

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

February 12, 2024

Prior to the call to order, Wendy Zele of First Energy lead a discussion of electrical supply issues, maintenance, and power restoration. Also joining in on this discussion and posing questions were Waite Hill residents Sally Podrasky, Courtenay Taplin, and Bryan Cramp.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m., with Mayor Ryan W. Cox presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

Kerri Bowden	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltzley	Sam Knezevic
Karl Scheucher	Richard Steudel
Stephanie Winterer	

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Robbi Laps, Police Chief, Carl Dondorfer, Service Director, Bob Haynik, Law Director, Stephen L. Byron, and those persons whose names appear on the attendance sheet.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 8, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2024-2 - "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. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2024-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2024-6 - “An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s), and declaring an emergency” 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, Doty, Hiltley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Bowden, Doty, Hiltley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel
Winterer

Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2024-6 adopted

Ms. Bowden, Chair of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, will meet with the former Chair of the Committee, Marcia Merritt, in late February. She hopes this will bring her up to speed. The Village Voice Newsletter will be published in March 2024.

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

Ms. Hiltley noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission has been busy. A residence on Reserve Drive is seeking to add a pool house and an addition. A residence on Mountainview Drive is seeking to increase the size of an accessory building that is used as a workshop. A residence on Markell Road was approved for the addition of a shed and installation of a generator. There was further discussion regarding the proposed lot split of a ten (10) acre parcel that had been separated from a larger parcel that was split as a part of a building zone development. The new residence would be located in the building zone, but the existing residence on the property is in the scenic zone.

Ms. Winterer deferred to Chief Dondorfer regarding the Safety Commission report. There was the threat of a possible suicide, however the subject was located alive. There was an arrest for menacing (the case is pending). There were smash and grab incidents at Chapin Park, where vehicles were broken into and property was stolen. There was an accident on Interstate 90, and another suicide attempt in Creawood Forest. The Village’s police department provided mutual aid upon request to neighboring communities.

Mr. Doty, reporting on behalf of the Service Committee, stated that the month of January had been quiet. The Village has applied for a seventy-five thousand dollar (\$75,000) grant to aid with the cost of the new salt shed. Any issues involving the removals of dead and dying trees in the right of way will be addressed in the upcoming Newsletter.

There will be a meeting to discuss the Willoughby Municipal Court budget allocation. A question was raised whether the community that is using cameras for traffic enforcement is having its Local Government Funds reduced.

Mr. Scheucher then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation, and the compensation of employees and Village officials, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 9:23 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 9:54 a.m.

There being no further matters to come before Council, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Ryan W. Cox, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2024

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer



Finance Committee Report – February 12, 2024, Meeting

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

The first property tax revenues in 2024 will be the advance from the County Auditor, typically in February. Reiterating from last month’s report, property tax revenue including current collections, delinquency collections, and reimbursements totaled \$1,108,081 in 2023. The Auditor’s “Schedule A” report projecting property tax to be collected in 2024, issued at the very end of last year, estimates the total 2023 tax to be collected in 2024 to be \$1,072,086 (at 94% compliance level). This is an increase of 3.3% or \$34,090 compared to the prior year’s corresponding Schedule A estimate.

Reiterating from last month’s report, 2023 Local Government Fund revenue finished at \$177,595, which is \$4,057 ahead of the 2022 revenue. January 2024 revenue totaled \$12,559 compared to January 2023 year-over-year at \$14,166 and December 2023 month-over-month at \$15,490.

January 2024 interest income was \$15,681 compared to January 2023 year-over-year at \$19,857 and December 2023 month-over-month at \$13,593.

Total revenue for January 2024 was \$39,994 compared to January 2023 year-over-year at \$39,252 and December 2023 month-over-month at \$94,305.

Total expense for January 2024 was \$212,954 compared to January 2023 year-over-year at \$204,790 and December 2023 month-over-month at \$277,684.

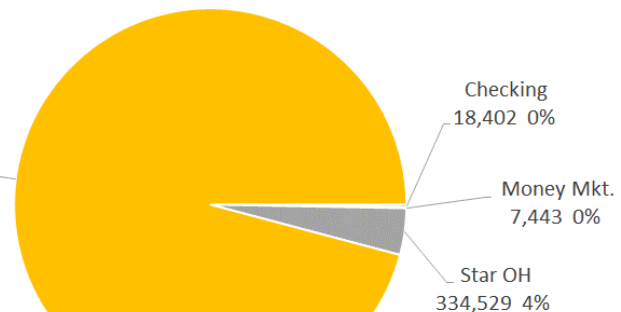
Total funds for January 2024 were \$8,722,401 compared to January 2023 year-over-year at \$8,919,316 (decreasing by \$196,915) and December 2023 month-over-month at \$8,895,361 (decreasing by \$172,960).

Total fund trajectory estimates show January 2019 calculated to be \$10,180,946 vs. January 2029 projected to be \$8,196,414, a decline of \$1,984,532 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$198,453 per year, an average decline rate of –2.42% per year. The trajectories show a modest increase in decline compared to previous months.

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

Total funds	<u>8,722,401</u>
Checking	18,402
Checks outstanding	-
Deposits outstanding	-
Star OH	334,529
Money Market	7,443
Invested	<u>8,362,027</u>
Total Check	<u>8,722,401</u>

Cash Allocation ending January 2024



Fund balances were as follows:

Fund	DEC 2023	JAN 2024	Change
GENERAL	2,279,036	2,018,100	(260,937)
STREET MAIN	817,834	820,852	3,018
MAIN LICENSE	9,650	9,989	340
CAPITAL	5,734,581	5,731,226	(3,356)
POLICE PENSION	4,158	104,973	100,815
LAW ENFORCEME	560	560	0
DRUG FINES	150	150	0
POL.PROF.TRNG.	84	6,669	6,585
NOPEC	1,456	1,956	500
AMER. RESCUE PL	47,852	47,852	0
POL,FIRE,EMS,SEF	0	(19,925)	(19,925)
Totals	8,895,361	8,722,401	(172,960)

Star Ohio annualized yield as of 1/5/2024 was 5.62% ↓ with average days to maturity of 40.9 ↓ (both yield and longevity decreased this month).

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