MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF WAITE HILL, OHIO

April 8, 2024

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall on Monday, April 8, 2024. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m., with Mayor Ryan W. Cox presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

Kerri Bowden

Brian Doty

Abby Hiltsley

Sam Knezevic

Karl Scheucher

Richard Steudel

Stephanie Winterer

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Robbi Laps, Police Lieutenant, Steve Gerics, Service Director, Bob Haynik, and Law Director, Stephen L. Byron.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 12, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2024-3 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Ms. Hiltsley moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2024-3 adopted

Resolution No. 2024-4 - "A Resolution commending Robert A. Ranallo for his many years of service to the Village of Waite Hill" was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2024-4 adopted

Resolution No. 2024-5 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel

Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2024-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2024-7 - "An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Ohio, on behalf of its Building Department, and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that Ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel

Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Doty then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel

Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-7 adopted

Ordinance No. 2024-8 - "An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, repealing certain Ordinances, and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule which requires that Ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

None

Nays:

Motion carried Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Doty then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-8 adopted

Ordinance No. 2024-9 - "An Ordinance amending Section 143.03, Village Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Subsection (A)(27), of the codified Ordinances of Waite Hill Village, to enact new regulations applicable to the decorations and plantings for cemetery gravesites" was read for the first time. After discussion, Ms. Hiltsley moved to suspend the rule which requires that Ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-9 adopted

Ordinance No. 2024-10 - "An Ordinance authorizing the Village to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Contract (018-25) for road salt and to take any other action necessary to participate in the bulk purchasing of road salt for the 2024-2025 winter season, and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to

suspend the rule which requires that Ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel

Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-10 adopted

Ms. Bowden, Chair of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, did meet with the former Chair of the Committee, Marcia Merritt, and has the materials for the Village Voice. The next edition is slated to be published at the end of April 2024. There is a summer community event being planned.

The Finance Committee report for the month is appended hereto and incorporated in these Minutes by reference.

Ms. Hiltsley commented on the Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes for March and April. Amongst some of the projects being considered is the proposed Building Zone Development on Smith Road that had to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals and is now coming back to the Commission. A new primary bedroom is proposed to be added to a residence on Rollin Road, but a variance is being sought to permit the addition to the residence to fit on the lot. The Commission has been discussing various building zone developments as well as the lack of certain specific standards regarding the same.

Ms. Winterer deferred to Lieutenant Gerics regarding the Safety Commission report. It was noted that there had been a pursuit of a stolen automobile on Metcalf Road. The occupants of the vehicle were able to avoid capture on the night of the chase. Also discussed was the mutual aid being rendered to the Kirtland Police Department. Apparently, the department's leadership has made it less likely that mutual aid will be called. Finally, there was a discussion regarding the clearing of tree limbs and debris on Metcalf Road.

Mr. Doty deferred to Service Director Haynik regarding the Service Commission report. Mr. Haynik informed Council that there was no current update on the grant for the salt shed, and that road salt will soon be ordered for the upcoming winter season. The Village will plan to purchase less salt in 2024 because this past winter had been very mild. Lastly, cemetery fees will be reviewed and likely increased.

The western communities are banding together to negotiate as a group regarding the local government fund. A new formula is being negotiated, and former Mayor Bob Ranallo has been instrumental in advocating on behalf of the Village in the negotiations.

Mr. Scheucher then moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation and pending or imminent litigation, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned to executive session

at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Doty excused himself from the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 10:06 a.m.

There being no further matters to come before Council, Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m., which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays:

None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

| APPROVED: | 2024 |
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ATTEST:

Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer



Finance Committee Report - April 8, 2024, Meeting

The Committee executed its standard agenda approving the December meeting minutes.

Property tax revenues through the end of March 2024 are disappointing compared to recent, prior year amounts, running \$312k behind this time last year. Hopefully, this is just a matter of timing of deposits and revenue will reach expected levels by April.

Local Government Fund revenue for March was \$13,151, \$536 more than March 2023. 2024 YTD revenue is \$41,326, \$1,800 less than YTD in March 2023.

March 2024 interest income was \$14,392, about the same as March 2023.

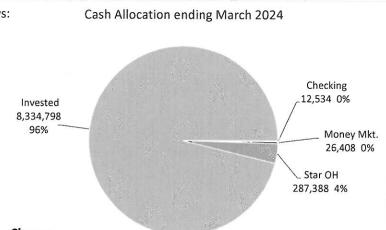
Total revenue for March 2024 was \$85,445, much less than March 2023 that was \$407,095.

Total expense for March 2024 was \$124,447, approximately \$19k less than compared to March 2023.

Total funds for March 2024 were \$8,661,127. Total funds a year ago were \$9,199,287, approximately \$538k more than 2024.

Total fund trajectory estimates show March 2019 calculated to be \$10,143,239 vs. March 2029 projected to be \$7,953,542, a decline of \$-,189,697 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$218,970 per year, an average decline rate of -2.75% per year. The trajectories show a historically high rate of decline according to this metric.

| As of March end of 2024, funds are allocated as follows: | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| Total funds | 8,661,127 | | |
| Checking | 16,298 | | |
| Checks outstanding | (3,765) | | |
| Deposits outstanding | = | | |
| Star OH | 287,388 | | |
| Money Market | 26,408 | | |
| Invested | 8,334,798 | | |
| Total Check | 8,661,127 | | |
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Fund balances were as follows:

| Fund | FEB 2024 | MAR 2024 | Change |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| GENERAL | 1,981,326 | 1,948,259 | (33,067) |
| STREET MAIN | 822,980 | 826,299 | 3,319 |
| MAIN LICENSE | 10,548 | 11,069 | 521 |
| CAPITAL | 5,731,226 | 5,731,226 | 0 |
| POLICE PENSION | 96,788 | 87,602 | (9,185) |
| LAW ENFORCEMI | 560 | 560 | 0 |
| DRUG FINES | 150 | 150 | 0 |
| POL.PROF.TRNG. | 6,669 | 6,079 | (590) |
| NOPEC | 1,956 | 1,956 | 0 |
| AMER. RESCUE PI | 47,852 | 47,852 | 0 |
| POL,FIRE,EMS,SEI | 75 | 75 | 0 |
| Totals | 8,700,129 | 8,661,127 | (39,002) |

Star Ohio annualized yield as of 3/5/2024 was 5.59% \checkmark with average days to maturity of 45.9 \uparrow (yield decrease and longevity increased this month).

End of report, respectfully submitted, Karl Scheucher, Waite Hill Council, Finance Committee Chairperson