

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

February 13, 2017

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:09 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding via telephone. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Service Director Bob Haynik. Eighteen people who were friends and family members of Tyler S. Lillash were also present.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

The Mayor then indicated his intention to appoint Tyler S. Lillash as a full-time patrol officer for the Village of Waite Hill and Chief DeWitt informed Council of Mr. Lillash's training and qualifications. Mr. Scheucher then moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Lillash. Patrol Officer Lillash and his friends and family then excused themselves from the meeting.

**Resolution No. 2017-2** - "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. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-2 adopted

**Resolution No. 2017-3** - “A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to advance taxes in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code” 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, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
                      Nays:      None

Motion carried  
 Resolution No. 2017-3 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2016-9** – “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1313, Architectural Board of Review, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill” was read. The Mayor noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review were still working on their recommendations to Council.

**Ordinance No. 2017-4** – “An Ordinance providing additional compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill, 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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
 Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-4, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
 Ordinance No. 2017-4 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to authorize the renewal of the Village’s property and liability insurance coverages through Wichert Insurance for an amount not to exceed \$24,900. Mr. Scheucher seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
 Renewal of insurance authorized

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee Ms. Merritt, reported that the Village newsletter was on hold while the Village addressed certain issues.

Village Engineer Tim Lannon arrived at 8:23 a.m.

Mr. Scheucher, reporting for the Finance Committee, noted that the committee had discussed the payments of vendors, ratified bond purchases, and discussed the cash position decrease that occurred in 2016 (\$142,102). The General Fund was up and the Street Maintenance, Construction and Repair fund was “holding its own.” The decrease occurred in the capital improvement fund.

Mr. Knezevic, informed Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in January. The Commission will be discussing the revised Architectural Board ordinance and the fees that the Village charges for P&Z and ABR matters.

Mr. Taplin, as Chair of the Safety Committee, requested the Chief to report on the Taser issue. The Chief advised Council that he is recommending that the Village acquire three (3) Tasers at a cost of \$1,200 each. In order to get Taser to defend the Village, in the event a claim is brought against the Village for use of the Taser, new equipment must be purchased. Taser also provides training, and the equipment is a valuable less-than-lethal force tool that provides protection for police officers and suspects who don't comply with an officer's command. Mr. Byron noted that the training is necessary for the protection of the Village and the public.

Mr. Haynik reported on the Service Department's activities, in Mr. Gale's absence. Asplundh is the tree service contractor that will be performing the electric line easement maintenance work. It is expected that they will be in the Village starting in February. The Village is in a good position regarding salt.

The Mayor then led a discussion regarding the flooding by Eagle Road, and Mr. Lannon was present to answer questions. The plan is to investigate the conditions and, if warranted, require the property owners to maintain the drainage pipes on their properties. Council took no action.

The Mayor indicated that information will be brought to Council regarding wireless tower matters, as the Village is still getting service complaints. There will be a public discussion of options once they have been developed. The cost to fix the Village Hall's roof issues is estimated to be \$22,000 to \$30,000, of which about \$8,000 will be needed to fix the lunch room issues. It was noted that the Village withheld about \$25,000 from the architect's final payment in anticipation of needing to make repairs.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

February 13, 2017

Minutes

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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