

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

December 11, 2017

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 December 11, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Service Director Bob Haynik, Sergeant Brian Beaumier, and several friends and family members of Sergeant Beaumier.

Council then considered the promotion of Sergeant Brian Beaumier to the position of Lieutenant of the Village of Waite Hill Police Department. Mayor Ranallo explained his reasoning for the promotion, e.g. Sergeant Beaumier's excellent performance and growth as a leader of the department, and the vote of confidence that the rank of lieutenant confers on a police officer. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Promotion confirmed

Mayor Ranallo administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Beaumier. The Lieutenant, his friends, and his family, then excused themselves from the meeting.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held November 13, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. The minutes were corrected to note that Ms. Merritt was in attendance and voted on each matter that came before Council, and Mr. Steudel was not present and did not vote on any matter. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2017-18** - “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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-18 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2017-14** – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances 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

Mr. Steudel then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-14, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2017-14 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2017-15** – “An Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the Village of Waite Hill a proposed amendment to the Charter of the Village to renew the levy of additional millage for the purpose of funding the Village’s Police Department and Fire, EMS and Public Services, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Mr. Knezevic then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-15, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2017-15 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2017-16** – “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-16, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2017-16 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt noted that the next newsletter should be out around January 17-20. Mayor Ranallo indicated he would have his portion done sometime after the first of the year. Mr. Cox reported that he had attended the memorial services for former Mayor Baldwin.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and followed its routine agenda. It reviewed the Treasurer’s report and ratified 3 trades. The Village will be paying bond principal and interest in December, and cash flow was down for 2017. A Compensation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday.

Mr. Knezevic advised Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not have a meeting in November.

Mr. Taplin had no report from the Safety Committee, and Chief DeWitt noted that he had distributed the police report and, as everyone was aware, the Department now has a new Lieutenant.

Mr. Gale, on behalf of the Service Committee, deferred to Mr. Haynik regarding Service Department matters. Mr. Haynik reported that the contractor for the Otis Hill project had good working conditions in November. The Village is in a good position relative to salt (500 tons), and truck hours are in good shape for December.

It was noted that the Waite Hill Wireless Committee had not had a meeting since the November election. The election was a data point, and the need for better service remains.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer