

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

July 11, 2022

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Robert A. Ranallo invited Chris LeGros, Ralph Lustri, and Ryan Cox, the board members of the Waite Hill Foundation, to speak to Council. The Foundation Board presented Mayor Ranallo, on behalf of the Village of Waite Hill, with a check from the Foundation in the amount of \$42,572.91. This is the Foundation's annual contribution to the Village for 2022. In its existence, the Foundation has contributed over \$166,000 to the Village. The Foundation continues to receive generous contributions from donors. The annual gift from the Foundation to the Village, which is based upon a percentage of the funds on hand, continues to grow. The Foundation has gotten an annual rate of return of over six percent (6%) since inception; it had been growing at a rate of over nine percent (9%) until the recent market downward movement. On behalf of Council and the residents of Waite Hill, Mayor Ranallo thanked the members of the Foundation for their work to benefit the Village. Mayor Ranallo also thanked the residents of the Village for their generosity in support of their community through the Foundation.

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, July 11, 2022, with Mayor Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltley	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. Brett Rodstrom and Robin Christensen, from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, were also present.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 13, 2022, were previously distributed to Council. Ms. Hiltley moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2022-10 - "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, Hiltley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
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Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2022-10 adopted

Ms. Merritt joined the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Ordinance No. 2022-10 - “An Ordinance amending section 1141.15 of the Codified Ordinances of Waite Hill Village to enact new regulations applicable to accessory uses and structures to permit and regulate power conversion facilities” was read for the first time as amended. The ordinance was recommitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. There was some discussion regarding the changes that had been made, and the Commission will review and make a recommendation regarding the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2022-12 - “An Ordinance agreeing to change a portion of the boundary of the Village of Waite Hill with the City of Willoughby” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Cox moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-12, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2022-12 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Doty moved to find Cole Burton Contractors LLC of Newbury, to be the lowest and best bidder for the Hobart Road resurfacing project and authorizing an agreement with Cole Burton Contractors LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$424,920.00. Mr. Knezevic seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Agreement authorized

After discussion, Ms. Hiltzley moved to declare a 2012 Dodge Chrysler Jeep as surplus municipal property, no longer needed for any municipal purpose and to authorize the Mayor and Chief of Police to sell the vehicle on www.govdeals.com for market value, and to authorize the

Mayor and Chief of Police to execute such documents as are necessary to accomplish such sale. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Vehicle sale authorized

Ms. Merritt, reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee that the newsletter went out. It was noted the recycling program has started out slowly. The program will be monitored for growth.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and approved the minutes and Treasurer's report from the prior month. The status of the Village's finances was discussed. The current projection is that the total of the Village's funds will drop below eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in 2026.

Ms. Hiltzley reported on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding its meeting of June 27, 2022. The new construction of a garage addition encountered subsurface conditions which would not permit the approved design. The property owner wanted to simplify the design, but the Architect Advisors were able to help identify a design which would be acceptable to the Village and the owner. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy attended the meeting to discuss a proposed lot split of its property that runs underneath Interstate 90 at the confluence of the branches of the Chagrin River. The matter relates to the boundary adjustment and should be approved in July. Another property on Eagle Road is proposing an addition, and the owner needs to make further changes to the proposed design to get it approved. Ms. Hiltzley indicated that she had received approval to move a small shed on her property. There was also an update on the solar panel legislation, which will be going back to the Commission for further consideration.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Knezevic reported that June had been a busy month. He deferred to Chief Dondorfer for a further report on the Police Department's activities. The Chief noted that the officers had been making good traffic contacts and that unfortunately, motor vehicle crashes had increased over last year. There had been one physical arrest in the Village. The new cruiser had been put into service, and the fence maintenance program is in process.

Ms. Merritt noted that a portion of the report regarding the Service Committee had been discussed earlier, regarding statistics related to the recycling program. There was a discussion regarding the cost of a track hoe, and the cost of pavement maintenance. The relatively low cost of repaving the private streets makes a Village assessment project non-economical. The homeowners' associations will likely need to obtain private financing. It is also likely that the issue of cellular telephone coverage will be raised again. There are many new residents who have mentioned it as a concern.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer