

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

August 14, 2023

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 5:09 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Brian Doty	Abby Hiltsley
Sam Knezevic	Karl Scheucher
Richard Steudel	

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Police Chief Carl Dondorfer, and Service Director Bob Haynik.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 10, 2023, were previously distributed to Council. Ms. Hiltsley moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Steudel

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2023-9 - "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. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2023-9 adopted

Resolution No. 2023-10 - "A Resolution commending Officer Art Lagerstadt for his many years of service to the Village of Waite Hill, working for the Waite Hill Police Department" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2023-10 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to authorize the sale of surplus ammunition to the City of Kirtland, as documented in the "Vance's Law Enforcement" quote dated May 4, 2023, and appended to these minutes, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Sale authorized

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to find Cleveland Mack Sales to be the lowest and best bidder for the 2025 truck to be purchased for the Waite Hill Service Department, and to authorize a contract for the purchase (inclusive of all fees) of that vehicle in the amount of \$140,703.58, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty. There was discussion regarding the design of the truck and the efforts that have been made and will continue to be made to extend the useful life of the truck.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Contract authorized

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mayor Ranallo reported for the Communication and Community Outreach Committee that he needed to produce a column for the newsletter so that it can be sent out.

Mr. Scheucher submitted the report of the Finance Committee, which is appended to and incorporated in these minutes by reference. Mr. Steudel commended Mr. Scheucher for his extraordinary efforts in analyzing the Village's finances. All concurred in Mr. Steudel's assessment of Mr. Scheucher's value to the Village.

Ms. Hiltsley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee, noted that the project at an Eagle Road residence (at the bottom of the hill) was approved. The driveway had been relocated and grading was changed. There was discussion of new houses in the Village. The Rollin Road addition was approved. The playground equipment and other structures have been placed in front of a house on Hobart Road. These structures will need to be relocated.

Mr. Knezevic, reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, reported that the number of traffic contacts were down this month. The year-to-date numbers, however, remain remarkably consistent. Overtime hours and part-time hours are down for the Police Department. A resident on Markell Road has caused some difficulties.

Regarding the Service Department, Director Haynik reported that repair is being performed on some small fences at Village Hall, and some areas of fencing are being removed. All agreed there should not be a controlled burn of the preserved property on Smith Road. The generator for the police department is currently down and may need to be replaced. This will be studied. There is a Rollin Road resident that has been abusing the Village’s garbage service by leaving construction debris for pick-up. All agreed that this is not a part of the services that are being provided by the Village, and the property owner will be re-notified not to leave such debris in the future. Fences and mailboxes are being repaired and replaced throughout the Village. The generator in the police department has had issues and may need to be replaced. There was a discussion regarding the crack sealing program. It was noted there can be significant cost savings if the Village does crack sealing in-house.

Mayor Ranallo, Chief Dondorfer, Mr. Cox and a Metcalf Road resident met with The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (“CEI”). CEI will be running a loop line, to provide better service to the Metcalf Road area.

Mr. Doty then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Knezevic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned to executive session
 at 8:56 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

There being no further matters before Council, Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher
 Nays: None

Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2023

ATTEST: _____
 Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer