

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

January 13, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:07 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, with acting Mayor Ryan Cox presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Police Chief Keith DeWitt and Service Director Bob Haynik.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held December 9, 2019, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

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. 2020-1 - “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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2020-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-1 – “An Ordinance providing 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 Ms. Merritt.

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. 2020-1, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-2– “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Stephen L. Byron and Singerman Mills Desberg & Kauntz, Co. LPA, for legal services beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, confirming the appointment of Stephen L. Byron as Law Director, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Gale moved

to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr Taplin.

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. 2020-2, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-3 – “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. Ms. Merritt moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-3, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-3 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-4 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with the Lake County Board of Commissioners for the 2020 Lake County Road Improvement and Economic Development Grant Program 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. Gale.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin

Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-4, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-4 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-5 – “An Ordinance providing additional compensation to Village employees for quality services rendered and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Ms. Merritt 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. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-5, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-6 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with NOPEC for a 2020 NOPEC grant and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-6 adopted

Acting Mayor Cox announced the reappointment of Gary Schuster to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review to terms ending December 31, 2022. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the reappointment of Gary Schuster to the Waite Hill Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review. Mr. Taplin seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Reappointment confirmed

Acting Mayor Cox announced the reappointment of Adam Bowden to the Board of Zoning Appeals to a term ending December 31, 2024. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the acting Mayor's appointment of Adam Bowden to the Waite Hill Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Taplin seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Reappointment confirmed

Mr. Byron arrived at 8:32 a.m.

Ms. Merritt reported that the newsletter will go out the first of the year. With regard to the Proclamation for the Kirtland High School football team, she has gotten no response from anyone at Kirtland High. Mr. Scheucher said he would talk to Jon Withrow about the proclamation.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had executed its standard agenda and reviewed the fund history. Over four years there is a (\$308,925) average deficit. The Treasury investment was ratified, and property taxes, which were basically flat from 2019, were discussed. There is a plan to go before Planning & Zoning to discuss a Building Zone Development on the Marous property.

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in December, so Mr. Knezevic had no report.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin cited an excerpt from the police report where Central “forgot” to notify the police officer regarding a call. Chief DeWitt said he spoke with dispatch and learned that the dispatcher on duty must press two buttons, one to rescue and one to police. He apparently neglected to press the police button, and corrective action is being taken at Central. The property at 7660 Eagle sold, and the new owner may be applying to get a BZD for the land. Chief DeWitt has suspended hunting on the property until he gets permission from the new owner. Traffic citations were down in December.

Coyotes are a big concern with some residents and Chief DeWitt indicated he and his officers have observed increase activities by coyotes. It was agreed that the Village should take reasonable steps to abate the nuisance caused by the coyotes, which are threatening people and pets in the Village. Mr. Knezevic moved to declare coyotes to be a nuisance and authorize the Chief of Police to implement a controlled hunting program to abate the nuisance, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Nuisance animal declared

Chief DeWitt has surplus equipment which has outlived its usefulness to the Village. He requested authority to dispose of the equipment in a reasonable and economical manner (i.e. putting the equipment on GovDeals, recycling it or transferring it to another political subdivision). The equipment consists of: four (4) old radar units, a running man target system, metal target holders, and three dash-mounted cameras. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the administration to dispose of the surplus Village equipment in a reasonable and economical manner and to report the method of such disposition to Council. Mr. Taplin seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Disposal of surplus property authorized

Mr. Haynik reported on the Service Department. December was a relatively quiet month which allowed for maintenance work. He has been working with Mr. Crawford at the cemetery to add a large monument 50” wide x 20” high x 10” deep. Mr. Crawford also wants 16 monuments 30” wide x 16” high x 10” deep. A drawing is included with these Minutes. Mr. Steudel moved to approve a variance from the rules contained in Section 143.04 of the Waite Hill Codified Ordinances to permit the slightly larger monument in the private portion of the cemetery, noting that it was a part of the agreement the Village had with Mr. Crawford at the time the property was donated to the Village. Mr. Knezevic seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
 Variance from cemetery rules granted

In other business, Mr. Cox reported on his research regarding the PEP insurance pool, and Chief DeWitt explained the large savings the Wichert Insurance agent was able to find for the Village with a standard insurance policy. He recommends cybercrime coverage be added to the coverage. After discussion, the Chief was asked to find out exactly what the first-year premium would be with PEP, and what would be owed if the Village left after one year. The current policy renews February 1, 2020.

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

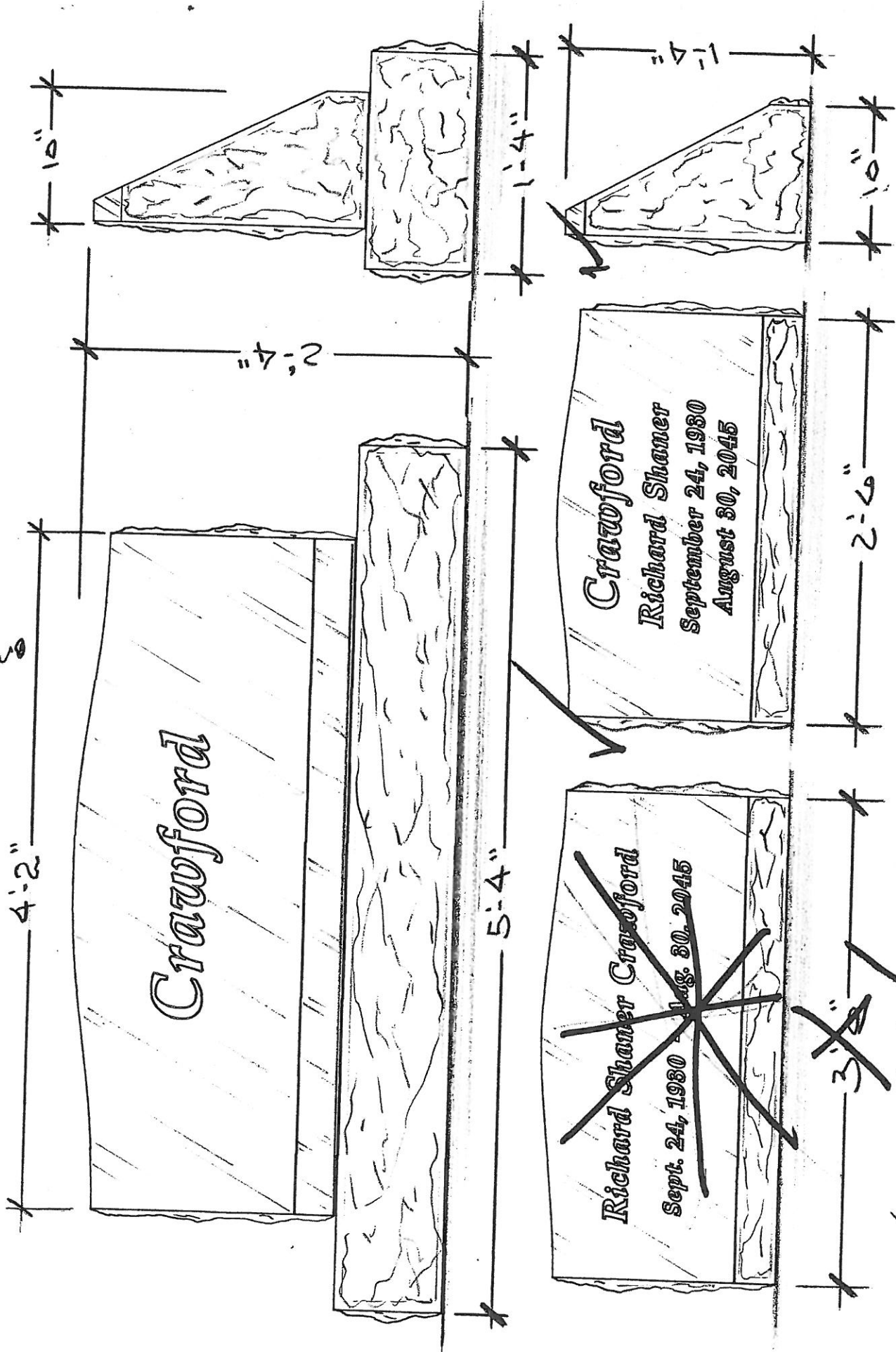
Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

 Ryan Cox, Acting Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____
 Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer

FAMILY SLABST & BASE



SHOW 3'-0" SLABST AND 2'-6" SLABST COMPARE TO LARGE SLABST