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

May 13, 2024

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall on Monday, May 13, 2024. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m., with Mayor Ryan W. Cox presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

Kerri Bowden Sam Knezevic Richard Steudel Abby Hiltsley Karl Scheucher Stephanie Winterer

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Robbi Laps, Police Chief, Carl Dondorfer, Service Director, Bob Haynik, and Law Director, Stephen L. Byron.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 8, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the Minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bowden, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel,

Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2024-6 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bowden, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel,

Winterer Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2024-6 adopted

Ordinance No. 2024-11 - "An Ordinance amending Section 1133.07, Notice of Public Hearing, of Part Eleven - Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, and repealing certain Ordinances" was read for the first and referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ordinance No. 2024-12 - "An Ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 145, Employees Generally, of Waite Hill Village to enact new regulations applicable to vacation leave, personal leave, and holiday compensation for Village employees, and declaring an emergency" was

read for the first time. The ordinance had redundant language which the Law Director was directed to remove. The matter will be placed on second reading at the June meeting.

Ordinance No. 2024-13 - "An Ordinance amending Section 521.10, Nuisances In Connection With Trees, of Chapter 521, Health, Safety and Sanitation, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, and repealing certain Ordinances." was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule which requires that Ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bowden, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel,

Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bowden, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel,

Winterer Nays: None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2024-13 adopted

Ms. Bowden, Chair of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, was able to reproduce the format for the Village Voice and got it distributed, for which the Mayor expressed his gratitude. Ms. Bowden also stated that a meet and greet is in the works for this summer.

The Finance Committee report for the month is appended hereto and incorporated in these Minutes by reference. There is a Local Government Funds meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Career Center.

Ms. Hiltsley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, informed Council that several projects were approved at the last meeting: a darker color paint for a home on Gardenside Drive, a generator for a home on Eagle Road, a swimming pool for a home on Creawood Forest, and a barn for a home on South Lane was approved. The Commission formally denied the proposed addition to a residence on Rollin Road, which required a variance. The Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to hear the request on May 9, 2024. The specifics of the project were discussed.

Ms. Winterer, reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, suggested that an "all community text" be explored, which would enhance immediate communications with residents. It was noted that the "Reverse 911" serves a similar purpose. May was an especially busy month with 44 calls for service. It was noted that the use of flock cameras by other communities had been successful in locating and apprehending suspects. New tactical vests were discussed, and it was noted that the cost would be covered by a grant. A home on Gardenside Drive will be put up for sale by the Sheriff's

Office. Portable radios must be replaced, and the department has undergone a LEADS audit. Chief Dondorfer was praised for keeping overtime hours down this year.

In the absence of Mr. Doty, Service Director Haynik reported that trees that threaten the right of way are being removed by private property owners. For the Village's part, 11 trees are being removed from Village-owned property. The associated cost for the removal and clean up is estimated to be Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00). This winter has been very mild, so the Village is unable to take the minimum salt distribution from Morton. Arrangements will need to be made with Morton to address this issue, and it is something that all of the communities in northeastern Ohio need to address. The new large truck is being constructed and it should be ready by October, in time for next winter's plowing season. Cemetery fees need to be increased. The cost of Smith Road repaving is estimated to be about Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00).

There being no further matters to come before Council, Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m., which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bowden, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel,

Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

	Ryan W. Cox, Mayor
2024	

APPROVED: , 2024

ATTEST:

Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer



Finance Committee Report - May 13, 2024, Meeting

The Committee executed its standard agenda approving the March meeting minutes.

Property tax revenues caught up in April 2024 with YTD standing at \$560,335 while still awaiting first half property tax reimbursements expected to add \$66k when received. Property tax plus reimbursements receipts totaled \$580,900 for the first half in 2023 whereas 2024 should reach \$626k.

Local Government Fund revenue for April was \$10,101, \$1,474 less than April 2023. 2024 YTD revenue is \$51,426, \$3,274 less than YTD in April 2023.

April 2024 interest income was \$18,049, \$2,835 less than April 2023. 2024/2023 Y/Y is running \$3,274 behind.

Total YTD revenue for April 2024 was \$715,976, \$38,175 ahead of April 2023 YTD.

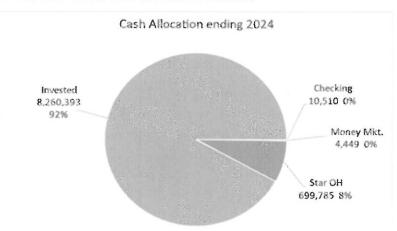
Total YTD expense for April 2024 was \$636,200, approximately \$10k more than compared to YTD April 2023.

Total funds for April 2024 were \$8,975,138. Total funds a year ago were \$9,136,621, approximately \$161k more than 2024.

Total fund trajectory estimates show April 2019 calculated to be \$10,096,375 vs. April 2029 projected to be \$7,972,393, a decline of \$2,123,982 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$212,398 per year, an average decline rate of -2.66% per year. The trajectories show a rate of decline varying between -2.12% and -2.76% over the last 13 months.

As of April end of 2024, funds are allocated as follows:

Total funds	8,975,138	
Checking	10,510	
Checks outstanding	-	
Deposits outstandir	-	
Star OH	699,785	
Money Market	4,449	
Invested	8,260,393	
Total Check	8,975,138	



Fund balances were as follows:

Fund	MAR 2024	APR 2024	Change
GENERAL	1,948,259	2,193,323	245,064
STREET MAIN	826,299	826,689	390
MAIN LICENSE	11,069	11,409	340
CAPITAL	5,731,226	5,729,867	(1,359)
POLICE PENSION	87,602	84,859	(2,743)
LAW ENFORCEME	560	560	0
DRUG FINES	150	150	0
POL.PROF.TRNG.	6,079	5,699	(380)
NOPEC	1,956	1,860	(96)
AMER. RESCUE PL	47,852	47,852	0
POL,FIRE,EMS,SEF	75	72,870	72,795
Totals	8,661,127	8,975,138	314,011

Star Ohio annualized yield as of 3/5/2024 was 5.58% \checkmark with average days to maturity of 51.8 \uparrow (yield decrease and longevity increased this month).

End of report, respectfully submitted, Karl Scheucher, Waite Hill Council, Finance Committee Chairperson