

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

March 13, 2023

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:08 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, with Mayor, Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Brian Doty
Marcia Merritt	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.

Brian Doty excused himself from the meeting immediately after roll call.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 14, 2023 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel	
	Nays:	None	
			Motion carried
			Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2023-3 - "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. Merritt.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel	
	Nays:	None	
			Motion carried
			Resolution No. 2023-3 adopted

Ms. Merritt, reporting on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, noted that the Newsletter is scheduled to be distributed at the end of the month. The Village will be starting glass recycling, with Repeat Glass, LLC, for about \$95 per month.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Property tax revenues should increase by about \$16,000 in 2023, but the general fund should dip to about \$8.65 million by 2026, assuming current trends hold. The sale of Key Bank Bonds was ratified. The Fire contract has yet to be finalized. The Village's Police and

Fire/Emergency Services levy revenues and expenses have been reviewed and information regarding the levy will be published to the electorate.

In Ms. Hiltzley's absence, Law Director Byron, reported on the actions of the Planning and Zoning Committee at its February meeting. There was also discussion regarding the property on South Lane where the owners had attempted to create a third (3rd) residence on the property. The owners will not be permitted to use the building as a residence and the interior will need to be modified to remove the facilities that make it a residence.

Reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, Chief Dondorfer advised Council regarding several activities of the Police Department. A Gardenside Road resident has had a guardian appointed for her and will likely not be returning to her residence as the Health Department indicated that the house was not habitable. The Village has commenced two factor identification for the Clerk-Treasurer's remote work. Chevy Tahoes will be replacing the Ford Interceptors. Classic Chevy will be given the opportunity to match the state bid for the Tahoes.

Ordinance No. 2023-5 (As Amended) - "An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s), and declaring an emergency" was read. The rule requiring that legislation be read on three (3) different days had previously been suspended. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher then moved that the Ordinance (as amended) be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-5 adopted

Mr. Cox excused himself from the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

On behalf of the Service Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that recycling for glass materials will begin April 1, 2023. Ms. Merritt noted that it was a quiet month, with very little snow. It has been difficult to obtain quotes for the new salt shed. There is a significant lag time to obtain large trucks. The estimated wait time is three (3) years, so there is a need to order.

Mr. Doty rejoined the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

The Charter Review Commission was discussed. Mr. Byron was directed to draft legislation for the July council meeting to authorize a November election to change the regularly scheduled Charter Review Commission to once every 10 years, starting in 2025.

There was a discussion regarding the status of the boundary adjustment with the City of Willoughby. The legislation of both communities has been transmitted to the Lake County Commissioners and they will need to pass a resolution to change the boundaries.

There was also a discussion about legislative earmarks and whether the Village is likely to receive funding from the state or federal government.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Doty, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2023

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer