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

## **December 9, 2024**

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall on Monday, December 9, 2024. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:03 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 Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer, Carl Dondorfer, Police Chief, Bob Haynik, Service Director, and Stephen L. Byron, Law Director.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 11, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the Minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltsley, Scheucher, Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Abstain: Bowden, Knezevic

Motion carried Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2024-16 -** "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: Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher,

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2024-16 adopted

**Resolution No. 2024-17 -** "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 Mr. Knezevic.

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

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2024-17 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2024-20 -** "An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation Ordinance for 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, Ms. Hiltsley moved to suspend the rule which requires that Ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Winterer.

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

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried Rule suspended

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

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

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-20 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2024-21 -** "An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, repealing certain Ordinances, 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 Mr. Knezevic.

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

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried Rule suspended

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

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

Steudel, Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-21 adopted

Ms. Bowden, reporting on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, noted that things had been slow for the month. A new edition of the Village Voice will be distributed in January. Mayor Cox's daughter's third grade class will be coming to Village Hall for a tour, led by none other than the Mayor himself.

Mr. Scheucher reported on the Finance Committee meeting and a copy of the report for the month is appended hereto and incorporated in these Minutes by reference.

Ms. Hiltsley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, reported that a replacement generator was approved for a home on Markell Road. The location of a pool, hot tub and generator was approved for a property on Metcalf Road, subject to the submission of a detailed set of drawings and a landscape plan. A pool and pergola were approved for an Eagle Road property, and some lots on Markell Road will be reconfigured. An inspection of the new residence on Eagle Road had been inspected and it was not constructed in accordance with the approved plans. The builder will be notified that construction must be stopped until either the construction conforms with the drawings, or the revised design is approved. There also had been a discussion regarding a Markell Road property and the addition of another bedroom suite that would not be accessed from the interior of the existing residence. Finally, there was a discussion regarding the need for the inspection of foundations for additions to residences.

Ms. Winterer deferred to Chief Dondorfer, reporting for the Safety Committee. The Chief noted that the WENS (Wireless Emergency Notification System) worked well for the recent storm. The Chief also discussed the monthly Police Report and again noted that the Waite Hill Police Department has been certified by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

Mr. Doty, as Chair of the Service Committee, deferred to Service Director Haynik for a report. Mr. Haynik stated that the Department did well managing the snow over Thanksgiving. The Christmas lights, donated by the Gale family, have been put up. Tree work in the cemetery will be completed, the cost is estimated to be \$7,100.00, also being sponsored by the Gale family. The roads have been striped, and the Service Department's new truck has been delivered.

Mayor Cox reported that Stephanie Winterer will serve as Chair of the Charter Review Commission and the Commission will be appointed in January. The fire department contract is being negotiated with Willoughby Hills.

Mr. Scheucher then moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition or disposition of Village real estate, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Yeas: Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Roll Call: Steudel, Winterer Nays: None Motion carried Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:54 a.m. The meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 9:06 a.m. There being no further matters to come before Council, Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel. Yeas: Bowden, Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Roll Call: Steudel, Winterer Nays: None Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Ryan W. Cox, Mayor APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 ATTEST: \_\_

Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer



Finance Committee Report – December 9, 2024, Meeting

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

Property tax revenue for 2024 was all collected by last month. Total property tax receipts inclusive of reimbursements finish at \$1,026,672 for 2024, \$46,902 more than 2023.

Local Government Fund revenue in November was \$14,290. 2024 YTD revenue is \$153,588, \$8,517 less than 2023 YTD at this point. Note again: expect a decline in Local Government Fund revenues going forward. Future revenues will be at most 90% of the ultimate 2024 amount.

November 2024 interest income was \$17,827. 2024 YTD is \$189,004 compared to 2023 at \$152,956, a Y/Y YTD increase of \$36,408.

Total YTD revenue in November 2024 was \$1,641,051, \$89,453 ahead of 2023 YTD.

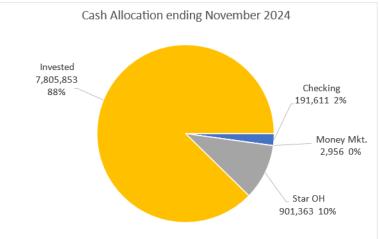
Total YTD expense in November 2024 was \$1,634,629, \$76,918 more compared to 2023 YTD, the amount of the Mack Truck balance (\$135,704) representing the predominant expense impacting the increase.

Total funds for November 2024 settled at \$8,901,783 decreasing \$176,958 compared to total funds a year ago.

Total fund trajectory estimates November 2019 to have been \$9,882,681 vs. the November 2029 projection to be \$8,307,236, a decline of \$1,575,445 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$157,545 per year, an average decline rate of -1.90% per year. While the total funds trajectory is flattening from decline in decline rate, the General Fund trajectory is now predicting a decreasing balance in the years ahead. See Funds Forecast graphic.

As of November 2024, funds are allocated as follows:

Total funds	8,901,783
Checking	191,611
Checks outstanding	-
Deposits outstandir	-
Star OH	901,363
Money Market	2,956
Invested	7,805,853
Total Check	8,901,783

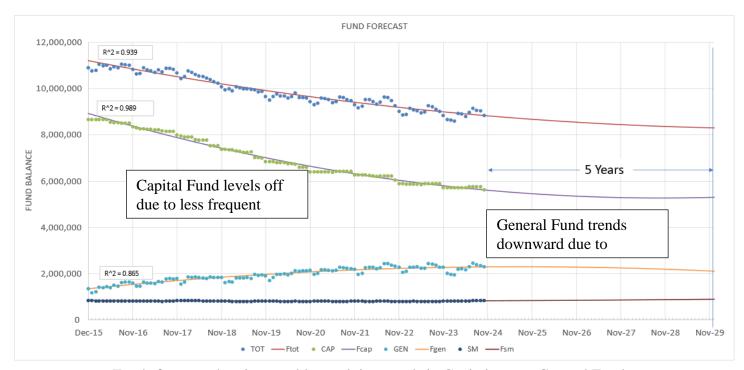


Fund balances were as follows:

Fund	OCT 2024	NOV 2024	Change
GENERAL	2,357,912	2,304,442	(53,470)
STREET MAIN	846,416	849,879	3,463
MAIN LICENSE	3,468	3,986	518
CAPITAL	5,762,624	5,626,921	(135,704)
POLICE PENSION	36,571	27,386	(9,185)
LAW ENFORCEME	560	560	0
DRUG FINES	150	150	0
POL.PROF.TRNG.	4,721	4,721	0
NOPEC	1,860	1,860	0
AMER. RESCUE PL	47,852	47,852	0
POL,FIRE,EMS,SEF	34,027	34,027	0
Totals	9,096,162	8,901,783	(194,379)

Star Ohio annualized yield as of 12/6/2024 was 4.97%  $\checkmark$  with average days to maturity of 24.8  $\checkmark$  (yield and longevity decreased this month).

The Auditor's Schedule A estimate of property tax revenue for 2025 remains anticipated in December.



Funds forecast showing notable, evolving trends in Capital versus General Funds. End of report, respectfully submitted, Karl Scheucher, Waite Hill Council, Finance Committee Chairperson