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

September 9, 2024

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall on Monday, September 9, 2024. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:13 a.m., with Council President Sam Knezevic presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

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

Also present were Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer, Steve Gerics, Police Lieutenant, Bob Haynik, Service Director, and Stephen L. Byron, Law Director.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 12, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Ms. Hiltsley moved to approve the Minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Winterer.

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

> Motion carried Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2024-12 - "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. Steudel.

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

> Motion carried Resolution No. 2024-12 adopted

Resolution No. 2024-13 - "A Resolution accepting the rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor" was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried Resolution No. 2024-13 adopted

Ms. Bowden, Chair of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, announced that the newest edition of The Village Voice will be distributed to residents soon. All agreed that both the summer social and The Waite Hill Foundation cocktail party were both very successful. The Village's annual Halloween party is scheduled for October 19, 2024 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

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

Ms. Hiltsley, reporting on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, advised Council that there was no meeting for the month of August, as there were no agenda items up for review. Additionally, there has been no movement of the Building Zone Development on Smith Road.

Ms. Winterer, reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, noted the significance of the storm. Lt. Gerics stated that the department rendered a great deal of mutual aid to neighboring communities at the beginning of the month, however the need was decreasing. The domestic situation on Creawood Forest should now be resolved.

Service Director Haynik, reporting on behalf of the Service Department, stated that the residents needed a lot of help from the Service Department due to the residual effects of the storm. The Village Service Department rented a stump grinder and used the machine to take out a number of stumps on the Village Hall property. The Village cemetery fence was struck and damaged by an automobile, but there were no witnesses and there are no suspects. Metcalf Road will be crack sealed, then the Village's roads will be striped. This action is necessary every other year to make plowing easier and safer. The estimated cost of the striping is twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

Council discussed the lack of cellular service within the Village that has had and continues to have a huge impact on the Safety and Service Departments. There was a consensus that the recent tornado, and the loss of power in parts of the Village (including Gardenside Drive), warrants a restudy of the cell phone coverage within the Village. Land line phones were down for a significant period of time, making calls for emergency services problematic for a significant number of residents. A view-study of the proposed tower has been conducted, which shows who will be able to see the tower. The terms of a proposed lease will be negotiated and brought to council for approval.

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The Village will receive a donation of three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the cemetery. The Village is seeking to determine the best method of improving/preserving the condition of the headstones.

There being no further matters to come before Council, Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 a.m., which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

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

> Motion carried Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: _____, 2024

Ryan W. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer



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Finance Committee Report – September 9, 2024, Meeting

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

Gross property tax revenue for 2024 is complete at \$1,026,672 compared to 2023 at \$979,770, an increase Y/Y of \$46.902. Balance of reimbursements for 2024 are expected to be \$66,142 leading to 2024 gross tax related receipts of \$1,159,024. 2024 property tax income net of \$32,195 in fees (including Auditor and Health District fees) is \$1,126,829 compared to 2023 at \$1,077,245, a Y/Y gain of \$49,584 (approximately 1 mill equivalent).

Local Government Fund revenue for August was \$12,943. 2024 YTD revenue is \$110,871, \$6,147 less than 2023.

August 2024 interest income was \$19,112. 2024 YTD is \$134,315 compared to 2023 at \$118,144, a Y/Y increase of \$16,170.

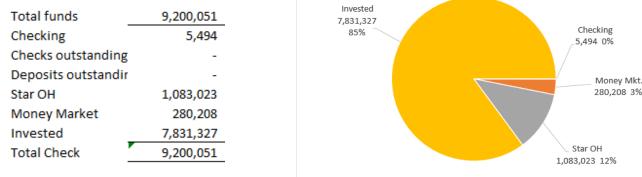
Total YTD revenue for August 2024 was \$1,460,661, \$75,503 ahead of 2023 YTD in August.

Total YTD expense for August 2024 was \$1,155,971, approximately \$5,285k less compared to 2023.

Total funds for August 2024 were \$9,200,051 decreasing \$108,704 compared to total funds a year ago.

Total fund trajectory estimates show August 2019 calculated to be \$9,978,877 vs. August 2029 projected to be \$8,146,089, a decline of \$1,832,788 over 10 years, said decline averaging \$183,279 per year, an average decline rate of -2.25% per year. The trajectories continue to show a recent decreasing rate of decline, said decline varying between -2.12% and -2.76% over the last 17 months.

As of August of 2024, funds are allocated as follows:



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Fund balances were as follows:

Star Ohio annualized yield as of 9/6/2024 was 5.41% \downarrow with average days to maturity of 29.8 \downarrow (yield flat and longevity decreased this month).

As a result of the Auditor's sexennial reappraisal, a rather large increase in property valuations is expected. Village gross property tax receipts will increase proportional to the aggregate valuation increase.

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