

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

December 12, 2022

Prior to the Council meeting, Mayor Ranallo administered the oath of office to Waite Hill Police Patrolman Tom Sherwood.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022, with Mayor, Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Abby Hiltzley
Sam Knezevic	Marcia Merritt
Karl Scheucher	Richard Steudel

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Police Chief Carl Dondorfer, Service Director Bob Haynik, and Chuck Murphy, Interim Superintendent of Willoughby-Eastlake Public Schools.

Mr. Murphy gave Council an update on the state of the Willoughby-Eastlake schools.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 14, 2022 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2022-17 - "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 Ms. Hiltzley.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2022-17 adopted

Resolution No. 2022-18 - "A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to advance taxes in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2022-18 adopted

Ordinance No. 2022-18 - “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriations of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, repealing certain Ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Cox moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-18 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Ms. Merritt then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2022-18 adopted

Ordinance No. 2022-19 - “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, repealing certain Ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Stuedel moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-19 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2022-19 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to declare certain guns, listed in “Exhibit A” (which is appended to these minutes), to be surplus property not needed for any municipal purpose and to authorize those weapons to be traded in for a discounted price on the purchase of new weapons for the Waite Hill Police Department, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley. Chief Dondorfer explained the new guns and how the trade-in program works.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel
Nays: None

Motion carried
Trade-in of guns authorized

Ms. Merritt, reporting on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, noted that the Newsletter would be coming out by the end of December, and that it would contain reports from each department.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee’s Minutes were approved. The Village’s fund balances have decreased by a total of \$222,000 for November. There was a one percent (1%) increase in the Star Ohio account for liquid funds. Real estate valuations were reviewed by the Committee. Wichert and PEP will present in January for February action. There was further discussion regarding valuations in the Village.

The Mayor reported on the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission in November, the Mayor reported that a generator was approved on Metcalf Road, as were the solar panels requested by a Creawood Forest resident (provided that there may be the need for additional screening from Creawood). Also discussed was the notion that a Rollin Road resident seemed to be engaging in a pattern of ignoring approved plans and that the Village may have to take enforcement actions.

Reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Knezevic noted that police contacts were down for the year. There were a couple of fender-benders in November. There have been fewer man hours in 2022 resulting in a reduction of the miles accumulated on the Village’s vehicles. Chief Dondorfer noted that a hunter had to track a wounded deer from Gardenside to a Hobart Road property. The hunter was reminded that the consent of property owners must be obtained. Next year it is expected that part-timer hours will be reduced. They had been at 43-60 hours, historically, and they will be decreasing to 16 per month. The Village will be acquiring a new computer using ARPA funding (a DC-10 computer died).

On behalf of the Service Committee, Chief Dondorfer reported that the branches of a tree that were threatening Markell Road were removed by the owner. The unapproved construction project at a South Lane residence was stopped. Council then discussed the glass recycling proposal. There would be a cost of \$75 per month for one (1) sixty-four (64) gallon glass recycling cart and \$20 for each additional cart. The vendor recommended that four to six (4-6) would be needed. The glass’s

color does not matter. The containers are forty-four inches (44") high, twenty-two inches (22") inches wide, and twenty-two and one-half inches (22.5") deep. Four (4) toters would cost the Village \$1,500 per year, and the service could be increased or decreased as desired by the Village.

There was a discussion regarding the meeting day for the salt shed to be set. Council discussed the need for guardrails and their expense. There will be new trucks purchased for a cost of about \$175,000, but this is not in the 2023 budget. At this point, there will not be a cruiser purchased in 2023, further discussions will ensue.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer