

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

February 11, 2019

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, February 11, 2019, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. 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, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik and Law Director Stephen L. Byron.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 14, 2019, had previously been distributed to Council. It was noted that Brian Beaumier was listed as also in attendance as "Acting Chief," but the word "Acting" had not been included in all of the references to Mr. Beaumier. Mr. Scheucher then moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2019-2 - "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, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2019-2 - "An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with NOPEC for a 2019 NOPEC grant 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 Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-2, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2019-2 adopted

On behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt confirmed that another newsletter is not due this month. The experiment with the Little Free Library in the lobby of Village Hall appears to be a success as it is being used. The Mayor and Council agreed that this is a good location for that facility, and it will be made permanent. More information regarding the Little Free Library will be put in the next newsletter. Everyone agreed that the car show/picnic was a success in 2018 and should be repeated this year. The Chief noted that the Village will again have a community shredding event this year.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had executed its standard agenda and that the reporting of the fund balances will be cleaned up. The Waite Hill Foundation contribution to the Village will be between \$25,000 to \$30,000 in 2019. Mr. Cox reported that a new member has been added to the Foundation Board and the Board still has a vacancy.

Mr. Knezevic noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission had a lengthy agenda in January. Residents on Rollin Road will be replacing a tennis court with a new pool. Screening was an issue, and the residents agreed that they want screening as well and will address the issue. There will not be a fence around the pool. Two generators were approved and one of them required additional screening, while the other was in the rear of the residence and not visible to neighbors or any road. Residents on Waite Hill Road will be adding a fine addition to their residence that will include a new kitchen. No variance will be required.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin reported he had experienced an encounter with a coyote at his residence. Chief reported that the informal nuisance abatement program was ongoing to address the coyote problem in the Village, which has created risks to residents and their pets. It was noted that complaints had been made regarding skeet shooting at the Kirtland Country Club, but that the Club was complying with Willoughby's laws. The intersection of Hobart Road and Eagle Road was discussed, and the cost of flashing lights for stop signs had been investigated. It would cost \$3,000 for flashing lights on the signs and larger cross traffic does not stop. It was also reported that there had been an accident on Metcalf, and village resident been injured.

Mr. Haynik reported for the Service Department, stating that there had been lots of snow and salt used. The minimum under the ODOT will be met upon the next purchase. The equipment and roads are holding up well. Village entry signs are being refurbished in-house at a cost of \$200-\$400 per sign, which is a savings over the multi-thousand-dollar quote which had been received from an

outside vendor. A story on the history of the signs, and their refurbishment, will be in next Newsletter.

In other business, Chris LeGros asked the Village to consider closing Hobart Road from 4:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on May 11, 2019 for her daughter’s wedding. Her plan is to have a tent on her property, for the ceremony and reception, and the proximity of the tent to the road may create a safety issue (and raises privacy concerns as well. This issue will be discussed further at the March Council meeting, when further details have been determined. The Mayor asked the Chief to be prepared to make a recommendation to Council on the matter. Smith Road will be closed to take down trees on February 18, 2019. The Mayor reported CT Consultants will present its long-term Road Plan, including likely engineering fees, at the March Council meeting. Willoughby Municipal Court charged the Village a significant increase in fees for 2018 as it had \$190,000 in unanticipated retirement costs. This occurred as a result of the retirement of Court personnel, and the amount had not been budgeted by the previous judge. The Court plans to budget an amount for such retirements going forward, so this should be a non-recurring (one-time) expense.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer