

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

**October 10, 2022**

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, October 10, 2022, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltzley	Sam Knezevic
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 September 12, 2022 were previously distributed to Council. Ms. Hiltzley moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Steudel	
	Nays:	None	
	Abstain:	Doty, Scheucher	
			Motion carried
			Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2022-14** - "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, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel	
	Nays:	None	
			Motion carried
			Resolution No. 2022-14 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-15** - "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 first time.

**Ordinance No. 2022-16** - "An Ordinance approving current replacement pages to the Waite Hill Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-16 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-16 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-17** - "An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to expend Village funds for a public celebration" was read for the first time. Mr. Scheucher moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-17 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-17 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mayor Ranallo reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. He indicated that notice of the Halloween Party had gone out via email and that one more email would be sent. The party will be held Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Village Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Committee had reviewed and approved the minutes and reviewed the August and September 2022 Treasurer Reports. The Committee ratified the purchase of two bonds. The Village taxpayers have a ninety-eight percent (98%) compliance rate in the payment of property taxes. By contrast, Lake County taxpayers comply at a ninety-four percent (94%) rate. The triennial valuation has gone up. The Village is prepared to pay certain expenses out of the Capital and Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair funds. It has been

determined that a new salt shed may be paid for out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and that project will be moving forward. There is also a bond service payment of about one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) that will be made before the end of the year.

Ms. Hiltsley informed Council that no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was held in September.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Knezevic noted that traffic contacts are up and assists to residents are down. Chief Dondorfer added that September was a typical month for the police department. The department has completed OPATA training updates for all the officers of the department, and the training expenses are to be reimbursed by the state. The Creawood power pole issue has been resolved. There was a discussion regarding school buses in the Village and it was noted that the buses now have cameras, which will help with enforcement issues. The department's vehicles are more energy efficient. There has been no change in the status of the renewal of the fire contract.

Mr. Haynik, reporting on behalf of the Service Committee, noted that the Hobart Road topcoat is being completed. The total cost for road striping in the Village will be \$21,439.10, exclusive of the striping for Hobart Road. The bill for the Hobart Road striping, in the amount of \$4,525, will be submitted by Aero-Mark directly to Cole Burton, which is the contractor for the Hobart Road resurfacing project. That project contract included the cost of striping. There was further discussion regarding the design and location of the new salt shed.

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to authorize the Mayor to spend up to \$40,000 for the purchase of a shed, Mr. Knezevic seconded the motion.

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

It was noted that the final design and location of the new salt shed will be approved by an ordinance of Council.

The date and time for the Halloween party was reiterated. The recycling program was discussed. Aluminum recycling does not seem to be cost effective. The Village may reduce the number of pick-ups for aluminum cans. Cardboard/paper recycling, however, is working well. Many residents are complaining about the lack of cell service in the Village.

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of employees and Village officials. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to Executive Session  
at 8:44 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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