

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

February 13, 2023

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:07 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023, with Mayor, Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltzley	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 January 9, 2023 were previously distributed to Council. There were a couple of items that needed to be corrected, and those changes were made by unanimous consent. Ms. Hiltzley moved to approve the minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2023-2 - "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: Cox, Doty, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2023-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2023-5 - "An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s), and declaring an emergency" was read. Mr. Steudel moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-5 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried

Rule suspended

It was noted that taking the grant money would obligate the Village to remain a member of NOPEC for a term. The Mayor and Council requested more information regarding the terms of the grant. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher then moved that the Ordinance be tabled, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-5 tabled

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, there was no report the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. It was announced, however, that a community shred day will be held on a Saturday in July. Details will be published once they have been finalized.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee's Minutes were approved. The overall fund balance has decreased by \$295,000.00 in the last year. The cost of Christmas tree illuminating, in conjunction with the increase in electric rates, caused the monthly bill to increase two-fold. There was a question regarding why the bond with the four percent (4%) annual return was sold. An explanation will be obtained from Ancora. Wichert and PEP insurance were discussed, and it was agreed that the Village will stay with Wichert. The amount of cyber security coverage that the Village will carry has been increased at nominal cost.

Ms. Hiltzley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee, advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved an accessory building in Creawood Forest. It was also determined that a property on South Lane cannot be modified to have a third (3rd) residence. The Village will need to have the property owner abate the conditions in order to avoid setting a precedent.

Reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Knezevic noted that this has been an interesting month. There was significant activity, including a freeway accident, domestic violence occurrences, eight (8) assists to other jurisdictions, and a Gardenside resident who will be placed under guardianship and not allowed to move back into her residence. Contrary to a recent advertisement, a preschool will not be opening on Metcalf Road.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mr. Haynik noted that there seems to be some difficulty in obtaining new service vehicles. This is a problem across the country. There has been no word from Willoughby Hills regarding the Emergency Medical Services agreement. The verbal agreement is for eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) per year, going back to 2022, minus what has already been paid.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2023

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer