

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

January 14, 2019

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:10 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 2018, 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, Police Lieutenant Brian Beaumier, Service Director Bob Haynik and Law Director Stephen L. Byron.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held December 10, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

The minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of Council held December 17, 2018, had previously been 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, Scheucher, Steudel
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	Merritt, Taplin
		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. Gale.

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

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

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

Motion carried
Council Vice President elected

Mr. Gale 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. Gale 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. Cox.

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

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

Resolution No. 2019-1 - “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. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2019-1 – “An Ordinance providing for additional compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance 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

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-1, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2019-1 adopted

Mayor Ranallo announced his appointment of Ken Dery to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Ken Dery to the Waite Hill Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo announced his re-appointment of Tom Ruple as a member of the Board of Zoning appeals. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Tom Ruple as a member of the Village’s Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Ms. Merritt had no report and received no feedback on the newsletter. Ms. Merritt was thanked by the Mayor and Council for her continuing good work on the newsletter.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had again executed its standard agenda and reviewed the fund history. There was a deficit of about five hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$588,000) in 2018, and there was discussion of the ways that the deficit could be reduced and/or eliminated. The Committee also discussed the 2019 Capital Budget, the Employee Appreciation Fund and CT’s estimates regarding the road maintenance program (there needs to be an estimate of engineering fees).

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in December, so Mr. Knezevic did not have a report. He mentioned that he had heard that Patrolman Cox had been injured at his full-time job as an officer for the City of Mentor. The Chief confirmed this to be true and indicated that Ptl. Cox will not be available until he recovers.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin reported that a new cruiser had been ordered and is expected to be delivered in March. The Dodge Charger was ordered because the equipment on the existing vehicle can be transferred to the Dodge Charger. The Chief noted that the Department is working to hire a new part-time officer, given the injury and unavailability of Ptl. Cox.

Mr. Gale and Bob Haynik reported on the Service Department. December was a relatively quiet month with no major events and not much salt used. The Eagle Road drainage ditch on the south side of Eagle appears to be working with no reported adverse consequences downstream. Council discussed the Eagle/Hobart intersection and the failure of some drivers on Hobart to recognize that Eagle traffic does not stop. The matter will be monitored and addressed by the administration after more information is gathered.

In other business, the Mayor noted that the coyote population is increasing in the Village. The Chief indicated that there is no limit on hunters taking coyotes, so the Village is asking the deer hunters to take coyotes, too, if they see them. This is an effort to reduce the population at no additional cost to the Village. Former Waite Hill Police Officer Mike Sevel was featured in recent news stories. Ptl. Sevel, who now works for the City of Willoughby, gave gas and food to a man in need and the action was reported on social media and picked up by various news agencies.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer