

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

June 13, 2022

Pursuant to notice given, a public hearing was held for 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" Mayor Ranallo opened the public hearing at 8:01 a.m. Mr. Ranallo requested that proponents, opponents, or anyone with comments regarding Ordinance No. 2022-10, to please make themselves heard. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed at 8:02 a.m.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:02 a.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox
Abby Hiltsley
Karl Scheucher

Brian Doty
Sam Knezevic
Richard Steudel

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Police Chief Carl Dondorfer, and Service Director Bob Haynik. Jim Raimondo and Kevin Gale of Ancora Advisors, and Tim Lannon of CT Consultants were also in attendance.

Jim Raimondo and Kevin Gale lead a discussion regarding the Village's investment strategy and the economic outlook. They explained that the Village is invested in solid companies, government bonds and agency bonds which present very little risk of failure. The plan is to manage the Village's cash into newer, higher-yield investments as existing securities mature. Mr. Raimondo and Mr. Gale exited the meeting at about 8:20 a.m.

Tim Lannon of CT Consultants presented information to Council regarding bids for the Hobart Road Resurfacing Project, as well as the maintenance plan for the Village's roadways. The Village has received bids for the Hobart Road project, but because the Village is utilizing state funds for the project, the Village cannot award the contract before July 1, 2022 (the commencement of the state's fiscal year). The good news is that the price of asphalt dipped just before the bids were due, so the project should come in on budget. Council will have the matter before it at the next Council meeting. The project will mill the top inch of asphalt off Hobart Road and replace it with three inches (3") of new asphalt. The Village's roads will also be striped this year.

Mr. Lannon exited the Council meeting at 8:30 a.m., as did Council President Ryan Cox.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 9, 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: Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
Nays: None

Motion carried

Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2022-8 - “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. Hiltley.

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

Motion carried
 Resolution No. 2022-8 adopted

Pursuant to notice given, a public hearing was then held for Resolution No. 2022-9, “A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the Village of Waite Hill for fiscal year 2023.” Mayor Ranallo opened the public hearing at 8:44 am. Mr. Ranallo requested that proponents, opponents, or anyone with comments regarding Resolution No. 2022-9, to please make themselves heard. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed at 8:45 a.m.

Resolution No. 2022-9 - “A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the Village of Waite Hill for fiscal year 2023” was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
 Resolution No. 2022-9 adopted

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 third time. The Mayor and Ms. Hiltley recapped the Planning and Zoning Commission’s deliberations regarding the ordinance. Council then deliberated the ordinance. The intention of Council is to permit solar energy facilities, including storage facilities, to be permitted on properties in the Village, subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Law Director will draft amendments to the ordinance and bring them for discussion at the next Council meeting. The ordinance will then be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ordinance No. 2022-11 - “An Ordinance prohibiting the discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks within the Village of Waite Hill, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Ms. Hiltley 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: Doty, Hiltley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
 Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-11, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2022-11 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mayor Ranallo reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, that the newsletter will be going out by the end of June.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had conducted its usual business earlier this morning. The Village's finances are down about \$98,000 since last year. It appears that the Village has not yet experienced cost inflation.

Ms. Hiltzley reported on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission had discussed solar panels, as had been noted earlier. The Commission also believes that above-ground pools should be addressed in the code. Council discussed the matter and agreed that above-ground pools should only be permitted in circumstances where it was not visible from neighboring properties or public or private rights of way; the adequacy of screening should be determined by the Commission. The ordinance will be revised and brought back to Council before it is referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Knezevic and Chief Dondorfer reviewed the Police Report with Council. It was a busy month. A pursuit came through the Village; the current approach to pursuits is not to pursue unless it is known that a serious crime has been committed which warrants the increased risk to the public, which a pursuit presents. The staffing of the Police department was discussed, and the protests regarding the Kirtland Country Club's skeet shooting program was discussed.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mr. Haynik reported that the Village would be doing crack-sealing, as the opportunity presented itself. He also noted that the Village is six weeks into the new recycling program and the program is not being over-utilized.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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APPROVED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer