



May 15, 2026

WHITEHOUSE COUNCIL AGENDA

May 19, 2026

6:30 P.M.

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Notice is hereby given that the Whitehouse Village Council will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 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 May 5, 2026, Council Meeting
- VI. Adoption of Bills Dated May 15, 2026, the Addendum bills dated May 19, 2026, and the March 2026 Financial Statements
- VII. Introduction of Persons to Appear Before Council
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Report on the May 11, 2026 Joint Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Meeting
 - B. Report on the May 12, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- IX. Report of the Mayor
 - A. Recognition of Service to the Village of Whitehouse: Joshua Hartbarger
- X. Report of the Clerk of Council
- XI. Report of the Municipal Administrator
 - A. Operations Report Summary

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- XII. Report of the Law Director
- XIII. Report of the Department Heads
- XIV. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items
- XV. Ordinances
- XVI. Resolutions
 - A. **Resolution 09-2026:** Commending Joshua Hartbarger for Meritorious Service to the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, As a Loyal Employee.
- XVII. Council Comments
- XVIII. Citizen Comments
- XIX. Adjournment

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 Riggenbach, Carrie Touhy, Steve Fine, Joe 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, Nan Myers, David Ludwig, Brandon Elliott, Stephanie Phillips, Whitehouse Primary 3rd Grade Teachers, Whitehouse Primary Kid Mayor and Kid Council members and families

Council Prayer was given by Village Administrator Jordan Daugherty

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Bublick to approve the minutes of the April 21st, 2026, council meeting. 6 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to approve the bills totaling \$30,525.34 dated May 1st, 2026, the Addendum bills totaling \$154,815.26 dated May 5th, 2026. 6 ayes

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Recognition of Kid Mayor and Council

Mayor Bingham shares that he had a chance to meet all the students last Wednesday at the Arbor Day celebration. Mayor lets the students know that they will be deciding something very important for the Village during the Kid Mayor and Council event a week from this coming Friday. Mayor presents certificates to each of the Kid Council members and Kid Mayor. Mayor shares that all kids are invited to ride with Mayor and Council during the Cherry Fest parade.

Request for The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride on May 17, 2026

Representative for the ride shares they are looking to use the parking lot across from Local Thyme along with the Social Park area.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to approve the request for the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on May 17th, 2026. 6 ayes

Request for Whitehouse Farmers Market, Sundays June 14, 2026 - August 30, 2026

Stephanie Phillips is present from AW Area Chamber of Commerce. Looking to bring the farmers market back. Promoting local produce farmers, artisans and possibly local crafters. Starting off small this year and looking to use the blue pavilion area. Artiaga asks hours, Phillips confirms 1-4pm on Sundays. Phillips comments that all Council are invited to show up and interact with attendees.

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Fine to approve the request for the Whitehouse Farmers Market occurring Sundays from June 14th, 2026 to August 30th, 2026.

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 all trustees were present. Financial report included revenue of \$7,408.07, expenses of \$9,619.91 and current balance of \$551,568.94. This report was unanimously approved. Appropriations amendment was approved. Other items discussed include that lawn cutting for the season has begun. Tree damage due to high winds, these are being cleared. Neighbors next to Wakeman cemetery have been assisting with ditch clearing to improve drainage on the property. Purchase of Stihl tools has been put on hold for the time being. Engineers will be reviewing driveway and drainage updates to use the next section of the cemetery. Staffing and labor was discussed. Part time contractor recently resigned; discussed what to do to fill this position. Executive session was held for personnel matters. Decision was made to adjust the salary for the Sexton to \$29/hr with 10 personal days and to continue the current medical stipend of \$2,600 annually. The assistant position that was previously filled will be listed; as of today, unofficially, there is a person being decided on for this position. Contracts will be prepared for these updated staff positions including formalized pay structure with steps. The group approved the buy back of a number of cemetery lots. Next regular meeting is May 18th, 2026.

Joint district meeting is Monday, May 11th, 2026 – Daugherty will confirm the actual start time of this joint meeting.

Report on the April 16, 2026 Tree Commission Meeting

Fine shares the group reviewed the tree inventory report, little storm damage to trees up to that day. Discussion was held on Arbor Day planning and that event has since been held. Spring seminar was discussed, will be on mosquito control. Discussed idea of a parks planning commission, would like to have Tree Commission member participate on that commission if it is created. Held an executive session regarding personnel matter.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Appointment of Joe Urenovitch to the STJEDZ Board

Mayor shares that Urenovitch is a defense litigator and a great supporter of Whitehouse. Asking for Council to approve his appointment.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the appointment of Joe Urenovitch to the STJEDZ Board. 6 ayes

Mayor shares a shout out to Carrie Tuohy, had a great meeting with the Boy Scouts recently that she was a part of, they were able to get their government badge after that meeting. Arbor Day event went well, weather held off with no rain. Station day at Village Hall is this Friday starting at 1:30pm – asking for at least two council members to arrive around 1:15. Kid Mayor and Council is on May 15th starting at 2:15pm at Whitehouse Primary along with Judge Hazard and Heban. Summer concert series starts May 21st. Cherry Fest is June 11-13; Mayor confirms Hartbarger will still be able to drive Council in the parade.

Three new businesses at the Shops at Blue Creek have opened, there were a lot of attendees to the grand openings this past weekend. Thanks to Vito's for handing out free pizza to draw people in.

Mayor shares he went to a meeting last week with regional growth partnership where the Mayor of Toledo received an award from a sister city in Pakistan. Asking if Council is interested in having a sister city – learn a lot about the other culture, their business ties, etc. Tuohy asks what this would involve – Mayor shares learning more about this city, sometimes they visit from the other city to the US sister city, learn about government ties, no money involved. Artiaga likes the positive benefits that could come from this, would not hurt to check out and see what it would take to be involved; all others agree. Mayor will see if representatives of the sister city program can come to an upcoming Council meeting.

Mayor asks about updates on trash cans and trash pick-up when the wind is high. Hill shares there is not really an option to cancel due to a cancellation affecting other pick-ups the rest of the week. Residents can call the morning of and let ARS know they will not be putting their trash out in the high wind, the driver will be notified, and residents will be able to put out double the amount the next week.

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

Mayor Bingham asks Administrator Daugherty for any items that he has to share. There were none.

Operations Report Summary

Mayor Bingham asks Hartbarger for any items to report.

Hartbarger shares about the AW Senior Connection first looking for sustainable ideas to keep the group going; they were connected with Maumee senior center who supports

Whitehouse and Waterville – looking to incorporate this even more under this umbrella. Created senior farmers market nutrition program, sign up at Village Hall on May 13th, for assistance to go to the farmers markets in the area, will be able to get tickets to purchase produce, Maumee will be including in the next budget cycle.

Hartbarger shares letter written to Mayor, Daugherty and Council regarding his resignation due to the acceptance of an offer from the City of Maumee for the City Administrator position. Mayor thanks Hartbarger for his letter and time spent in Whitehouse.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

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

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Hill shares that Whitehouse was awarded a 90/10 grant through ODOT systemic safety application – total project is \$417k and the Village portion is \$42k. Hill shares they will put these new traffic safety lights at the library crossing and Whitehouse Square Blvd crossing – street lights that will flash yellow then go solid yellow and red – safety provided is well worth the \$42k cost. Council asks if the current flashing lights can be moved elsewhere, Hill confirms yes. Asking residents to give workers space to work on the crack sealing that will be going on soon. Artiaga asks about storm damage in the recent days – just one tree branch hanging on electrical wires on Maumee Street, Edison has been called to handle this.

Fire Chief Francis shares that stats will be available soon, up 13% for April 2026 runs over April 2025. Currently, at a 4-5 run average per day. CPR training was completed for scout leaders, nine participated and were certified. Other scout leader certifications were done previously this year bringing this total to 17 now for the scout leaders. Hose testing was done, thank you to Cedar Creek church for allowing the Fire Department to use their parking lot; just over 10k feet of hose was tested. Currently in the process of preplanning, safety protocols for Cherry Fest and Founders Day – this takes a few week to get solid plans in place.

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. There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Yunker thanks Hartbarger for his years of service to Whitehouse.

Artiaga shares that she will miss Hartbarger and appreciates him for his years of work in the Village. She asks about the target date for the survey to go out. Fine says that Hartbarger and he will try to get it out before June, Tuohy suggests flyers during Cherry Fest like was done in the previous survey year. Artiaga asks about forming the possible Parks Committee where they are asking for interest through the survey, Fine shares that they will get the information out asap so this can be formed around fall time if needed.

Riggenbach says his congrats to Hartbarger, very happy for him. Asking what the process will be for replacing the COO position, so all know what the expectation will be. This will be reviewed.

Tuohy shares congrats to Hartbarger, says he will do great, comments that he always has a team here behind him supporting him. Tuohy asks about emails or communication about Council goings-on, executive sessions, etc. asking if she has missed any emails or not included in something. Asking that Fine shares meetings being held with the Mayor either before or after so Council is aware if items come up from the meetings to the rest of the group.

Fine thanks Hill for the grant obtained for the new streetlights crossing SR64. Shares his congrats to Hartbarger, will miss him but very happy for him.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Bingham asks if there are any citizen comments to share.

Brandon Elliot - 2652 Stamford Drive: Elliot shares that he was recruited by a company called Falcon Forge that brought up from Atlanta to the Whitehouse area. Joined Falcon Forge, doing work in Lucas County, six areas so far. What they do, gentle AI, tame AI, show companies how to safely use AI and topics that go along with it. Go beyond the ORC 9624 requirements – compliance dashboard has been built, helps with cyber audit that will start in 2027. Brigham Twp, Swanton, Monclova, and Richfield are municipalities he has worked with so far. Would like to share his business card and would like to have a conversation with Mayor and Daugherty when possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. 6ayes

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Mayor

COUNCIL BILLS

5/15/2026

VENDOR	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
AccuShred	Administration	\$369.75		Certified Hard Drive Disposal
AccuShred	Fire	\$369.75		Certified Hard Drive Disposal
AccuShred	Maintenance	\$369.75		Certified Hard Drive Disposal
AccuShred	Police	\$369.75	\$1,479.00	Certified Hard Drive Disposal
Amazon	Administration	\$739.95		Supplies
Amazon	Parks	\$21.47	\$761.42	Supplies
Bound Tree	Fire	\$1,121.58	\$1,121.58	EMS Supplies
Dan Lawrence	Administration	\$798.88	\$798.88	Annual Website Maintenance
Designetics	Tax	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Job Creation Grant
EMS Technology Solutions	Fire	\$2,541.37	\$2,541.37	Annual Subscription
Four County Career Center	Fire	\$68.00	\$68.00	CPR Cards
Galls	Police	\$112.81	\$112.81	Uniform
General Pro Hardware	Maintenance	\$32.97		Hardware
General Pro Hardware	Parks	\$90.88		Hardware
General Pro Hardware	Streets	\$18.19	\$142.04	Hardware
Glass City Signs	Parks	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00	Sign Repair
Knox Company	Fire	\$2,372.00	\$2,372.00	Med Vault
Lucas County Fire Chiefs Assoc.	Fire	\$80.00	\$80.00	Annual Membership
Kissflow	Administration	\$165.00	\$165.00	Software
Mercy St. Vincent	Fire	\$135.64	\$135.64	Medications
Muni-Link LLC	Water	\$441.23		Utility Billing Software
Muni-Link LLC	Sewer	\$441.23	\$882.46	Utility Billing Software
Ohio Gas	Sewer	\$35.94	\$35.94	Natural Gas Charges
Penn Care	Fire	\$406.38	\$406.38	EMS Supplies
Reveille	Tax	\$3,527.88	\$3,527.88	STJEDZ
Risk Strategies	Administration	\$148.00	\$148.00	Online Benefits Software
Spencer Township	Tax	\$3,650.00	\$3,650.00	STJEDZ Township Charges
T & J Mulch	Parks	\$1,768.00	\$1,768.00	Mulch
Toledo Edison	Street Lights	\$1,329.73		Electric Charges
Toledo Edison	Streets	\$53.76	\$1,383.49	Electric Charges
Toledo Spring	Fire	\$2,009.14	\$2,009.14	Vehicle Repair
Treasurer State of Ohio	Police	\$318.00	\$318.00	Monthly WebCheck Fees

VENDOR	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
Treasurer State of Ohio	Water	\$45.00	\$45.00	Training
Triotech Corporation	Administration	\$1,791.75	\$1,791.75	Office 365 & AntiVirus
US Bank	Police	\$183.21		Copier Charges
US Bank	Fire	\$156.24		Copier Charges
US Bank	Maintenance	\$261.70	\$601.15	Copier Charges
USI Insurance Services	Tax	\$226.00	\$226.00	Public Officials Bond
Waterville Hardware	Fire	\$9.99	\$9.99	Hardware
Zoll	Fire	\$552.72	\$552.72	EMS Supplies
		\$48,753.64	\$48,753.64	

**Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District
Waterville Township, Village of Whitehouse, City of Waterville
Joint Meeting
City Council Chamber – Waterville Municipal Building – Waterville, OH
6:30pm May 11th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Waterville Mayor Timothy Pedro

Whitehouse Council Members Present: Louann Artiaga, Steve Fine, Carrie Tuohy, Larry Yunker and Mayor Bingham

Whitehouse Council Members Absent: Dave Riggensbach, Joe Bublick

Whitehouse Staff Present: Council Clerk Nicole Hartbarger

Waterville Township Trustees Present: Toby Miller and Julie Theroux

Waterville Township Trustees Absent: Jean Taylor – Fiscal Officer

City of Waterville Council Members Present: Mayor Pedro, Councilwoman Duncan, Councilman Wagner, Councilman Borowski, Councilman Frey, Councilman Jahns and Councilman Sargent

City of Waterville Council Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: Jon Gochenour, Rory Hartbarger, Tiffany Bachman

Pledge of Allegiance led by Toby Miller and Julie Theroux.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026

Mayor Pedro asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last Special Joint meeting of the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District on February 9th, 2026.

Motion made by Councilman Frey, seconded by Trustee Miller to approve the February 9th, 2026 minutes. All in favor.

ELECT CEMETERY BOARD TRUSTEE: VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE

Mayor Pedro shares that there is an opening at the end of 2026 for the Whitehouse board position on the FTUCD. Mayor Bingham nominates Larry Yunker for this position.

Motion Mayor Bingham, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to appoint Councilman Yunker to the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District board representing the Village of Whitehouse for a three-year term beginning January 1st, 2027. All in favor.

ADOPT 2027 CEMETERY APPROPRIATIONS

Tiffany Bachman shares this is like previous years appropriation calculation. Calls out repairs and maintenance of \$85k and labor of \$110k includes bump in hourly contractor wage.

Mayor Pedro shares that he did some research. There are 4,100 registered cemeteries in the State of Ohio, unsure of how many are districts. There is a movement in the state of Ohio to have Villages, Townships and Cities to work together to save on cost. He believes FTUCD was one of the first districts out there.

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Councilman Frey to adopt the 2027 Cemetery Appropriations as presented. All in favor.

SET PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE FOR 2027

Mayor Pedro shares that the recommendation is to continue the same millage from last year, .60 mills. He thanks the leadership of the board and staff for the maintenance of grounds and for being efficient in their spending. Hartbarger comments that staff has been holding costs down and working within their means. Plan to go forward in the future with same goals.

Motion by Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Trustee Theroux to set the millage 2027 Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District millage to .60 mills. All in favor.

OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Bachman shares several projects that were completed in 2025. Wakeman cemetery replaced roof and broken windows, updated building – epoxied floor, moisture barrier, updated bathroom. Whitehouse had 8ft tall privacy fence installed to park equipment overnight if needed; pump house roof cap was repaired. Rupp Cemetery chain link fence was updated. All cemeteries had new garbage cans installed, a lot of tree maintenance in all, updated signs in all.

Hartbarger shares that last month received resignation of Troy Dewitt, a new assistant has been hired; he is a retired Air Force veteran. Duncan confirms the new assistant is full-time, Hartbarger says yes. Hartbarger shares that the assistant came along after Dewitt was gone for a week. The new assistant was looking for a break from roles he was currently in, he is extremely qualified for the position, enjoys the outdoors and the tasks that are required. Hartbarger shares that all other contractors are continuing well, with mowing, tree maintenance, etc. Hartbarger mentions the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and he was able to speak to them regarding Wakeman cemetery and the records that are held there.

Duncan asks about Memorial Day celebrations, Hartbarger confirms they will be on Monday, May 25th; 10am in Whitehouse and 11am at Wakeman Cemetery.

Borowski asks about ‘improvement of sites’ listed in the financial report; Bachman confirms this is ground work actual ground improvements to the sites the building improvement is included here. Borowski asking because this number is increased for 2027, Bachman confirms this is bigger because there are some drainage issues in Wakeman that will need to be handled along with a new road possibly going in.

Pedro talks about there being a lot of moving parts and loose ends when this group initially formed; has been a lot of working together to overcome obstacles. Pedro feels there could be some grants out there for older cemeteries, FTUCD to the point now of being more mature, and maybe can investigate these going forward. Pedro encourages all Council members and trustees to make it known to the community about the Memorial Day services on May 25th. Pedro encourages families to bring kids and keep telling the stories of the service members being honored.

Frey shares that Hartbarger does a great job with the cemeteries, always watching all spending. He thanks Hartbarger for everything he does, feels like the new assistant will be a great match for what FTUCD needs. Frey thanks Bachman for everything she does with the numbers and budget.

Miller shares that there is a grant available under the Ohio history fund, anything that can be tied to historical significance can get \$5-25k in grant funding. Hartbarger shares that the group has looked at and received grants in the past, got new equipment, computer, scanner, etc. through grant process. Previously Kim Anderson was instrumental in obtaining these grants. Received a grant for trimming trees in the past as well; this year alone five trees have come down with the extreme weather we have been having.

Hartbarger brings up the bridge dedication that was had on the new bridge in Whitehouse; was cleaning up in the cemetery with all the military coming in to visit Eckert's gravesite – received a call alerting that the 'daddy tree' was cut down. The tree was diseased and it was cut down for this reason, unknowingly that it was so loved by the Eckert family. When Hartbarger heard the significance, the stump was ground immediately, and he reached out for a flowering tree that was picked up from Dayton and planted the very next day. Donation was given by the Sons of the American Legion to offset the cost of the tree that was replanted.

Artiaga comments on Veterans Memorial Park in Whitehouse, meant to be an all Anthony Wayne area memorial. Whitehouse is planning special event for 25th anniversary of September 11th. She reminds all that bricks are placed in the park and ordered April 1st and October 1st each year for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Mayor Pedro shares that the next special joint meeting of FTUCD will be May 10th, 2027 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Wagner, seconded by Councilwoman Tuohy to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council

**Village of Whitehouse
Village Council Meeting As A
Committee of the Whole
Village Hall, Whitehouse, OH
6:30 May 12th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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

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

Council Members Absent: N/A

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

Guests Present: Jill Gundy, Kelsea Blaskis, Mark Schreiber

Motion by Councilman Bublick, seconded by Councilman Riggengbach to approve the minutes of the April 12th, 2026, Committee of the Whole meetings. 6 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

Relining Sewer

Daugherty comments this topic was shared first over a year ago. Staff is reviewing on how this will be financed, not asking for any action this evening. Hill shares that Whitehouse has been approved for a 20-year low interest loan, currently around 3.2% interest rate and typically runs between 2-4% but this changes monthly. Staff has sent applications in for federal grant appropriation money through Congressman Moreno and Congresswoman Kaptur's offices. Not sure if there will end up being any federal funds available. This capital project was appropriated out of General Fund and Income Tax A budget. Hill and staff will keep Council updated on direction that will be taken.

Daugherty shares that previous discussion talked about March or April moving forward with the project – but in March found out about the possible federal ear-marking of money and do want to see if this can be fully funded by a grant prior to going forward. Project is not urgent so taking some time to research the funding possibilities. Mid-summer should have a final plan on grant funding or the route of low interest loan. Riggengbach asks if there is a time limit on the low interest loan, Daugherty confirms they may have to reapply but not a big risk to not get this loan at all – approval is relatively easy. Riggengbach asks about the value of the grant that is being investigated – project itself is \$1.2MM and staff has asked for full grant funding with the federal money. Tuohy comments to keep this project on the table, it does need to be taken care of this year – agree to wait and see how federal funding goes in the next bit of time but then move forward when possible. Bublick asks if there should be an internal deadline set – goal is this summer. Daugherty will check in during the July Council meeting and give a status update. Fine asks for confirmation if we do not get a grant, will the loan be used – Daugherty confirms yes.

Traffic Study

Daugherty comments on the speed/traffic study discussion that has been brought up a few times recently. Would like the discussion on the scope that Council wants to complete for a study. Daugherty shares there is a difference between speed study and traffic study. Hill shares that a speed study on Oak Brook can be done, traffic counts can be done, both are relatively easy – speed could possibly be accomplished with the automatic speed sign that the Village has. A traffic study i.e. the number of turns onto Temperance, turns onto West, expected travel routes with new subdivision, pedestrian travel, etc. is more involved. Bublick asks what will be done with the results of any study. Hill comments on the idea of safety changes or updates based on the recent resident feedback. Hill confirms they will be moving the speed limit automatic sign from Heller to Oak Brook to start to track the speed. Daugherty shares that Heban commented that the Village can require that the developer of the new subdivision can be required to pay for a traffic/speed study in that area as part of the submission. Artiaga asks about a best guess estimate on the amount of time to build the 80+ homes – staff says this could be years depending on the housing market. Fine asks about cost of the studies – Daugherty feels it will be around \$10-12k. Fine asks if there would be a disadvantage to requiring the traffic study as part of the development process with the developer – Daugherty confirms no disadvantage and shares this could be rolled up in a TIF coverage as well in the future, either option would not be tax payer money. Fine confirms with all if speed is the current focus do not need a full traffic study just yet – all agree.

Employee Benefits Discussion

Mayor Bingham shares that he has had employee meetings with representatives for each department over the last few months. There are several topics that he is asking for updates/changes to better the employee experience.

Bingham asks to adjust the personal time that employees receive to 24 hours instead of the current 8 hours. Currently with 8 hours Police do not get a full day off work 12-hour shifts; Fire does not get a whole day because of 24-hour shifts. Asking for this update so Fire can get a whole day, and Police 2 days.

Bingham is asking Council to review and update the vacation schedule. There are multiple tiers, currently employees have to wait 6 years to get the third week of vacation. Asking to update the years and tiered schedule – looking to be more consistent with other local governments.

Bingham shares that currently public works employees with additional licenses and certifications receive an extra \$0.25 cents an hour extra; local governments around Whitehouse get \$1+ an hour more for these additional licensures. Bingham is asking Council to consider this increase.

Final topic Bingham is asking to be reviewed is the merit service payment; looking to extend to volunteers. Currently volunteers are not receiving any merit pay for the longevity or years of service that have been given to the Village.

Fine asks to go through the topics one by one for Council feedback. He asks if there is any issue giving 24 hours of personal time. Riggenbach comments he does not agree with the word choice. If goal is for all to have a personal day and program is changed, suggesting that Fire gets 24 hours, Police 12 and Admin 8 so all have the one full personal day. Fine comments can think about this as hours instead of days. Riggenbach does not disagree with the proposal but feels it is the same math problem. Feels there could be an issue in the future where Fire is getting one personal day and Administration gets three days. Fine comments it does not have to be a full day if thinking in hours – if all employees get 24 hours of personal time, they can use those hours in any amount i.e. 2 hours at a time and not a whole day. Fine asks about surrounding municipalities and number of

personal days, Yunker comments surrounding municipalities are majority cities and obligated to collective bargaining which is different than the Village. Whatever is fixed today might be undone in the future when Whitehouse becomes a city. Riggensbach asks to just decide on how much personal time is given, or increased, instead of fixing a problem. Artiaga asks if they can just be given an additional day off, Riggensbach confirms yes just would need to define what a day is for each type of employee.

Fine next asks for feedback on the adjustment of the vacation tiered schedule. Yunker comments when talking about vacation time for Fire and EMS you do have to start bringing in more part-time help and must pay for this as well. Wants to point out this is different than Administration having increased vacation time. All agree with this recommendation of adjusting the tiers; it will be more in line with the private sector. Yunker comments it is different how Village does this than private sector – private sector accrues the vacation over time through the year, while the Village gives all weeks of vacation up front. Yunker asks about vacation for Class E employees, i.e. paramedics, what is a full week of vacation – Gundy confirms it is 56 hours and not in days.

Fine asks for feedback on the updated merit pay proposal. Riggensbach asks to clarify if the ask is for all to be on the same schedule, full time, part time, volunteer; Daugherty confirms yes this is the basic ask. Daugherty comments there are some employees who may work only five hours a year; do you err on the side of a program that is just generous and includes all, or do you need to review some employees who have very low active hours. Yunker comments there are several especially on the Fire Department where there are individuals who are volunteers but not active at all – not faulting them for this, but do they get included in this incentive. Artiaga asks Francis about part time they do have a requirement of shifts per quarter – Francis agrees with Yunker that there are a handful of volunteers who are down to very few hours, but confirms part-time employees are required a certain number of shifts per quarter. Daugherty comments he is supportive of the idea of keeping it simple and including all employees even if volunteers are only involved a few hours a year. Fine confirms all are in support of this approach, all agree.

Fine asks for input on the last topic of increased pay for Public Works employees who hold additional licenses; they currently receive \$0.25 per hour extra. Artiaga likes the increase – more than justified. Yunker asks how many employees this affects, Hill confirms two currently. No other concerns, all agree to the increase.

Motion by Councilman Bublick, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to make a recommendation to Council to approve the presented employee update proposal from Mayor Bingham. 6 ayes

Discuss Planning Commission Sidewalk Letter

Daugherty thanks all for the input on the letter than has been drafted to send to the Planning Commission; Riggensbach had some suggested edits, and the letter has been updated with those. Daugherty is hoping to get this to the Planning Commission for their June meeting. Asking for final approval. Riggensbach likes how it is worded, as it is not applying fault, just addressing the application of the ordinance. Fine asks about the idea of multi-use trails, sentence that says it is practical, should this be updated to “warranted” instead of “practical”. Allow them to suggest or require multi-use paths. Riggensbach is not too concerned with exact wording, the letter is not an ordinance or official legislation but no argument with changing the word if wanted. Council supports change from practical to warranted. Fine suggests including if Planning Commission feels strongly about not requiring sidewalks in a certain development or situation to please confer with Council prior to decisions. All comfortable with Daugherty sending the letter to the Planning Commission. Riggensbach asks as part of the welcome packet going forward for Planning Commission and Council that this letter is included to keep it in the forefront.

Presentation on Potential of Reinstating the Design Review Board

Daugherty would like to introduce this idea. The Design Review Board (DRB) is a municipal board that is created to govern certain standards in the downtown area. Many municipalities have these boards, though some have different names. The board has some authority to ensure standards are adhered to downtown – aesthetics especially. If grants/money are awarded for downtown development almost always there needs to be some sort of Design Review Board. Daugherty shares that previously when this board was around, it was slightly contentious – not within the board, but with the downtown business owners not wanting to be directed and being held to a standard. Tuohy asks how business owners are made to comply – Daugherty comments the board does have some compliance oversight, Yunker confirms this is like a fine. Artiaga comments that if there is grant money then compliance with the DRB would be part of the requirements for receiving this grant money. Bublick asks if this opens the door for more grants – Daugherty confirms that it can because state grant funding will see that there are standards already being set. Fine confirms can there be two scopes, apply standards for grants but if others want to make their own improvements the standards might not have to be followed – Daugherty confirms this is true. Riegenbach asks if there are standards already in place, Daugherty confirms yes there are some; he also confirms grants at state level typically a matching grant. It is asked if the DRB standards will work better than already in place. Daugherty confirms yes, the current codes do not get into actual aesthetic i.e. stone, color palette, etc. DRB would get much more specific in how the downtown should look. Riegenbach asks how this increases the adoption rate of business owners to update to the standards being set – Daugherty says it will not change instantly, but overtime it can help with consistency in updates being done. Daugherty feels that previously Council wasn't in full support of the DRB concept – 20 years ago. Feels that without full Council support it can fall apart easily. Riegenbach asks how the DRB committee is assigned; it is by mayoral appointment and Council confirmation – do need to have three members as a minimum. Artiaga remembers previously it was five members. Yunker asks about bounding the area that is controlled by the DRB how this is done – Daugherty says like the process of defining boundaries with the previously discussed DORA – Council defines the boundaries. It is asked whether this would apply to any residential, Daugherty confirms it will not.

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 were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Tuohy, seconded by Councilman Bublick to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hartbarger, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 2026

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOSHUA HARTBARGER FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, AS A LOYAL EMPLOYEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Joshua Hartbarger, has devoted numerous hours and other resources to the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, in various capacities including most recently as Deputy Administrator for the Village of Whitehouse; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Whitehouse is desirous of publicly recognizing the contributions that he has made to the Village of Whitehouse in the is most recent capacity as a Deputy Administrator for the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio; and

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 Joshua Hartbarger be and is hereby publicly commended for his time, effort, and work on behalf of the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, from June 1, 2001 through June 4, 2026; the appreciation of this Council is hereby unanimously extended and expressed for these most recent years of service to the Village in addition to the numerous hours and other resources of prior service given by Joshua Hartbarger in various capacities to the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio.

SECTION IV: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted at an open meeting of this Council and the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions as contained herein were and are in compliance with all legal requirements as set forth by Village Charter.

SECTION V: 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 inhabitants and for the further reason that this Resolution is necessary to provide the Village's appreciation for Joshua Hartbarger's years of service.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution 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 RESOLUTION: _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Kevin A. Heban, Solicitor



**Operations Report and Status Update
May 19th, 2026**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Administration-

Police-

- Rescue Task Force Tabletop
- Full Multiagency Training on Rescue Task Force
- New BGSU Intern
- Radar Sign Moved to Oakbrook

Fire-

- Co-Op Meeting
- Operational Update
- April Statistics

Public Service-

- Park Water Main Break update
- Water Tower Update

SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT

01-06-26 None

ZONING

05-19-26

1. **Permits (Total Count for 2026):**
 - 2 New Home
 - 37 Contractor Registrations
 - 1 Commercial Building
 - 4 Fence Permits
 - 3 Shed Permit
 - 1 Non-Temporary Sign Applications
 - 2 Temporary Sign
 - 4 Pool Permit
 - 1 Garage
 - 3 Deck
 - 1 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

04-7-26

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). Contract awarded to Bowers Asphalt & Paving (April 2026).

PARKS & RECREATION

05-5-26

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 Stonework 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) Project Complete (April 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)
5. **GaGa Ball** – Research and cost estimate (April 2026)
6. **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons** - Awarded Abbreviated Safety Grant from ODOT for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons to be installed on St. Rt. 64, One at the

crosswalk by Indianapolis St. that connects the Village Park with Blue Creek Metropark and one at the crosswalk at Whitehouse Square Boulevard. The grant is 90% grant, 10% local match and is for \$432,000.00 total, \$388,000.00 grant and \$43200 matching funds. Design FY 2027 and Installed in FY 2028. (April 2026)

WATER

05-19-26

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) Electrical Completed (May 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

05-05-26 Income Tax

1. **Whitehouse Income Tax Collections (As of April 30, 2026)**
 - a. 2026 = \$1,365,379.27
 - b. 2025 = \$1,448,066.25
 - c. Year to Date Comparison = 5.71% Decrease
2. **MTJEDD (As of March 31, 2026)**
 - a. 2026 Gross Collections = \$564,689.18
 - b. 2026 Whitehouse Disbursement = \$0
3. **STJEDZ (As of March 31, 2026)**
 - a. 2026 Gross Collections = \$853,959.85
 - b. 2026 Whitehouse Disbursement = \$102,508.61

Whitehouse Fire Department



Monthly Response Report

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Total Incidents April 2025 - 82

Total Incident April 2026 - 91

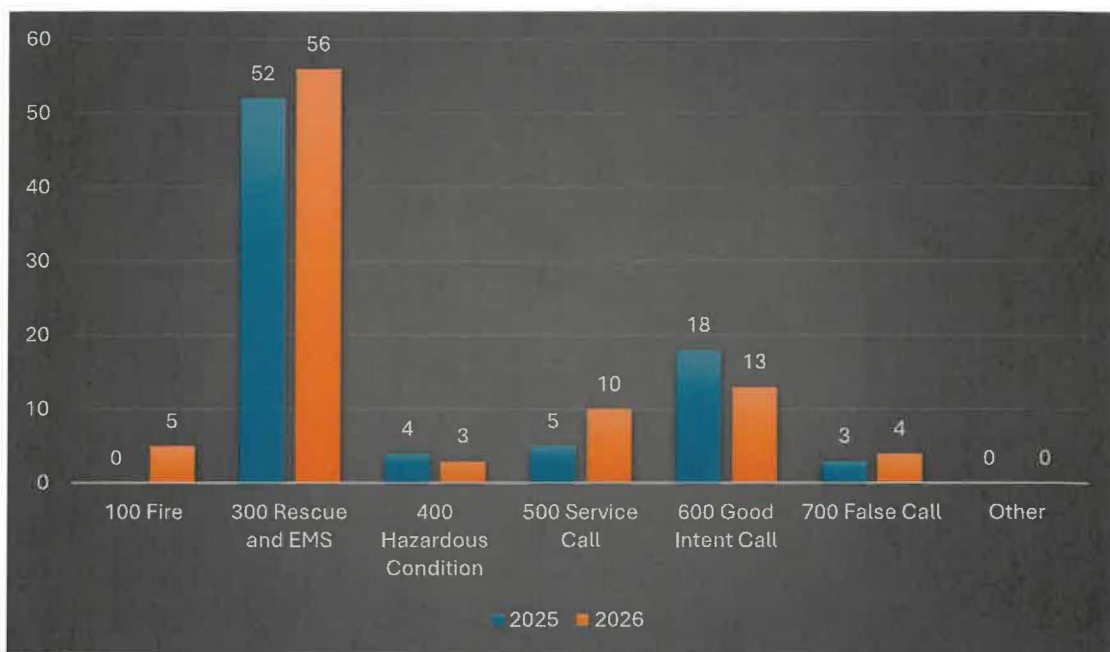
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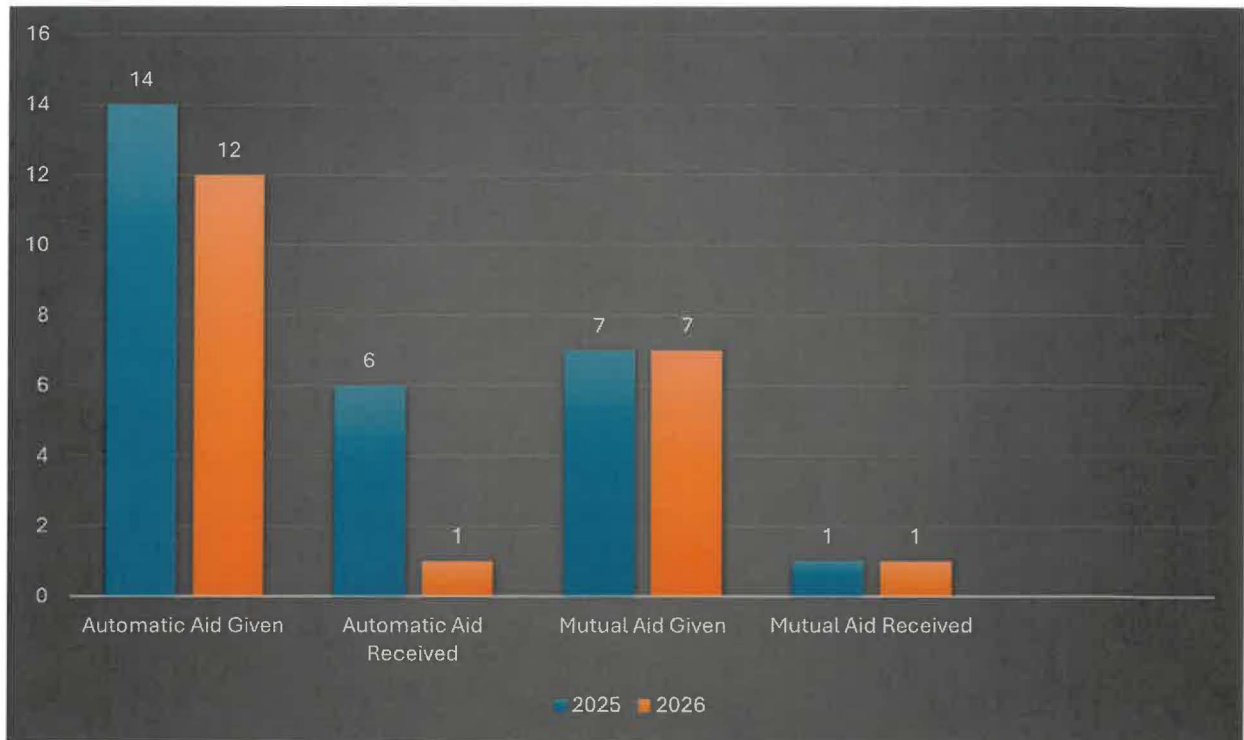
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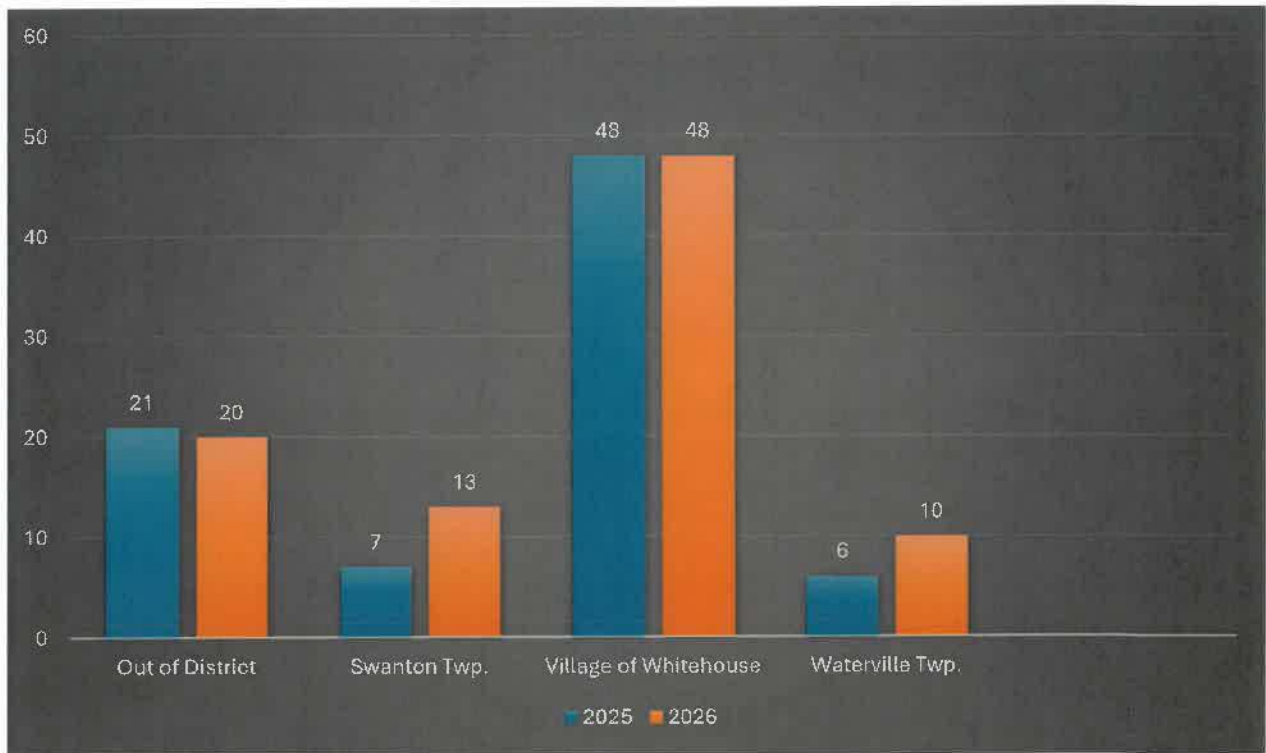
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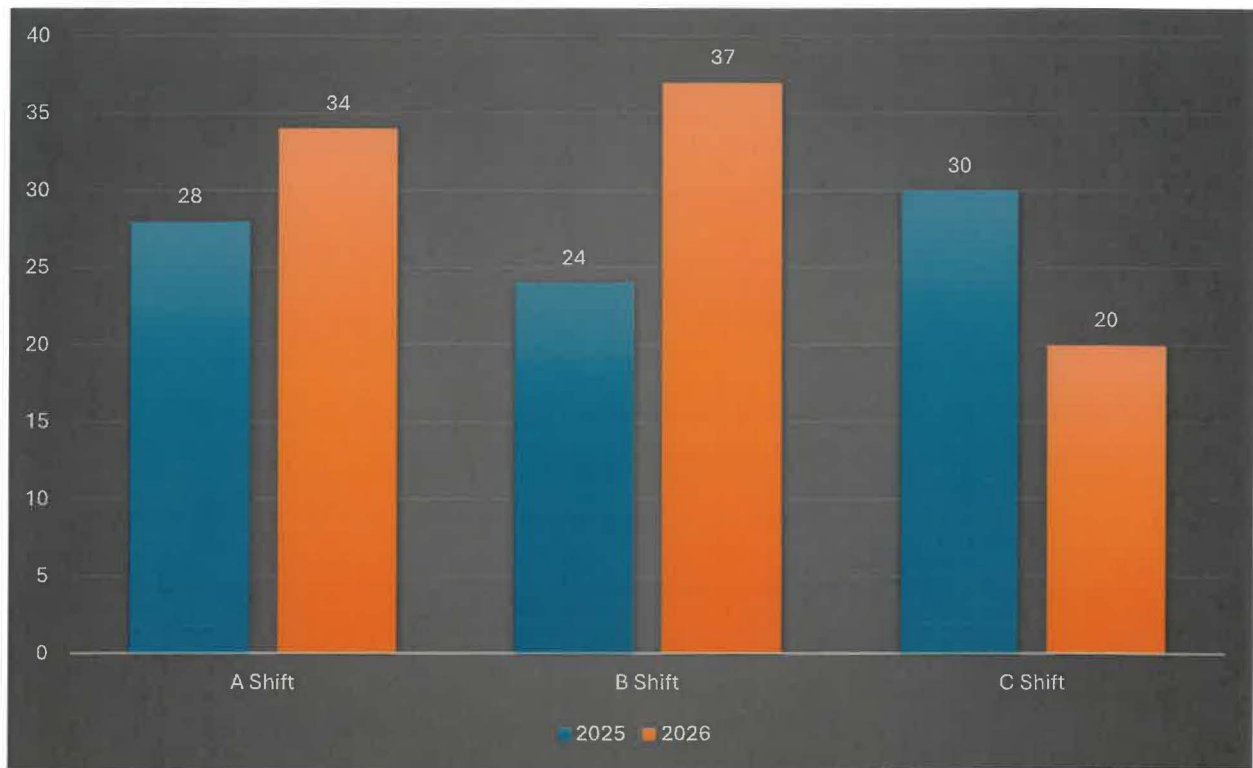
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Districts



Incident by Shift



Incidents by Hour

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

Case #	Topic	Status	Date Entered	Date Due	Assigned To	Address
CE-25-0008	Property Maintenance	Open	03/25/2025	05/06/2026	Jennifer Herman	10820 WATERVILLE ST
CE-25-0043	RV Parking	Open	11/14/2025	05/24/2026	Jennifer Herman	6542 FIELD AVE
CE-26-0006	Property Maintenance	Open	03/03/2026	05/15/2026	Josh Hartbarger	6711 GILEAD ST
CE-26-0007	Tall Grass/Weeds	Open	05/04/2026	05/09/2026	Jennifer Herman	10444 WATERVILLE ST
CE-26-0008	Tall Grass/Weeds	Open	05/04/2026	05/11/2026	Jennifer Herman	9735 BUCHER RD
CE-26-0009	Tall Grass/Weeds	Open	05/13/2026	05/19/2026	Jennifer Herman	11178 GILLET ST
CE-26-0010	Abandoned Vehicles	Open	05/13/2026	06/14/2026	Jennifer Herman	6863 WESTWYCK DR
CE-26-0011	Property Maintenance	Open	05/13/2026	05/19/2026	Jennifer Herman	10938 CABLE AVE
CE-26-0012	Tall Grass/Weeds	Open	05/13/2026	05/19/2026	Jennifer Herman	11164 TEMPERANCE ST