

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

November 11, 2024

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall on Monday, November 11, 2024. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m., with Mayor Ryan W. Cox presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

Brian Doty
Abby Hiltzley
Karl Scheucher

Richard Steudel
Stephanie Winterer

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 14, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the Minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltzley, Scheucher, Steudel, Winterer
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2024-15 - "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: Doty, Hiltzley, Scheucher, Steudel, Winterer
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2024-15 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher made a motion to appoint Mr. Doty, Mr. Knezevic, and himself to the Finance Committee and to ratify the actions of the Finance Committee taken to date, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltzley, Scheucher, Steudel, Winterer
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Committee appointed and

Actions ratified

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Mayor Cox reported that over 200 people were in attendance for the Halloween Party. Thus far, there has been \$1,450 in donations which were applied to the approximately \$3,100 expenses incurred for the party. The Gale family generously donated funds to perform tree work in and around the Village, including the lighting of the Christmas tree.

The Finance Committee report for the month is appended hereto and incorporated in these Minutes by reference.

Ms. Hiltley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, reported that there will be a small addition to a barn on Metcalf Road. A Smith Road residence has added a propane generator and propane tank. A home on Eagle Road will be making changes to its windows, but a master plan needs to be submitted to show all of the changes. Bridle trails are being investigated by property owners on Metcalf Road to see if formal easements were ever filed or if there were informal agreements between property owners. Construction on the Eagle Road property has stopped and there must be a framing inspection of the construction to date. The Commission reviewed the deposit requirements in the code and agreed that the amounts are sufficient.

Ms. Winterer deferred to Chief Dondorfer, reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee. The Chief noted another busy month, some of which included the Police Department offering aid to the Federal Government regarding the search of a property on Eagle Road, which lasted approximately nine (9) hours. Lt. Gerics will be attending the FBI Academy in January. Portable radios are being purchased with the assistance of ARPA grant money. Lake County is moving to Next Generation 911, which will provide a better level of service for people using cellular telephones. The Waite Hill Police Department has been certified by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory. This information will be published in the newsletter. WENS (Wireless Emergency Notification System), which is similar to Reverse 911, is going live so that residents can be notified of specific issues that may arise in certain portions of the Village.

Mr. Kurt Schoeppler of South Lane arrived at the Council Meeting at 8:25.

Mr. Doty, as Chair of the Service Committee, deferred to Service Director Haynik for a report. Mr. Haynik stated that a new truck is coming any day now and is hoping it lasts 15-16 years. There was a discussion regarding the offer of an extended warranty. The skid steer (generally known as "Game Boy" because of its versatility) is 25 years old, leaks fluid and may need to be replaced.

Mayor Cox reported that the boundary adjustment with Willoughby is moving forward. The Willoughby Hills Fire contract is being negotiated. A Charter Review Commission will be appointed and serve in 2025 and will be chaired by Councilwoman Winterer. One of the issues to be addressed by the Commission is making permanent the temporary safety and services levy, that was first adopted in 2013 when the state rollback provisions were in effect. Those provisions provided that the

state government would pay 10% and 2.5% of the levies to local governments. Such payments subsidize the taxpayers of the Village, and were put in place in the 1970’s when the state income tax was put in place. In 2013, the rollback program was removed so new levies don’t get the benefit of the subsidy. If the Safety and Service levy is renewed, it will still receive the rollback. Thus, if the same amount of money is needed by the Village, it makes sense to renew the levy. New levies do not receive the rollback.

Mr. Scheucher then moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation, the acquisition or disposition of Village real estate, and/or the compensation of employees and Village officials, which motion was seconded by Ms. Winterer.

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltzley, Scheucher, Steudel, Winterer
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 8:53 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 9:05 a.m.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Hiltzley, Scheucher, Steudel, Winterer
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan W. Cox, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2024

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer



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Finance Committee Report – November 11, 2024, Meeting

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

The Village received the Property Tax Reimbursements for the second half in the amount of \$66,142. Total property tax receipts inclusive of reimbursements finish at \$1,026,672 for 2024, \$46,902 more than 2023.

Local Government Fund revenue for November was \$12,836. 2024 YTD revenue is \$139,298, \$8,035 less than 2023 YTD at this point. N.B., expect a decline in Local Government Fund revenues going forward. Future revenues will be at most 90% of the ultimate 2024 amount.

October 2024 interest income was \$20,309. 2024 YTD is \$171,177 compared to 2023 at \$127,715, a Y/Y YTD increase of \$43,462.

Total YTD revenue for October 2024 was \$1,604,239, \$97,946 ahead of 2023 YTD in October.

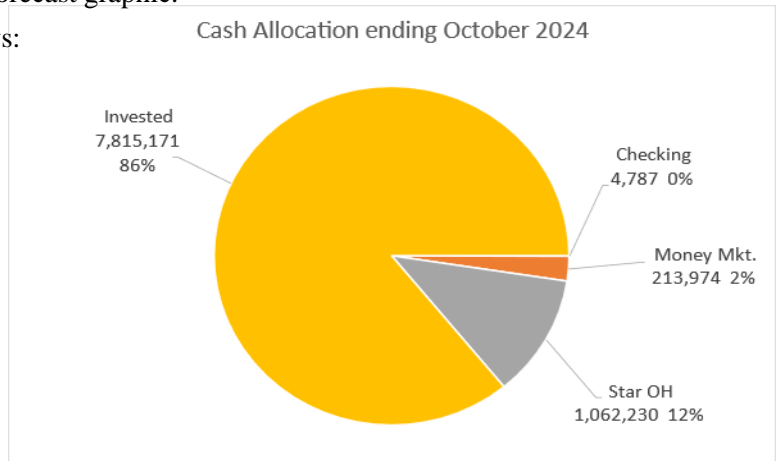
Total YTD expense for October 2024 was \$1,403,438, \$18,961 less compared to 2023 YTD.

Total funds for October 2024 were \$9,096,161 decreasing \$72,585 compared to total funds a year ago.

Total fund trajectory estimates show October 2019 calculated to be \$9,873,890 vs. October 2029 projected to be \$8,302,961, a decline of \$1,570,929 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$157,093 per year, an average decline rate of -1.89% per year. The trajectories continue to show a recent decreasing rate of decline, said decline varying between -1.89% and -2.76% over the last 18 months. See Funds Forecast graphic.

As of October 2024, funds are allocated as follows:

Total funds	9,096,162
Checking	4,787
Checks outstanding	-
Deposits outstanding	-
Star OH	1,062,230
Money Market	213,974
Invested	7,815,171
Total Check	9,096,162

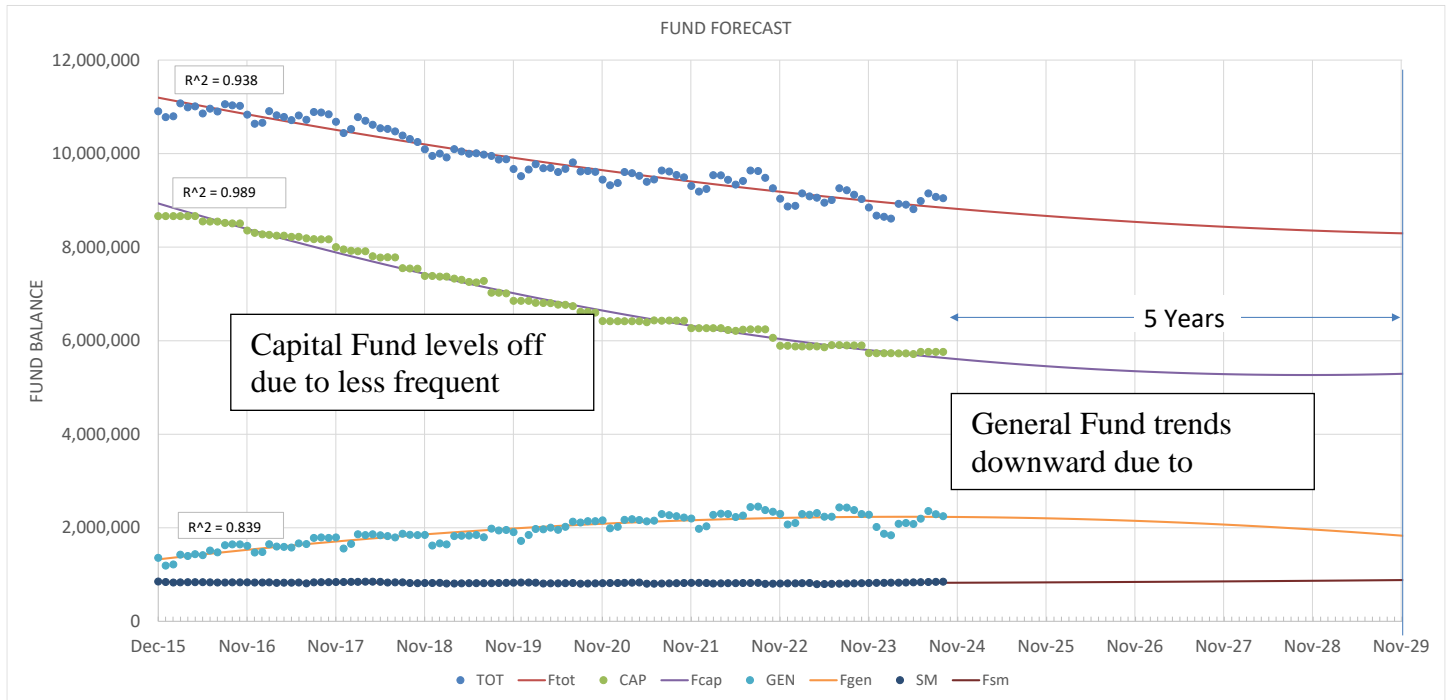


Fund balances were as follows:

Fund	SEP 2024	OCT 2024	Change
GENERAL	2,398,327	2,357,912	(40,415)
STREET MAIN	843,143	846,416	3,273
MAIN LICENSE	3,057	3,468	411
CAPITAL	5,762,624	5,762,624	0
POLICE PENSION	45,052	36,571	(8,481)
LAW ENFORCEME	560	560	0
DRUG FINES	150	150	0
POL.PROF.TRNG.	4,861	4,721	(140)
NOPEC	1,860	1,860	0
AMER. RESCUE PL	47,852	47,852	0
POL,FIRE,EMS,SEF	15,956	34,027	18,071
Totals	9,123,442	9,096,162	(27,281)

Star Ohio annualized yield as of 10/8/2024 was 5.09% ↓ with average days to maturity of 25 ↓ (yield and longevity decreased this month).

The Auditor’s Schedule A estimate of property tax revenue for 2025 is anticipated in December.



Funds forecast showing notable, evolving trends in Capital versus General Funds.

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