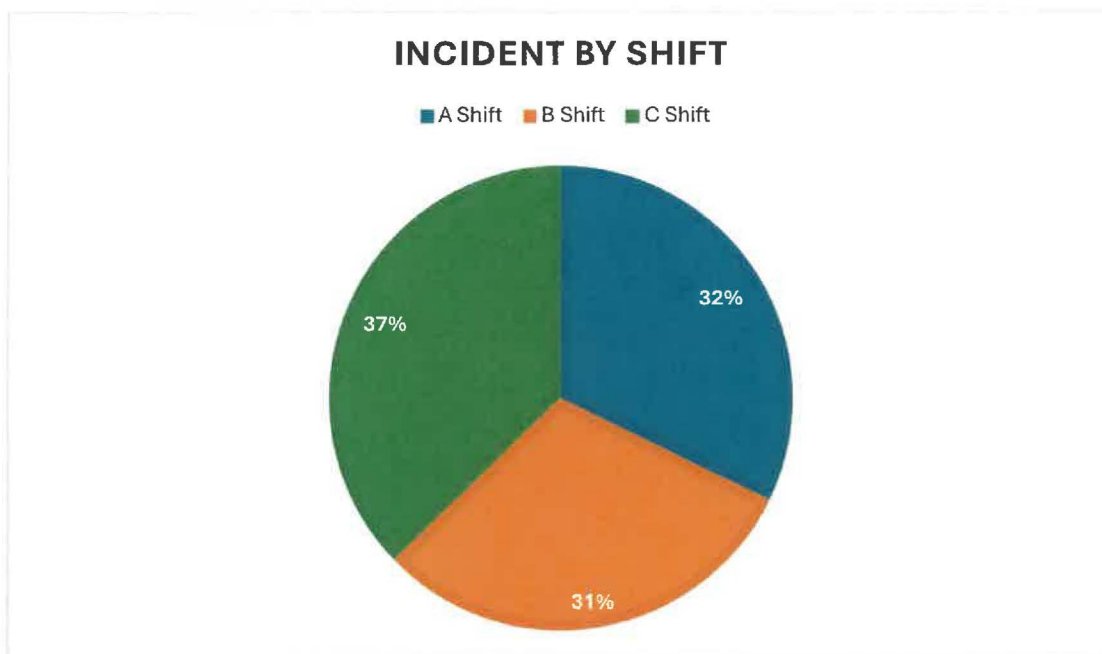
Aid Given and Received



Districts



Incident by Shift



Incident Types

Type	Incident Count
Structure Fires	11
Car Fires	6
Outdoor Fires	21
EMS Calls	719
Fire Alarms	45
Hazardous Materials	14
Injury Accidents	35

Incident by Hours of Day

00:00	20
01:00	26
02:00	17
03:00	19
04:00	16
05:00	16
06:00	35
07:00	37
08:00	36
09:00	67
10:00	60
11:00	68
12:00	70
13:00	71
14:00	67
15:00	54
16:00	81
17:00	78
18:00	48
19:00	54
20:00	46
21:00	36
22:00	37
23:00	34
Incident Total	1,093

Training

Training Type	Total Hours Offered
Fire CE	139
EMS CE	194.5
Hazardous Materials CE	16
Inspector CE	117
Instructor CE	6
Officer Development CE	12



General Activities

Running Events

Throughout the year, the fire department provided safety stand-by in numerous running events, providing support to the police department. It is always impressive to witness the seamless cooperation between our Village departments as we work together to ensure these events run smoothly.

Cherry Fest

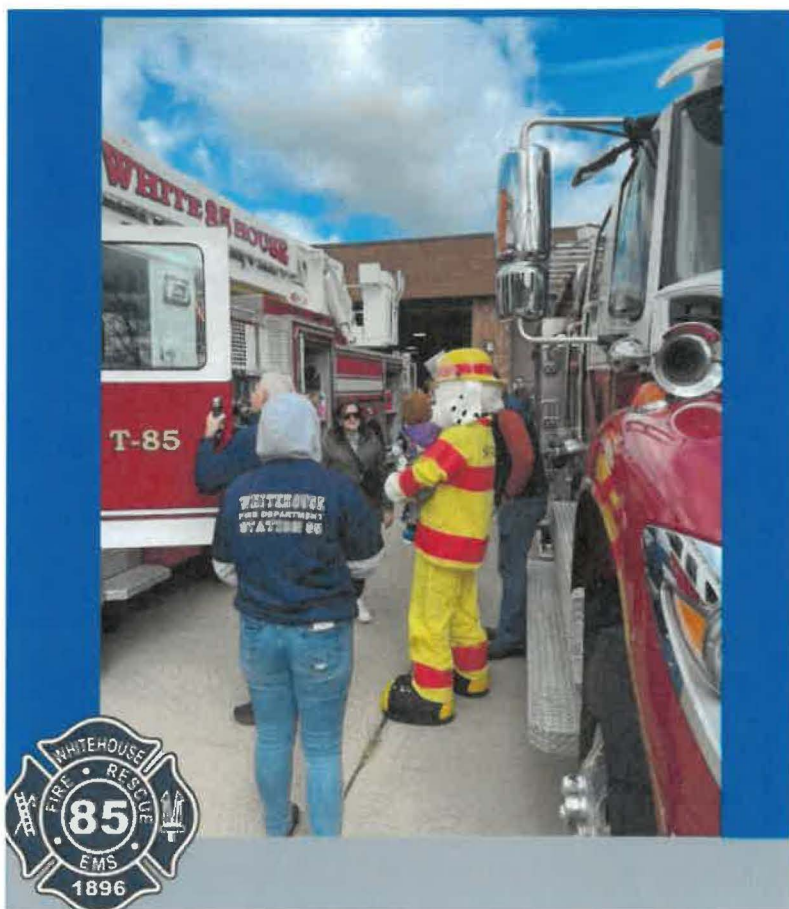
The fire department provides EMS coverage on both Friday and Saturday during the Cherry Fest. We are fortunate to have Mercy Health as an outstanding partner assist with this coverage. We will be reaching out to Mercy Health again to continue this vital partnership.

Safety Town

In June, the fire department dedicates a day to provide safety education to the children participating in Safety Town. During the event, kids learn six important safety skills. This event is always a highlight of the year, allowing us to engage with and educate the next generation on fire safety.

Founders Day

The fire department plays a crucial role in ensuring safety at Founders Day, providing fire, EMS, and fireworks coverage. It is always remarkable to see how well-attended and successful this community event is, and we take pride in supporting it every year.



Citizens Fire Academy

The Citizens Fire Academy saw strong attendance in 2025, with 9 participants. Throughout the course, attendees learned about station life, navigate through smoke-filled rooms, perform EMS skills during an cardiac arrest while in an ambulance, and search for a missing person in the park. The 2026 class promises to be even more engaging, with new interactive topics designed to further enhance participants' learning experiences.

General Education

Throughout the year, the fire department provided general education sessions to various groups, including primary school students, Scouts, middle schoolers, and high school students. These classes focused on promoting fire safety and raising awareness among our younger community members.

Accomplishments

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of the many accomplishments that have strengthened our Fire Department and advanced the high level of service we provide to the community. Our team's dedication, hard work, and commitment to public service have led to several significant achievements:

Expansion of Training and Instructional Capabilities

This year, we expanded our cadre of instructors, adding both fire and EMS instructors to better support internal training needs. With up to two certified instructors assigned to each shift, we have greatly enhanced our ability to deliver consistent, high-quality training across all operations. Additionally, several members bolstered their knowledge in fire investigation, improving our investigative capabilities and support for incident analysis.

Completion of Major Training Programs

Personnel successfully completed a range of specialized training programs, including advanced firefighting techniques, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical services (EMS) certifications. These programs ensure our members remain current with industry standards and best practices.

Increased Community Engagement

Our fire prevention and safety education initiatives reached more residents than ever before. We expanded our presence in schools, community groups, and public events, delivering impactful programs focused on fire safety, injury prevention, and emergency preparedness. These efforts continue to build trust and strengthen our connection with the community.

Successful Major Event Coverage

Our department provided comprehensive fire, EMS, and safety coverage for several major community events, including Cherry Fest, Founders Day, and the Citizens Fire Academy. The professionalism and preparedness of our crews ensured each event was conducted safely and successfully, demonstrating our readiness to support large-scale public gatherings.

Enhanced Interdepartmental Collaboration

Collaboration with regional partners, including law enforcement, and emergency management agencies. Joint training exercises enhanced coordinated response planning, while multi-agency incident operations improved communication and operational efficiency. These strengthened partnerships directly contributed to more effective, unified responses during critical incidents.

Expanded Community Fire Prevention Initiatives

Our proactive fire prevention efforts yielded measurable improvements this year. Home safety inspections, business fire safety consultations, and public education campaigns contributed to a reduction in preventable fires. By working closely with residents and local businesses, we reinforced essential safety practices and ensured compliance with fire codes.

Challenges

While we have made noteworthy progress over the past year, we recognize that our fire department continues to face several ongoing challenges. Overcoming these obstacles will require sustained effort, collaboration, and innovation. Key challenges we are actively working to address include:

Increased Call Volume

As our community grows, the demand for emergency services continues to rise. We have experienced not only an increase in overall call volume but also greater complexity in incidents and more frequent occurrences of simultaneous calls. This places added strain on personnel, equipment, and response capabilities. Maintaining high-quality service while balancing these growing demands remains a top priority and ongoing challenge.

Staffing and Recruitment

Like many departments across the country, we face continued challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel. Attracting skilled candidates and maintaining adequate staffing levels is essential to ensuring timely and effective emergency response. Sustained efforts to strengthen recruitment, support career development, and promote retention are critical for moving forward.

Training and Development

Fire and EMS practices continue to evolve rapidly, requiring ongoing training to stay aligned with current techniques, technologies, and safety standards. Balancing the need for continuous professional development with the demands of daily emergency operations presents a challenge. Ensuring our personnel have the time, resources, and support needed to maintain their skills is essential to operational readiness.

Public Awareness and Education

Although we have expanded our outreach, fully reaching all members of our community remains a challenge. Continued public education on fire prevention, home safety, and emergency preparedness is vital. Increasing engagement, particularly with vulnerable populations and harder-to-reach community members, requires sustained effort and innovative communication strategies.

Climate Change and Environmental Risks

The increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events, such as wildland fires, severe storms, and temperature-related emergencies, pose evolving risks to our community. Adapting our response strategies, equipment, and training to meet these emerging threats is essential to ensuring safety and resilience in the face of changing environmental conditions.

Despite these challenges, we remain committed to addressing them head-on and pursuing innovative solutions that strengthen our department. By working collaboratively within our organization and alongside our community partners, we will continue to advance our capabilities and uphold the highest standards of service to the residents we serve.

Emergency Preparedness

The safety and well-being of our community remain at the forefront of everything we do, and strong emergency preparedness is essential to ensure we can respond to any incident with confidence and efficiency. Over the past year, our Fire Department has made considerable progress in enhancing our preparedness across all operational areas. These improvements have ensured that we are not only ready to respond when emergencies occur, but also actively working to prevent incidents before they happen. Key highlights include:

Disaster Response Planning

We continued to refine and update our comprehensive disaster response plans to address a wide range of emergency scenarios, including natural disasters, large-scale fires, and mass-casualty incidents. These plans are routinely reviewed, exercised, and improved, allowing us to strengthen operational coordination and readiness throughout the year.

Training and Drills

Our department participated in numerous emergency preparedness exercises designed to reinforce readiness for diverse and dynamic situations. These included fire suppression training, active-shooter drills, hazardous materials (hazmat) response, and mass-casualty triage simulations. Regular, realistic training ensures our personnel maintain the skills and confidence needed to respond effectively under high-pressure conditions.

Community Emergency Preparedness Programs

We expanded our community engagement efforts by delivering a broad range of emergency preparedness education. Programs reached local schools, businesses, and residents, covering fire safety, family emergency planning, home escape routes, and emergency supply kits. Additionally, we provided CPR and first aid training to community members, empowering residents to take lifesaving actions when seconds count.

Emergency Equipment Readiness

Maintaining reliable, mission-ready equipment remains a cornerstone of our preparedness strategy. Our fire apparatus, medical units, and rescue equipment undergo regular inspections, testing, and maintenance. These efforts ensure that every tool, vehicle, and device is ready for immediate deployment when an emergency arises.

Communication and Public Information

Effective communication is vital during emergencies. We strengthened our public information capabilities by enhancing our social media presence, improving emergency alert methods, and training personnel to deliver clear, accurate information during critical incidents. Keeping the community informed helps reduce confusion and supports safer, more coordinated responses.

Mental Health Support for First Responders

Recognizing the importance of mental resilience in emergency services, we advanced our support systems for first responders. Peer support initiatives, stress-management training, and access to counseling resources were expanded to ensure our personnel are mentally prepared to perform their duties. Supporting mental health reinforces long-term readiness and operational effectiveness.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

After each emergency response, we conduct thorough reviews to examine performance, identify lessons learned, and implement improvements. These evaluations strengthen our strategies, guide future training, and ensure we continuously evolve to meet emerging challenges.

As we move into the coming year, we remain committed to advancing our emergency preparedness through ongoing training, modernized equipment, community engagement, and continued collaboration with our regional partners. These efforts ensure that we stand ready to protect and serve our community, no matter the challenge ahead.

Future Goals

In 2026, we remain committed to strengthening our Fire Department's ability to serve and protect our community. As part of our evolving mission, we are placing a renewed emphasis on community education, empowering residents with the knowledge and skills needed to prevent emergencies and respond effectively when they occur. Our goals for the upcoming year include:

Enhancing Training and Professional Development

We will continue investing in the professional growth of our personnel, ensuring all members receive the most current training in firefighting tactics, emergency medical care, leadership, and emerging technologies. Our goal is to equip our team with the tools, skills, and confidence necessary to excel in every aspect of their roles.

Improving Community Engagement and Education

As part of our updated vision, community education will become a central focus in 2026. We will expand outreach efforts to provide residents with practical fire safety instruction, prevention strategies, and emergency preparedness training. Partnerships with schools, businesses, and civic groups will continue to grow through workshops, demonstrations, and public events.

The 2025 Citizens Fire Academy was a major highlight, and we plan to build on its success, delivering an even more engaging, educational, and hands-on program in 2026.

Upgrading Equipment and Technology

As our department increasingly integrates battery-powered tools and modern equipment, we will prioritize acquiring advanced resources to enhance emergency operations. Planned upgrades include new tools, improved protective gear, and enhanced communication and incident-management technologies to support more efficient and coordinated responses.

Strengthening Collaboration with Partner Agencies

We will continue developing strong partnerships with neighboring fire and EMS departments, law enforcement, and regional emergency management agencies. In 2026, we will prioritize joint training exercises, improved response coordination, and cross-department initiatives to further enhance interoperability and service delivery.

Expanding Mental Health and Wellness Support

The well-being of our personnel remains a top priority. We will expand mental health and wellness programs by increasing access to counseling, strengthening peer support networks, and offering additional resources for stress management and resilience. Supporting our members ensures they remain healthy and prepared for the demands of the job.

Increasing Fire Prevention Efforts

Proactive fire prevention will remain a key focus. We will continue performing inspections, fire-hazard assessments, and targeted education campaigns to reduce preventable incidents. Our goal is to minimize risk within the community through early intervention, education, and consistent engagement.

Acknowledgments

The success and progress of our Fire Department over the past year would not have been possible without the dedication, collaboration, and support of many individuals and organizations. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the following:

Our Firefighters and Staff

To our highly skilled and dedicated personnel who consistently place the safety of our community above more than anything else, thank you. Your courage, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to service are the foundation of our department. Each of you plays a vital role in protecting our residents and ensuring our continued readiness.

Leadership and Administration

A heartfelt thank you to our leadership team, whose strategic vision, sound decision-making, and supportive guidance ensure that we remain prepared to meet every challenge. As we reflect on this year's accomplishments, we look forward to building on this momentum and making 2026 even stronger.

Law Enforcement and Mutual Aid Partners

Our continued partnership with local law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, and neighboring fire departments is essential to our success. Your collaboration, teamwork, and shared dedication enable us to respond effectively and cohesively during times of crisis.

Community Members

To the residents and business owners who support our department through your trust, engagement, and advocacy, we are truly grateful. Your involvement and commitment help make our community safer, stronger, and more resilient.

Mayor and Council

We extend our appreciation to the Mayor and Village Council for their ongoing support, funding, and investment in our mission. Your commitment ensures we have the resources, equipment, and staffing necessary to uphold the high standards of service our community deserves.

Conclusion

As we move into 2026, I am excited to continue advancing our commitment to excellence in every aspect of our service. The challenges and accomplishments of the past year have only strengthened our department, and we are more prepared than ever to meet the needs of our community with unwavering dedication and professionalism. We will continue investing in

training, equipment, and community education to ensure that our department remains a trusted pillar of safety and support for all those we serve.

We are deeply grateful for the continued trust and support of our residents, village leadership, and all our partner agencies. Together, we stand ready to face whatever challenges may come, knowing that the Whitehouse Fire Department remains a united, capable, and compassionate team. We look forward to building on the successes of 2025, making 2026 an even more impactful and productive year for our community.

Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to another successful year. I am proud of all that we have achieved, and with your continued commitment, the best is yet to come.

Whitehouse Fire Department



Monthly Response Report

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Total Incident February 2026 - 81

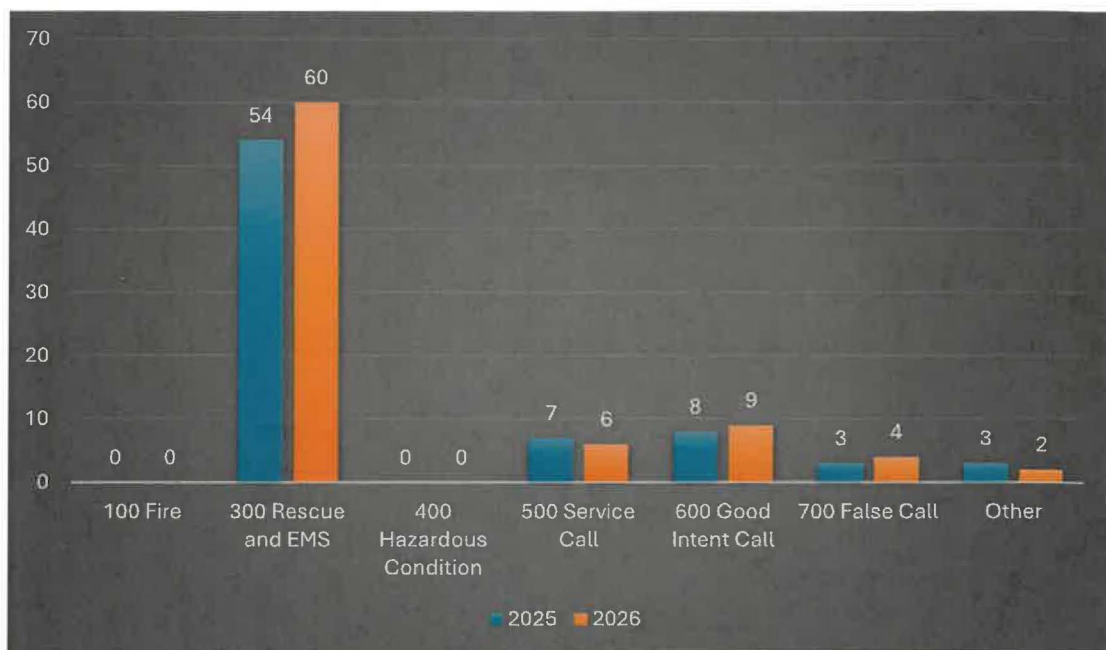
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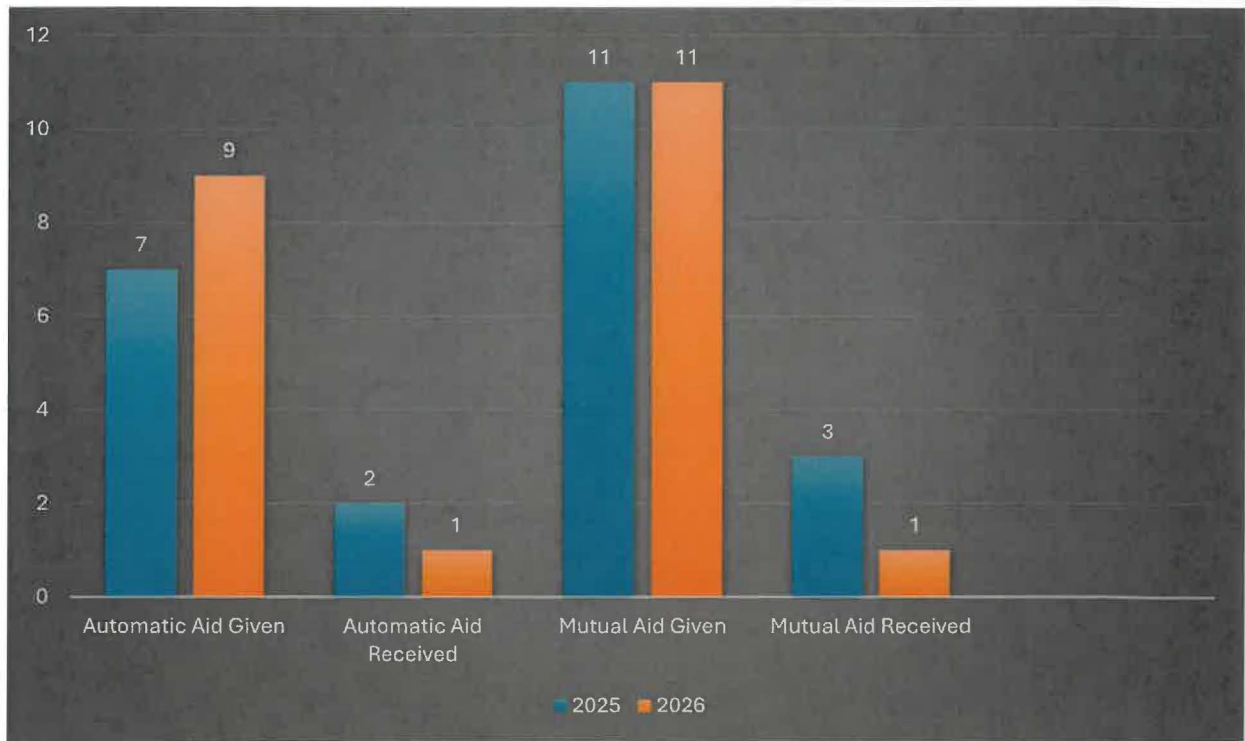
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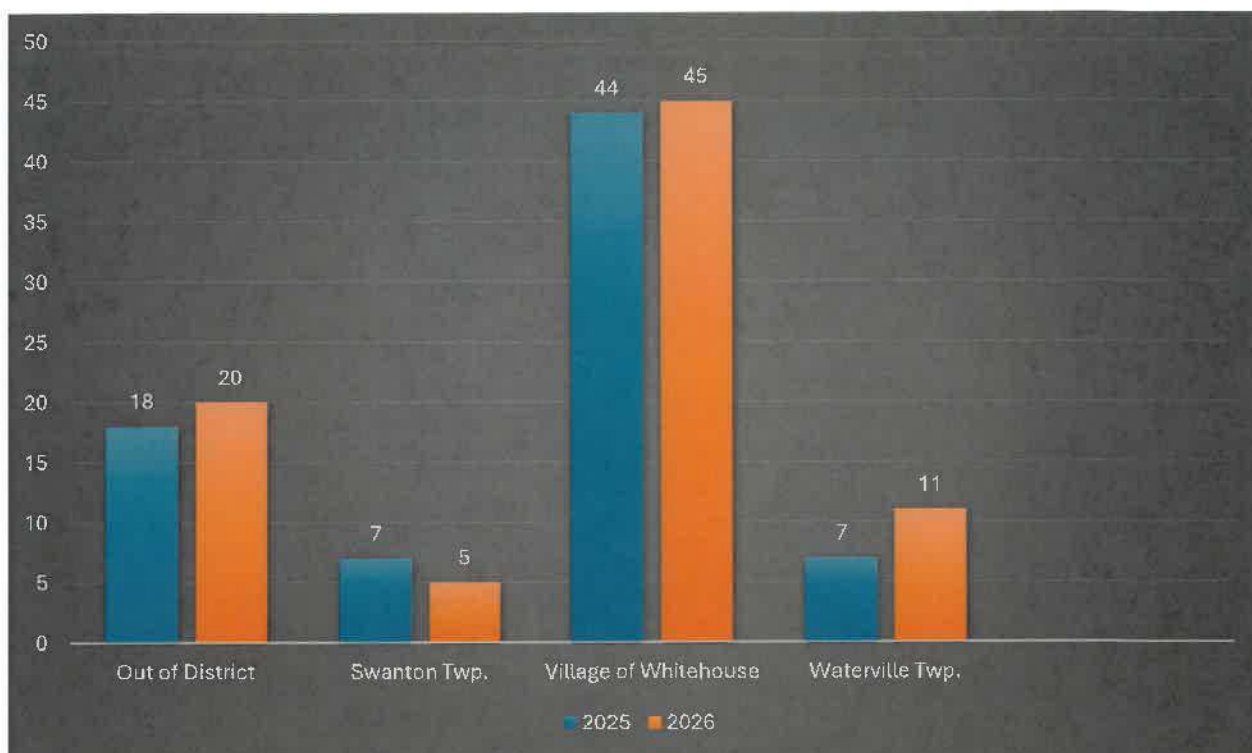
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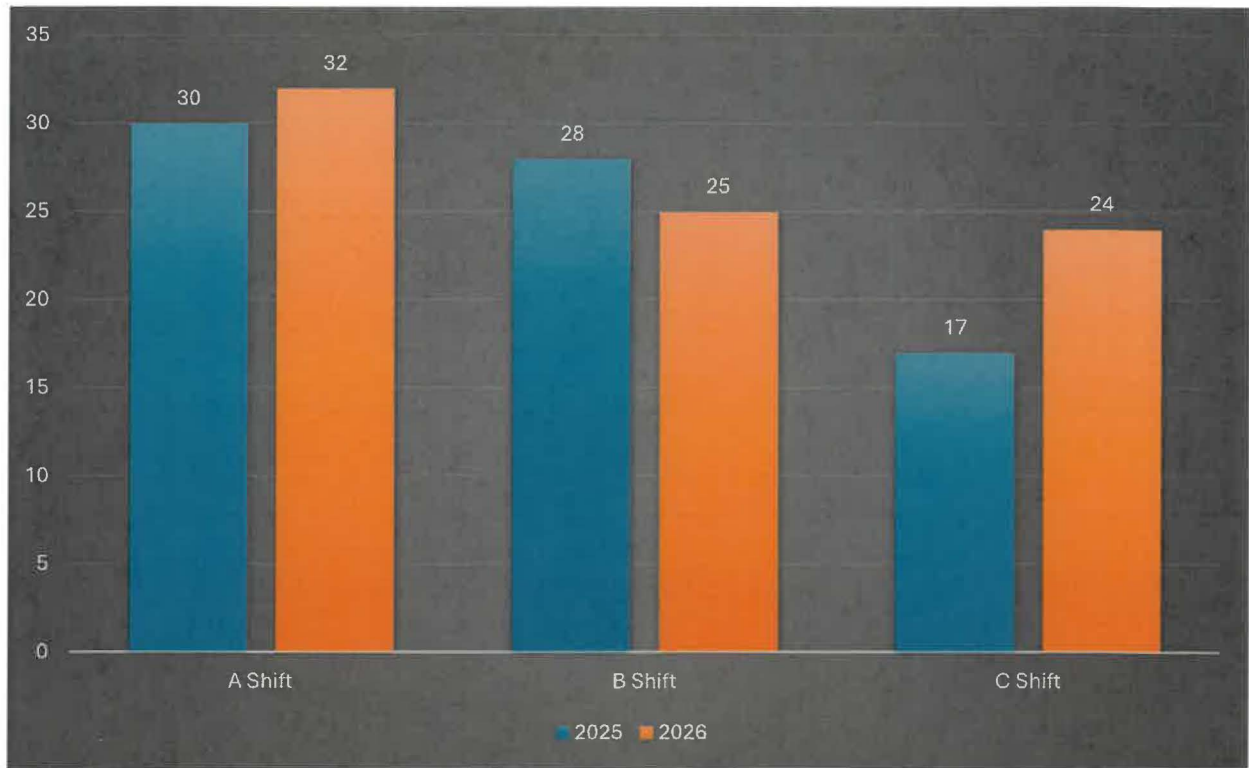
Mutual Aid



Districts



Incident by Shift



Incidents by Hour

Alarm Time	2025	2026
00:00	1	1
01:00	4	1
02:00	2	0
03:00	1	1
04:00	1	1
05:00	1	0
06:00	2	2
07:00	1	3
08:00	1	6
09:00	6	7
10:00	4	9
11:00	3	6
12:00	6	4
13:00	6	2
14:00	8	1
15:00	3	2
16:00	6	5
17:00	4	6
18:00	1	2
19:00	3	4
20:00	5	6
21:00	3	4
22:00	2	6
23:00	1	2

Notes:

Current Open Cases for Council Report

Priority	Case	Topic	Status	Date opened	Due Date	Address Num	Street
Normal	<u>25-0008</u>	Property Maintenance	Open	03/25/2025	03/19/2026	10820	WATERVILLE ST
Normal	<u>25-0034</u>	Property Maintenance	Open	08/07/2025	03/19/2026	6735	INDIANAPOLIS ST
Normal	<u>25-0043</u>	RV Parking	Open	11/14/2025	03/19/2026	6542	FIELD AVE
Normal	<u>26-0001</u>	RV Parking	Open	01/14/2026	03/19/2026	6511	EASTVIEW DR
Normal	<u>26-0003</u>	RV Parking	Open	01/14/2026	03/19/2026	6341	N TEXAS ST
Normal	<u>26-0005</u>	Abandoned Vehicles	Open	02/04/2026	03/27/2026	10720	BREXTON CT
Normal	<u>26-0006</u>	Property Maintenance	Open	03/03/2026	04/03/2026	6711	GILEAD ST