

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

**November 13, 2023**

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, November 13, 2023, with acting Mayor Ryan Cox presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox  
Karl Scheucher

Brian Doty  
Richard Steudel

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

A quorum of members of council who attended the September and October council meetings were not present to vote on the minutes of those meetings. The minutes for the September, October, and November council meetings will be on the agenda for approval in December.

**Resolution No. 2023-14** - "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. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2023-14 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2023-10** - "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 second time. In the absence of five (5) members of council needed to suspend the three-reading rule, the matter will be placed on the December Agenda for third reading.

**Ordinance No. 2023-11** - "An Ordinance approving current replacement pages to the Waite Hill Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. In the absence of five (5) members of council needed to suspend the three-reading rule, the matter will be placed on the December Agenda for second reading.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, it was noted by acting Mayor Cox that the Village's Halloween Party was a success. There will be one more edition of the Village Voice distributed while Mayor Ranallo is in office.

Mr. Scheucher's Finance Committee report is appended hereto and incorporated in these minutes by reference.

In the absence of Ms. Hiltley, the report from the November Planning and Zoning Committee was distributed to Council.

In the absence of Mr. Knezevic, Chief Dondorfer reported that October had been a steady month. Legislation for a boundary adjustment with Willoughby, to remove Interstate 90 from the Village's boundaries, will be on the December Council Agenda. This will eliminate the need for the Village police department to respond to incidents on the freeway. The portable radios for the police department will be replaced. There may be a \$37,000 grant available to help offset the cost to the Village of these radios, or ARPA funding may be available for such use. There was discussion regarding communications within the Village. Service Director Haynik echoed that the Halloween party was a great success. There is some concern regarding the need for repair to guardrails in 3-4 locations, estimates are being gathered for the repairs.

The recycling program has proven to be very popular. There is no update available on the contract for Fire and EMS with Willoughby Hills.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

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Ryan Cox, Acting Mayor

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

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

Finance Committee Report – November 13, 2023, Meeting

The Committee executed its standard agenda approving the October meeting minutes. The August meeting minutes were also up for approval which was voted in the affirmative.

Property tax deposits were completed in October and there are no further property tax revenues for 2023 expected. Council awaits the Auditor’s “Schedule A” report projecting property tax to be collected in 2024.

2023 YTD Local Government Fund stands at \$147,332, \$2,605 ahead of the October 2022 disbursement.

2023 YTD interest income is \$127,715 now running ahead of October 2022 by \$7,340. This is a positive turnaround since September of \$13,168 when 2023 YTD lagged behind 2022 \$(5,328).

2023 YTD expenses total \$1,422,399. This is \$116,124 more expense than the corresponding YTD amount in 2022 which was \$1,306,276.

Regarding total funds, balances ending October vs. September were lower, changing by \$(41,580). Balance ending October 2023 was lower than September 2022, changing by \$(362,405). Total fund trajectory estimates show October 2018 calculated to be \$10,311,930 vs. October 2028 projected to be \$8,400,054, a decline of \$1,911,875 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$191,188 per year, an average decline rate of –2.28% per year. The trajectories are flattening a bit predicting a lower deficit rate going forward (for the moment).

As of October 30, 2023, funds are allocated as follows:

\$17,702 in the checking account

\$8,751 in the money market account

\$707,340 in Star Ohio account, 8% of funds, a notable increase month over month

\$8,434,954 invested in bonds, 92% of funds

Fund balances were as follows:

Fund	SEP2023	OCT 2023	Change
GENERAL	2,430,334	2,378,205	(52,129)
STREET MAIN	807,479	811,070	3,592
MAIN LICENSE	8,455	8,836	380
CAPITAL	5,899,544	5,899,544	0
POLICE PENSION	31,039	21,662	(9,377)
LAW ENFORCEMENT	560	560	0
DRUG FINES	150	150	0
POL.PROF.TRNG.	84	84	0
NOPEC	1,211	561	(650)
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	47,852	47,852	0
POL,FIRE,EMS,SERV	40,467	223	(40,245)
Totals	9,267,175	9,168,747	(98,428)

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Star Ohio annualized yield as of 11/10/2023 was 5.71% with average days to maturity of 49.5 (longevity is increasing a few days every month).

End of November Report

Respectfully submitted,  
Karl Scheucher  
Waite Hill Council, Finance Committee Chairperson