

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

January 11, 2016

Prior to the Council meeting, Law Director Stephen L. Byron administered the oath of office to Mayor Robert A. Ranallo. Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Council members Knezevic and Scheucher.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:03 a.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Bob Gale	Richard Steudel
Sam Knezevic	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain, Art Baldwin, and Patty Knezevic.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held December 14, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Council then proceeded with the election of the Council President. Mr. Scheucher nominated Ryan Cox. There were no other nominations. Mr. Scheucher then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Cox as Council President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Council President elected

Council next considered the position of Council Vice-President. Mr. Scheucher nominated Mr. Bob Gale as Council Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Scheucher moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Gale as Council Vice-President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
 Council Vice President elected

Mr. Scheucher nominated Sam Knezevic to serve as Council's representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. There were no other nominations. Mr. Scheucher then moved to close the nominations and have Mr. Knezevic unanimously elected to serve as Council's representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
 Council's Representative to the
 Planning and Zoning Commission and
 the Architectural Board of Review
 Elected

Resolution No. 2016-1 - "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. Cox.

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

Motion carried
 Resolution No. 2016-1 adopted

Resolution No. 2016-2 - "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, Gale, Knezevic, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
 Resolution No. 2016-2 adopted

Resolution No. 2016-3 - "A Resolution thanking Ken Dery for his years of service to the Village of Waite Hill" was read. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2016-3 adopted

Ms. Merritt arrived at 8:19 a.m.

Ordinance No. 2015-18 – “An Ordinance amending Chapter 1305 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio to revise fees that are charged for various building inspections performed by the Village, and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Council briefly discussed the proposed ordinance and the policy choices sought to be enacted by the ordinance. The ordinance will be amended and be brought back to Council for the February meeting.

Ordinance No. 2016-1 – “An Ordinance amending Section 541.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to provide that trespassing will be a minor misdemeanor for a first offense and in the absence of aggravating circumstances” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances 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

Thereupon, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-1, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2016-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2016-2 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Walter|Haverfield LLP, for legal services beginning January 1, 2016, confirming the appointment of Stephen L. Byron as law director, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances 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

Thereupon, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-2, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2016-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2016-3 – “An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Richard J. Perez as an assistant law director (Prosecutor) for the Village, providing compensation for the assistant law director (Prosecutor), repealing certain ordinances, 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. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-3, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2016-3 adopted

Mr. McClain recommended to Council that the Scag 61” mower, model #STTG1-A-27KA, Serial #6760154, should be declared as surplus and no longer needed for municipal purposes. He advised that Paul de Wit of the Service Department was willing to purchase the mower for \$2,000, and that a trade-in would likely yield between \$1,400 and \$1,800. Consequently, Mr. McClain recommended selling the mower to Mr. de Wit at a price of \$2,000. Mr. Taplin moved to declare the mower surplus and not needed for any municipal purpose, and to authorize the sale to Paul de Wit at a price of \$2,000. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Mower declared surplus and authorized to be sold to a Village employee

Mayor Ranallo announced his appointment of Mr. Ken Dery to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. Ms. Merritt moved to confirm Mayor Ranallo's appointment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo announced his re-appointment of Mr. Tim Serazin to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Steudel moved to confirm Mayor Ranallo's appointment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, reported that the Village newsletter would be going out the last week in January, so articles are due by the end of this week. New resident packets are being updated.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Village ended 2015 cash-positive by about \$35,000, largely because some capital expenditures were deferred. There will be a Compensation Committee meeting sometime between now and the next council meeting.

Mr. Knezevice, reporting for the Planning and Zoning Commission, advised Council that a forestry plan had been submitted for the Marous property. There was a brief discussion regarding the state forestry program, run by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Taplin, on behalf of the Safety Committee, asked the Chief to report on the CEI tree trimming project, which will be removing trees from the electric company easements. The Chief reported that the Penn Line company will be starting work in the Village and will be aggressively removing trees from the right of ways of the electrical lines. There was a discussion regarding the storms that hit Metcalf, Gardenside, and Mountainview. There were discussions regarding an unregistered deer hunter, a near house fire on Gardenside, and a decrease in the number of house checks that were performed by the Police Department in 2015. Also, Kirtland Hills may be transitioning to a new police chief.

Mr. Gale deferred the Service Committee report to Mr. McClain, who noted that Paul de Wit will be retiring this year, and Mr. McClain is interviewing possible replacements. Also, the Service Department has been busy with vehicle maintenance – all of the vehicle repairs were performed in-house this month, with one exception. A tree on the western hill of Metcalf Road was taken down on

an emergency basis. The Service Department has reduced man-hours on trash hauling because of the new compactor.

It was also reported that Elaine Jones had died, and the Village needed to buy back cemetery plots – taking them out of her ex-husband’s name and putting them in the name of her son. The issue is that the plots were purchased for \$100 and would now be sold for \$750 apiece. Mr. Cox moved, and Mr. Steudel seconded the motion, to repurchase the lots for \$75 apiece, and re-title them to Ms. Jones’ son for \$100 apiece (for the new titles for the seven plots the son would need to pay a total of \$175, netting the credits and the costs of the plots).

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

Motion carried
Repurchase and sale of plots authorized

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office of member of Council to Ms. Merritt.

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, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer