



**Ordinance No. 2021-13** - “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Ms. Merritt moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hiltley, Scheucher, Knezevic, Taplin, Merritt, Cox  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-13, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hiltley, Scheucher, Knezevic, Taplin, Merritt, Cox  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2021-13 adopted

Ms. Merritt, reporting on behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, announced that the Newsletter will be ready for distribution after the holidays. The welcome packet for new residents is being reviewed.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had met and approved the previous month’s meeting minutes. A review of the Treasurer’s report shows that the Village’s revenues are down \$93,000.00 from last year. Last year’s surplus was a one-time receipt of the \$300,000.00 Corona Virus Grant, and those funds needed to be spent immediately. Significant telecommunications expenses are coming up. The Village’s real estate taxes are estimated to be increasing by about ten percent (10%).

Ms. Hiltley reported on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, that the pool was approved for the Hobart resident, which is not visible from the street. The Planning and Zoning Commission has been asked to approve solar panels, which are not currently permitted under the code. The Commission will be studying the issue and reviewing ordinances from other communities.

Mr. Knezevic reported a reduction in traffic citations. The Village’s Police Department has assisted Kirtland, Willoughby Hills, and Mentor, which prompted the further discussion of the mutual aid policy. There was discussion regarding a Metcalf Road resident requiring emergency response regarding the unfortunate demise of a tractor, which was engulfed by flames. Fortunately, no one was physically injured and there was no collateral property damage.

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Service Committee, deferred to Mr. Haynik to report on the status of the Markell Bridge. Mr. Haynik indicated that the reconstruction project has been

completed and the bridge is now open. Ms. Merritt reported on the completion of her recycling research (see the attached report for complete details). There are the three (3) options:

1. Do nothing – not an effective solution.
2. Dumpster Bandit – labor intensive, expensive and rate of recycling is low.
3. Cardboard, paper goods and metals only.

If option 3 is chosen, residents would have to register. The program would start in March. River Valley Paper Recycling Company is the company that would provide the service. Collection days would be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at Village Hall, the cardboard would have to be flattened and everything needs to be completely dry. There is no charge for this service; the vendor pays Village for the recyclable material (nominal revenue). Aluminum cans would yield \$0.40 per pound and the Service Department would be involved, but it would not be time consuming. Residents would be notified that the program would start in March, and the report and power point presentation prepared by Ms. Merritt would be distributed to residents.

Mayor Ranallo reported that his negotiations with Willoughby Hills for Fire and EMS services are ongoing. Council indicated they were supportive of the Mayor’s approach to the negotiations. Mr. Taplin will be retiring, effective December 31, 2021, after 22 years of service on Council. He was thanked by everyone in attendance.

After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the appointment and compensation of employees and Village officials. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hiltsley, Scheucher, Knezevic, Taplin, Merritt, Cox  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to executive session  
at 8:23 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Hiltsley, Scheucher, Knezevic, Taplin, Merritt, Cox  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

December 13, 2021

Minutes

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer