

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

January 9, 2023

Prior to the Council meeting, Resident Sally Podrasky spoke about the fallen trees in the Village and future preventative action needed to address this issue going forward.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:26 a.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, 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 12, 2022 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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. Knezevic nominated Ryan Cox. There were no other nominations. Ms. Hiltsley then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Cox as Council President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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. Doty 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: Cox, Doty, Hiltsley, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Abstain: Knezevic

Motion carried
Council President elected

Mr. Knezevic 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. Doty.

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

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

Resolution No. 2023-1 - "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 Ms. Hiltley.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2023-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2023-1 - "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. Ms. Hiltley moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-1 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Ms. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2023-2 - “An Ordinance providing compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill, and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Knezevic moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-2 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2023-3 - “An Ordinance providing additional compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill, and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Steudel moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-3 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-3 adopted

Ordinance No. 2023-4- “An Ordinance providing additional compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill for quality services rendered in the year 2022, and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Steudel moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-4 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
 Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried
 Ordinance No. 2023-4 adopted

Mayor Ranallo announced that he would like to re-appoint Gary Schuster to the Village’s Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for a term expiring December 31, 2025 and requested a motion to confirm the re-appointment.

After discussion, Ms. Hiltlsley moved to confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Gary Schuster, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
 Re-appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then announced that he would like to re-appoint Malisse Sinito to the Village’s Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring December 31, 2027 and requested a motion to confirm the re-appointment.

After discussion, Mr. Cox moved to confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Malisse Sinito, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
 Re-appointment confirmed

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, who heads the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, the Mayor noted that the Village Newsletter was mailed out prior to the Holidays.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee’s Minutes were approved. There was a deficit of \$270,000.00 for the fiscal year 2022. Property values are about the same from fiscal year 2021. A Wichert representative came to the Village and spoke with Village representatives regarding the Village’s insurance.

Ms. Hiltsley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee, noted that a residence in Creawood received approval of the color of proposed sandstone quoins. A color rendering will be brought in to convey the final look of the residence. A Gardenside Drive residence's new fence was approved. The Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission and/or Architectural Board of Review will send a letter to the Rollin Road residence regarding adhering to plans that have been approved by the P&Z and ABR.

Reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Knezevic noted that this year has been consistent with last year with respect to the number of calls into the department. Chief Dondorfer noted that the Village managed the most recent winter storm well. Assists to other departments are on par with last year. A Gardenside resident went to the hospital, as a result of an emergency wellness check, which uncovered that the resident's living conditions are deplorable, and it is likely that Adult Protective Services will not permit her to return to her home. Part-time hours were down in 2022, but overtime hours are up. The new full-time patrol officer will reduce the need for overtime.

Councilmember Brian Doty excused himself from the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mr. Haynik noted that, again, the most recent winter storm began on a scheduled rubbish day. The Village will meet its salt requirement for the 2022-2023 season. The quote for salt for the 2023-2024 season has not yet been obtained. The Village has scheduled the purchase a new plow truck in 2024 and has to begin the purchasing process now. The most recent storms, though well managed, were quite impactful, and a lot of fallen trees need to be cleaned up – mostly on private property.

Mr. Knezevic moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the compensation of employees and Village officials. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 9:15 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:24 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, Hiltsley, Knezevic, Scheucher, Studel
 Nays: None

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Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2023

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer