

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

June 8, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on the 2021 Tax Budget. Mayor Robert A. Ranallo called the hearing to order at 8:02 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the hearing at 8:03 a.m.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:03 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present via Zoom:

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

Robert Gale attended via telephone.

Also present via Zoom were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Chief of Police Keith DeWitt and Service Director Bob Haynik.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held May 11, 2020, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2020-7 - "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. 2020-7 adopted

Resolution No. 2020-8 - "A Resolution approving and adopting the Budget for the Village of Waite Hill for fiscal year 2021" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel 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. 2020-8 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee Ms Merritt reported that the draft of the Village Voice is getting final revisions and updates and will be published thereafter.

Mr. Scheucher advised Council that the Finance Committee had met earlier in the morning and had approved the minutes of the May meeting, ratified the sale of an FNR bond, and approved the Treasurer's report for May. Mr. Scheucher indicated that CT Consultants had provided a better description of the services it had provided to the Village. The Village is tracking the status of the OPWC funding, which is currently suspended because of concerns regarding the economy. If the OPWC funding is not restored, the Village will need to reevaluate performing the Waite Hill Road resurfacing project this year. The Village had been slated to receive and grant of \$100,000 and a 0% interest loan in the amount of \$50,000. The Finance Committee noted that the property taxes received this year were down from a year ago. There was also a discussion regarding the pros and cons of paying off the Village Hall debt early.

Mr. Knezevic reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review met on May 18 and considered two projects. The first was a new residence on Eagle Road three lots to the east of Smith Road. The proposed residence was not designed to the quality expected in the Village. The ABR wanted to determine if the Village could require that plans be designed and stamped by an architect. The answer is "no" because the Village has adopted the Ohio Residential Building Code and the state code does not require an architect's stamp. The risk, if the Village sought to adopt such a requirement, would be that either the Lake County Building Department would be put at risk of decertification or the Village would not be permitted to use the Lake County Building Department. The other project was the proposed accessory structure on Mountainview Drive. This project had previously been in front of the Commission, and now the plan is to comply with the side yard setback (to the south) but obtain a rear yard setback of twenty five feet (25') from the property to the west. The applicants own the property to the west, so any impact of the variance would be on them alone. Also, there is a significant grade change and foliage between where the accessory structure would be located and the future location of any residence to be built on the parcel to the west.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt. The Chief reported the department sent officers to Painesville to assist in keeping order during the protests. Departments of Lake County communicated regarding the events in Cleveland and determined not to send officers downtown because of concern of being spread too thin. The Village is, again, reviewing its use of force policy to make sure that it is lawful; officers are permitted to use only such force as is necessary to subdue an individual who is being taken into custody. The policy does not condone use of a carotid artery hold.

For the Service Committee, Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik for a report. Mr. Haynik stated

that Klemenc will be starting the roofing project for the Service Building. The contract amount for the work will be \$27,500. The Service Department has completed the purchase of the new mower, which cost \$13,600. Mr. Haynik indicated that, because the full resurfacing of Waite Hill Road will probably be delayed, he is recommending that Waite Hill Road be patched, where urgently needed, and that South Lane and Hobart Road be patched. Crack sealing may not be done this year. Striping is scheduled to be performed in the fall, before winter. The plow trucks use the stripes to locate the center and edges of the road, when plowing. Fresh stripes make road plowing safer in bad weather. The status of the recycling contract was discussed (it has been cancelled because the recycling was being taken to the Lake County Landfill). There was extensive discussion regarding whether there is a coherent recycling policy at the local, state and national issues. No action was taken.

The Mayor requested Council’s input on whether it wants to re-commence meeting in person, or if it should continue Zoom meetings. While there was some interest in meeting in person, other members expressed a preference to continue meet via Zoom. The legislation authorizes electronic attendance so long as the state of emergency still exists, or December 1, 2020, whichever comes first.

The Mayor brought up a request by Robbi Laps to be able to purchase a plot in the cemetery. She and her husband, who are former residents of the Village, would like to be cremated and buried in the Waite Hill Village Cemetery. Mayor Ranallo asked Council to approve this request, and Mr. Taplin moved to grant the request and permit Ms. Laps to purchase a plot in the Waite Hill Cemetery. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
 Plot sale authorized

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

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

Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____
 Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer