

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

January 10, 2022

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

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Abby Hiltsley	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 December 13, 2021 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

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

Council then proceeded with the election of the Council President. Mr. Steudel nominated Ryan Cox. There were no other nominations. Mr. Steudel then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Cox as Council President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Doty, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel	
	Nays:	None	
	Abstain:	Cox	Motion carried
			Council President elected

Council then proceeded with the election of the Council Vice-President. Mr. Cox nominated Sam Knezevic. There were no other nominations. Mr. Cox then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Knezevic as Council Vice-President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Doty, Hiltsley, Scheucher, Steudel	
	Nays:	None	
	Abstain:	Knezevic	Motion carried
			Council Vice-President elected

Mr. Cox nominated Abby Hiltley to serve as Council’s representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. There were no other nominations. Mr. Cox then moved to close the nominations and have Ms. Hiltley unanimously elected to serve as Council’s representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Council’s Representative to the  
Planning and Zoning Commission and  
Architectural Board of Review Elected

**Resolution No. 2022-1** - “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, Hiltley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel  
                     Nays:    None

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2022-1 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-1** - “An Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the Village of Waite Hill a proposed amendment to the charter of the Village to renew the levy of six and two tenths (6.2) mill for the purpose of funding the Village’s Police Department, Fire, EMS, and Public Services, and declaring an emergency.” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-1, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-1 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-2** - “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-2, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-2 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-3** - “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, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, confirming the appointment of Stephen L. Byron as Law Director, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-3, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-3 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-4** - “An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Richard J. Perez as an Assistant Law Director (Prosecutor) for the Village, providing compensation for the Assistant Law Director (Prosecutor), repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Knezevic moved to suspend the rule requiring that an Ordinance be read on three different days, 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 moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-4, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-4 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2022-5** - "An Ordinance providing additional compensation to Village employees for quality services rendered and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an Ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-5, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2022-5 adopted

Mayor Ranallo announced that he would like to re-appoint Ken Dery to the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for a term expiring December 31, 2024 and requested a motion to confirm the re-appointment.

After discussion, Ms. Hiltzley moved to adopt the Mayor's re-appointment of Ken Dery, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Re-appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then announced that he would like to appoint Kerri Bowden to replace Brian Doty as a member of the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for the term expiring December 31, 2023 and requested a motion to confirm the appointment.

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt the Mayor's appointment of Kerri Bowden, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then announced that he would like to appoint Patrick Wiley to replace Jim Gibbs as a member of the Village's Board of Zoning Appeals, for the term expiring December 31, 2025 and requested a motion to confirm the appointment.

After discussion, Mr. Cox moved to adopt the Mayor's appointment of Patrick Wiley, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then announced that he would like to re-appoint Joseph J. Mahovlic as a member of the Village's Board of Zoning Appeals, for the term expiring December 31, 2026 and requested a motion to confirm the appointment.

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt the Mayor's appointment of Joseph J. Mahovlic, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doty.

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

Motion carried  
Re-appointment confirmed

Mr. Cox, reporting for Ms. Merritt on behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, indicated that the Newsletter is being prepared for release in February 2022 and that the recycling program will begin in March.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee, that there had been a meeting earlier in the morning. He stated that the fund balance of the Village stood at \$9,330,000 at the end

of 2021, a reduction of \$112,000 from the prior year. The purchases of several financial instruments were also ratified.

Ms. Hiltley reported on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review that a garage had been approved on a Metcalf Road property, the re-siding of a garage on Rollin Road was approved, a lot reconfiguration on Gardenside had been denied and that a decision on a barn on Hobart Road had to be deferred, until enough disinterested members of the Commission and Board are present to permit a member to abstain from voting and still have a quorum. Solar panels were discussed, and they are currently not permitted under the code. The Commission may study this matter further. Mr. Cox reported that he had communicated with Pete McDonald of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy about maintaining the split rail fences on the conserved properties in the Village.

Mr. Knezevic reported on behalf of the Safety Commission that many trees have fallen in the Village, taking out electrical wires. Traffic citation counts are down, and that there were two (2) suicides. The Chief reported that a protection order was issued for a resident of the Village, and that the police department has gone through taser training (to keep current in the field).

Mr. Haynik, reporting for Ms. Merrit on behalf of the Service Committee, agreed with the Mayor that somehow heavy snow always seems to fall on garbage days. The Village's trucks are holding up well, and the Village has plenty of salt available for this year's snow season. There was a discussion regarding tree removal by the Village's residents, and the Chief is pursuing the removal of trees that threaten the Village's rights of way.

Mayor Ranallo reported that his negotiations with Willoughby Hills for Fire and EMS have not progressed much since last month. He continues to receive calls from people who want to purchase land/homes in the Village.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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

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