

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

April 8, 2019

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, April 8, 2019, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Sam Knezevic
Bob Gale	Richard Steudel

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Kirtland School Board President Tim Cosgrove and Kirtland Schools Superintendent Bill Wade.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held March 11, 2019, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Steudel
	Nays:	None
		Motion carried
		Minutes approved

Tim Cosgrove and Bill Wade discussed the renewal of an existing levy for the Kirtland Schools which will be on the ballot in May. The levy is not seeking new money, and accounts for about 10% of the budget. The Board has kept costs down and reduced staffing by 14%. A report regarding the finances of the District is on the District's website. They thanked the Mayor and Council for the time and excused themselves from the meeting.

**Resolution No. 2019-4** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Steudel
	Nays:	None
		Motion carried
		Resolution No. 2019-4 adopted

**Resolution No. 2019-5** - "A Resolution authorizing the Village to Participate in Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Contract (2019-2020) for road salt and take any other action necessary to participate in the bulk purchasing of road salt for the 2019-2020 winter season, and declaring an emergency" was read. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Steudel
	Nays:	None

Motion carried  
 Resolution No. 2019-5 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2019-3** - “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriations of the Village of Waite Hill to appropriate additional funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time.

Marcia Merritt, Chair of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, could not attend the council meeting today but had advised she had availability to work on the next newsletter between April 12 and April 26. After discussion the deadline for the submission of articles was set for April 24, with the hopes the newsletter can come out in early May. The Village had received one complaint and many questions regarding the flashing stop signs at Eagle and Hobart. A resident had inquired whether a Village book club could be formed and meet in Village Hall. Everyone agreed this would be acceptable and that notice should go into the newsletter to provide further information.

Mr. Cox reported on behalf of the Finance Committee, in the absence of Mr. Scheucher. The Committee had noted that the Village was owed about \$350,000 by the County Auditor as a part of the tax receipts. The new cruiser should be arriving soon and will be paid for at that time.

Mr. Knezevic reported that both he and Mayor Ranallo were absent from the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. There was a quorum, however, and a new generator on Mountainview Drive was approved. There was a new pool for a Metcalf Road residence, which was approved subject to some additional screening. The new pool at the residence at Eagle and Gardenside is scheduled to have additional screening installed. A renovation of a Waite Hill Road residence was well received, but a formal vote could not be taken because one of the members of the Board is the property owner and there was no quorum without her vote. It will be approved at the next meeting.

In the absence of Mr. Taplin, the Chief provided a Safety Committee report. There had been a domestic violence incident in the Village and calls for mutual aid are continuing. The area’s departments recently had an incident when an active shooter was reported at Lakeland Community College. Fortunately, there was no shooter. It is hoped that this incident will increase the awareness of area departments for updated training for such incidents.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik to provide information regarding the Service Department. Mr. Haynik indicated that winter is wrapping up and the Village has taken its requirement of salt under the ODOT contract. He reported that he had received mostly positive feedback regarding the flashing stop signs on Hobart at Eagle. The Mayor complimented the department on the Waite Hill sign restoration project. The Department has completed three of the signs and three will be restored next winter. There was a brief discussion regarding the visibility of the sign on Metcalf Road. The road crack sealing program will be studied and commenced. The Village has shopped for a boom and side mower and has seen the price drop to \$26,500 from \$29,500.

The Mayor reported he had received a report from the Lake County Engineer which evaluated the bridges in the Village. The bridges other than those on Markell and Waite Hill Roads do not require replacement and the Markell and Waite Hill Road bridges are in the queue for replacement in 2020 and 2021. The Eagle Road bridge was rated "satisfactory" and both the Markell Road bridge at the bottom of the hill and the Metcalf Road bridge were rated "good." The Village picnic and Car Show is tentatively set for August 17 from 12 noon to 2 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Knezevic moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call:      Yeas:      Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Steudel  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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