

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

**June 12, 2023**

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, June 12, 2023, with Mayor, Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltsley	Sam Knezevic
Marcia Merritt	Karl Scheucher

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 May 8, 2023 were previously distributed to Council. Council discussed changes to the minutes proposed by Mr. Scheucher. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes as modified pursuant to proposal, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2023-6** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Ms. Hiltsley moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2023-6 adopted

The public hearing for Resolution No. 2023-7 (2024 Tax Budget) was called to order at 8:03 a.m. No one spoke in favor of the Resolution. No one spoke in opposition to the Resolution. The public hearing was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

**Resolution No. 2023-7** - "A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the Village of Waite Hill for fiscal year 2024" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2023-7 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2023-7** - “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2023-7 adopted

Mr. Steudel arrived at the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Reporting for the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt stated that the prior newsletter had gone out on March 28 and that the next release is scheduled for July. An email regarding recycling will be sent out, including pictures and maps showing the facilities. Wine bottles, aluminum cans and paper receptacles are all at capacity. The Mayor thanked Ms. Merritt for her hard work on this project.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported the Committee executed its standard agenda approving the May meeting minutes. Regarding total fund balances, June vs. May was lower by \$32,086. June 2023 vs. May 2023 was lower by \$369,174. Total fund trajectory estimates put May 2018 at \$10,382,714 vs. May 2028 at \$8,269,245, a decline of \$2,113,469 over 10 years averaging a decline of \$211,347 per year, at an average decline rate of 2.56% per year. Expense increases due to general inflation and property tax revenue increases due to property value appreciation are essentially offsetting. The specific expense increases attributable to higher inflation rates and supply deficits for capital equipment represent a likely increase in the average rate of decline in funds. The Village received its property tax reimbursements (rollback, etc.) this month. It was essentially the same as the first half reimbursement revenue in 2022 but arrived a month later in 2023. The first half property tax collections from taxpayers lagged the first half of 2022 by \$36K. This is hopefully a taxpayer-payment timing issue and revenues will catch up in the second half. The Village's investment position was discussed. Unrealized losses loom large while interest yields are low compared to cash deposit account rates (E.g., Star Ohio). Due to the current bond market, there is nothing presently proposed to mitigate this dilemma. The potential synergy between the

Village and the residents of two private drives, Reserve and Creawood, was discussed. Exploration continues.

Ms. Hiltzley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee, noted that an entry feature for a residence on Gardenside was approved. A project is underway to add a rear family room to a residence on Hobart Road. The shed was approved for the property on Metcalf Road and a residence on Eagle Road (with an approved barn and generator) was discussed.

Mr. Knezevic reported on behalf of the Safety Committee, noting that citations were down, but warnings were up. There were seven (7) mutual aid responses to other communities. A Gardenside Drive resident was the victim of identity theft. The Police Department is still conducting training on Marsy’s Law, current concentration is on a banner system for reports that would protect the privacy of victims. There was a discussion of electric solar panels. Another Gardenside Drive resident has been placed under guardianship and will be living in an assisted living facility in Kirtland. The son of a resident on Gardenside Drive had an accident which resulted in blood being spread inside of the residence. The police investigated to determine what had happened, originally believing a crime may have occurred. Chief Dondorfer reported that many of the Chiefs in the west end of Lake County are retiring.

Regarding the Service Department, Mr. Haynik reported that several cemetery lots were sold and the footers have been placed. Salt prices will be increasing by 5 (five) dollars for the 2023-2024 winter season. Residents have been fixing up their fences and mailboxes, based upon the Village’s program of notifying residents of a failure to maintain those facilities. Ms. Merritt reported that July 15, 2023 is shredding day. As of yet, there is no truck available for the department.

Mayor Ranallo stated that he intended to appoint Mr. William Childs as an Architect Advisor to the Architectural Board of Review. A motion to confirm the appointment of Mr. Childs will be on the July council meeting agenda.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer