

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

December 14, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present via Zoom:

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

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Chief of Police Keith DeWitt, Bob Haynik, Service Director, and Abby Hiltzley, who is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 9, 2020, were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Resolution No. 2020-16 - “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. 2020-16 adopted

Resolution No. 2020-17 - “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit a final application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to execute all contracts as required for Hobart Road Improvement Project and declaring an emergency” was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Resolution No. 2020-17 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-17 – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio for fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Scheucher 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. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-17 which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-17 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Taplin made a motion to confirm the appointment of Carl Dondorfer to the position of Police Lieutenant in the Waite Hill Police Department, effective December 16, 2020, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Ms. Merritt reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee that the book club meeting was postponed because of COVID. The newsletter should be published in late January or early February.

Mr. Scheucher stated that the Finance Committee met earlier and executed its standard agenda, approving the minutes of the previous meeting, reviewing, and approving the Treasurer’s report and studying the year-over-year expenses and revenues, along with the historic revenue trends. This year, the CARES Act funding has been the focus of additional expenditures. There will be a Compensation Committee meeting on December 21. The Finance Committee also discussed the fire/EMS contract and employee compensation for 2021.

Mr. Knezevic advised Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review had a short agenda in November. They had a preliminary review of a screened porch and a pool for a Mountainview Drive residence. There was a proposed addition to each end of

an existing residence in Creawood Forest. The additions were designed by Tony Paskevich and were very good. A suggestion was made, and final approval was granted.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin reported that November had been a busy month as there were many storm related calls. The utilities were somewhat slow to remediate damaged facilities. There is a certain order to the repairs that must be made: Spectrum, then AT&T, and First Energy is last. Spectrum has been experiencing significant outages in the Village. The Chief reported on his investigation of the tree cutting business that is being run from a residence in the Village. The trucks that have been parked on the property will no longer be parked there. CEI will be out to trim trees in the Village during the spring of 2021.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik regarding Service Department activities. Mr. Haynik stated that his men had been very busy plowing snow and removing downed trees from the roads. There is still a significant amount of clean up that needs to be performed because of the damage that trees experienced during the heavy snowfall. The Service Department is occasionally asked to perform services on private property. It must decline doing such work. There was a discussion regarding how long it takes to plow the Village’s roads, concluding that it typically takes about an hour.

The Mayor then informed Council of the information he received from Lake County regarding COVID cases. The County stated that, while the number of cases may be going up, the severity of the illness in patients appears to be less on average.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer