

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

August 9, 2021

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, August 9, 2021, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox
Sam Knezevic
Marcia Merritt

Karl Scheucher
Richard Steudel
Courtenay Taplin

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

After discussion Mr. Knezevic moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Steve Gerics to the position of Police Lieutenant for the Village of Waite Hill, effective August 1, 2021, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 12, 2021 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2021-13 - "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. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-13 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, reminded Council of the Chiefs' event being held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, between 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., refreshments (cupcakes and water) to be served. Remarks will be made at 1:45 p.m., the service garage will be available in the case of inclement weather. Masks will be optional. There will also be correspondence mailed at a later date which will transmit several messages regarding Village business. Written invitations for the Chiefs' event will be delivered to those residents who are not on the Village's email system.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, approved the Committee's minutes from the July meeting and approved the Treasurer's Report and Transaction Lists from July, pursuant to the agenda. The Markell bridge project is proceeding. The annual report has been received from the Waite Hill Foundation. The representatives of the Ohio Auditor of State had completed the Village's "agreed procedure," which is less time consuming and a less costly method of auditing the Village's financing.

Mayor Ranallo reported on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, that there are eight (8) properties under consideration for approval. Approval was granted for: the creation of a new garden with fencing for a Gardenside Drive property, the construction of a house on Hobart Road (provided there are changes to the dormers and porch roof), the pool for a property on Metcalf Road, a lean-to shed for a property on Rollin Road, an addition to another home on Metcalf Road, and generators for homes on Eagle Road and South Lane. There is a barn awaiting plan approval for another property on Gardenside Drive, however the submitted renderings are incomplete and further information and drawings have been requested.

Mr. Knezevic reported on behalf of the Safety Committee, that the volume of traffic stops and citations was about average. A resident of Willoughby Hills gave the name of his brother, who was then later arrested for domestic violence. Chief Dondorfer noted that there is a Gardenside resident that wants to return home, however, the home is not safe for habitation at this time. The Chief also noted that the members of the Police Department had just completed state mandated qualification for their firearms at the Lake County range and that the plan is to conduct further training.

Ms. Merritt reported on behalf of the Service Committee, that a decision is needed on the Village's recycling program. Because of the lower tolerance for nonrecyclable materials, most recycling has been ending up in the landfill. Options were discussed, for example, small amounts of recycling could be done at this time: cans, glass, plastics. Ohio Valley, which provides cardboard recycling services, is not a viable option. The Village will be able to consider alternatives at a later date. Mr. Haynik reported that this year's cost for salt will be \$47 per ton. The Service Department will be berming and hot patching the roads. A letter regarding dead trees in the right of way will be distributed to residents who have trees in their front yards. There is a significant number of new residents moving into the Village, and they may need to be educated regarding the Village's waste removal procedures.

The Mayor stated that the approval for the street sign for Reserve Drive must be obtained from the Kirtland City Council.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2021

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer