

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

July 10, 2017

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on the 2018 Tax Budget. Mayor Ranallo called the hearing to order at 8:00 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the hearing at 8:01 a.m.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:01 a.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, and the following residents who signed the attendance sheet: Tom Baker, Ken and Linda Dery, David Geyer, Andy and Chris LeGros, Janet Mann, Rebecca Platz, Michael Sherwin, Bud Stanley, and Patrick Wiley.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held June 12, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2017-9** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-9 adopted

**Resolution No. 2017-10** - “A Resolution approving and adopting the Budget for the Village of Waite Hill for Fiscal Year 2017” was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-10 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, noted that, as there will no longer be a distribution of a printed newsletter, it may be easier to meet on a 4-times-per-year schedule. The next newsletter is scheduled to be sent out in August, so submissions are requested at the end of July.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher noted that the Committee had conducted its usual business including the approval of the prior month’s committee minutes and a review of the Treasurer’s report for June.

Mr. Knezevic noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not met in June, so he had no report.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin deferred to the Chief to report on the implementation of program to arm officers with new Tasers and new side-arms. The Chief reported that all officers have been trained and certified in the use of the new weaponry. There was then a discussion regarding automatic mutual aid for the dispatch of Kirtland emergency responders to Village incidents on the east side of the Village. No action was taken.

Messrs. Gale and Haynik reported on the activities of the Service Department, including bringing the recycling service in house (saving a significant amount for the Village, and increasing the level of service provided to residents). There is also a study being done by CT Consultants to recommend to the Village how the road program will function going forward (i.e. quantifying the time between road resurfacings that should be increased by the Village’s crack sealing program).

Mayor Ranallo then requested that Mr. Byron report on the status of the request for proposals that had been issued by the Village in May for possible solutions to the cellular telephone and mobile broadband coverage issues that had been experienced in the Village. Mr. Byron reported that several tower companies had been solicited to propose solutions to the coverage issues that have been experienced but that no unqualified proposal was submitted. One alternative proposal had been received by Insite Towers, LLC, to obtain an option to lease a portion of the Village’s property to construct, maintain and operate telecommunications facilities. The option was conditioned upon service providers agreeing to sublease space. The administration is continuing to review the alternative proposal, and to consider other options. Council took no action on the matter.

Council then heard audience members express their opinions regarding the proposed use of Village property for telecommunications facilities, including a possible monopole tower that would

not exceed one hundred fifty feet (150'). Some members spoke in favor of the proposed use and some spoke against the proposed use. No action was taken by Council as a result of any part of the public portion of the meeting.

Upon the request of Mayor Ranallo, Mr. Gale moved to schedule a special meeting of Council for Monday, July 31, 2017, at 8:00 am to consider legislation that would authorize a vote of the electors of the Village which would authorize but not require the option/lease of Village property to Insite Towers, LLC, for the construction, maintenance and operation of telecommunications based upon terms and conditions submitted to the Village by a proposal submitted to the Village. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Special meeting scheduled

Mr. Gale then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees, the acquisition or disposition of Village property, and pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to executive session  
at 9:03 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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

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