

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

August 13, 2018

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:03 a.m. on Monday, August 13, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Bob Gale	Richard Steudel
Sam Knezevic	Courtenay Taplin
Marcia Merritt	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik and Law Director Stephen L. Byron and Jim Raimondo of Ancora Advisors.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held July 9, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Scheucher noted that the Village had not solicited “bids” to add work to the Burton Scot Waite Hill Road contract. Instead, the Village had received a proposal from Burton Scot for the additional road work. It was agreed that the minutes should be amended to reflect this history. Mr. Scheucher then moved to approve the minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	Merritt

Motion carried
Minutes approved as amended

Council then discussed the Village’s investments with Jim Raimondo of Ancora Advisors. The portfolio continues to be managed to generate revenue for the Village’s General Fund, so some purchases have been made at a premium. While bond prices have fallen as interest rates have risen, the Village will be holding to maturity so it won’t have to realize a loss from the sale of the bonds that had been purchased at a premium.

After that discussion it was noted that the Waite Hill Foundation will be having a meeting on October 21, 2018, and a member of the Lake County Historical Society will be giving a presentation on the history of Waite Hill.

Resolution No. 2018-13 - “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:	Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-13 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-8 (As Amended) – “An Ordinance amending the compensation of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Waite Hill, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Mr. Gale 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, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-8, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-8 (as amended)
adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-9 – “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-9, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-9 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-10 – “An Ordinance amending Section 1305.02(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to establish a fee for the demolition of a residence, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Taplin

moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-10, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-10 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, reported that the newsletter of August 2018 had been distributed and that the car show/picnic is scheduled for August 18, 2018, from noon to 2 p.m.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and had gone through its standard agenda. There had been a \$23,000 delinquent property tax collection included in the second-half advance of taxes. The payment to Burton Scot Contractors of \$229,823 for the road program will be in next month's report.

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in July, so Mr. Knezevic had no report.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt. The Chief reported there had been a domestic violence case in early August, and that cameras are being installed in the police vehicles and they should be in service by the end of the month. The new server is in process.

Mr. Taplin excused himself from the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Mr. Gale asked Mr. Haynik to report on the Service Department's activities. Mr. Haynik noted that the major road resurfacing has been completed and striping will be done within the next few weeks. He hopes to get Gardenside crack sealed, along with Rollin, a portion of Smith, Waite Hill and Hobart – depending on good weather. The Village has identified 49 properties with trees that may be dead or dying and which could pose a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians in a public right of way. By Village ordinance, these trees should be removed by the owners – or they may be removed by the Village with the cost collected from the owners. Letters will be sent out to notify the owners of the legal obligation, and a process will be developed to implement a program to remove trees if owners don't do it or request the Village to cause it to be done and charged to the owner.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer