

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

May 9, 2022

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, May 9, 2022, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Sam Knezevic	Marcia Merritt
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 April 11, 2022, were previously distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2022-7 - "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, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2022-7 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 second time. The Planning and Zoning Commission has not yet reviewed the matter but will do so at the May meeting. Council's public hearing will be held at the June Council meeting.

Ms. Merritt, reporting on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee reported that the recycling program has commenced. Communications went out to the residents regarding the program, and the Village can now track the program's growth. Signs will be posted at the drop site, and the need for additional capacity will be monitored. The Village will continue to stress that paper and cardboard drop offs must be dry.

Ms. Hiltley arrived at the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that the Committee had met and approved the previous month's meeting minutes. There was also a review and discussion of property tax issues, including refunds. The Committee ratified the purchase of a bond. The investment portfolio was reviewed, and Jim Raimondo will be invited to a meeting to discuss the investment strategy in the current economy. The Willoughby Hills Fire and EMS contract is still being negotiated. Tax levy results for other neighboring political subdivisions were discussed.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, Ms. Hiltley reported that April was a busy month. Approval was granted for a garage on Mountainview (BZA had previously granted the variance). An addition to a residence in Creawood Forest was approved. An Eagle Road resident discussed a possible addition to his residence and may be requesting information regarding a building zone development. A request for a pergola for the property on Waite Hill Road was not approved because it was a proposed thirty-five feet (35') from the side lot line, but the code requires a side yard setback of fifty feet (50'); revised plans will be prepared showing the proper setback. A Rollin Road resident will need to make changes to an addition that was constructed not in accordance with the approved plans. This resident has exhibited a course of conduct disregarding the permitting process; three (3) items must be changed, and the owner will not be permitted to continue until the proposed changes have been approved by the ABR. Council also discussed the Western Reserve Land Conservancy property on Smith Road, the pending energy generation legislation, the Village's fence maintenance program, and other complaints regarding various residences.

Mr. Knezevic reported on behalf of the Safety Committee and discussed concerns regarding weather activated false alarms. Residents who experience such problems on a chronic basis are asked to get their systems serviced.

Ms. Merritt excused herself from the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Mr. Knezevic and Chief Dondorfer summarized the police report and provided some specifics regarding the activities reported. The Village has received a grant for the purchase of bullet proof vests which would cover eight hundred dollars (\$800) of the cost of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Council then discussed the proposed purchase of a Ford Interceptor for the Police Department, as recommended by the Chief, at a price of thirty-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$35,750). A Chevy Tahoe would cost fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). The equipment transfer/installation will cost between eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) and nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). The Village is looking at its manpower issue and another full-time officer may need to be hired.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mr. Haynik advised Council of the activities of the Service Department. The Hobart Road resurfacing project is being bid and will be performed this summer. A grant for the Eagle Road project is being pursued – the work may be performed in 2024.

Council discussed the fact that Ohio law has changed and now permits the explosion of fireworks on certain holidays. It was agreed that legislation should be prepared to maintain the existing law, which prohibits the explosion of fireworks in the Village of Waite Hill (unless it is done by a licensed exhibitor). The law director will prepare legislation for the June Council meeting.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer