

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

November 14, 2022

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, November 14, 2022, with Council President, Ryan Cox presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltzley	Sam Knezevic
Marcia Merritt	Karl Scheucher
Richard Steudel	

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Police Lieutenant Steve Geric, and Service Director Bob Haynik.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 12, 2022 were previously distributed to Council. The minutes were modified to reflect that the police department's vehicles are being operated in a more energy-efficient manner. Without any objection, Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as revised, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2022-15 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Doty moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2022-15 adopted

Resolution No. 2022-16 - "A Resolution adopting the updated Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2022-16 adopted

Councilmember Karl Scheucher indicated that he would like to review the plan.

Ordinance No. 2022-15 (As Amended) - “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Stephen L. Byron and Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co., L.P.A., for legal services beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, confirming the appointment of Stephen L. Byron as Law Director, and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Ms. Merritt moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-15 (As Amended) be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2022-15
(As Amended) adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee facilitated the Council’s receipt of reports that the Halloween party was a great success, with plenty of children in attendance. Jungle Terry will attend next year’s party, and a microphone will be used for announcements. Ms. Merritt provided the information she had received regarding glass recycling. More information is needed and will be obtained.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee’s Minutes were approved. Village revenues are down \$9,000 and the expenses are up \$63,000, year-to-date. A payment for the Hobart Road project has been made, and the total cost for the project will be about \$210,000, which was derived from the OPWC grant and loan. In December, the Compensation Committee will be meeting to determine the compensation for Village employees in 2023. Budgets will be done by that time. The Village’s investment strategies, and results, were discussed.

Ms. Hiltzley reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s last meeting. The new residence in Creawood was discussed, and more information was required. A decision on the request for solar panels for a Creawood home was deferred, pending the input of the homeowners’ association. The proposed salt shed was also discussed, and more information will be obtained, but ultimately the Village should pass legislation approving the shed and get the Planning and Zoning Commission’s input on it.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Knezevic noted that the month was routine. There was an accident on I-90. Traffic contacts are down. There was a domestic dispute in Creawood Forest. A Metcalf Road property needs to be cleared of a tree that fell.

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Service Committee, deferred to Mr. Haynik. Mr. Haynik reported that it was a quiet month as the weather was good. The guard rail on Metcalf Road is being repaired (it had been damaged by a single-car accident).

Ms. Merritt excused herself from the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

There was a brief discussion regarding the salt shed and other possible improvements on the Village's property.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Ryan Cox, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer