

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

June 14, 2021

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, June 14, 2021, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox  
Sam Knezevic  
Abby Hiltzley  
Marcia Merritt

Karl Scheucher  
Richard Steudel  
Courtenay Taplin

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Chief of Police Keith DeWitt, Police Lieutenant Carl Dondorfer, and Bob Haynik, Service Director, and Patrol Officer Cory A. Eisenberg. There were also numerous people in attendance in support of Lieutenant Dondorfer and Patrol Officer Eisenberg.

After discussion Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Cory A. Eisenberg to the position of a part-time Patrol Officer for the Village of Waite Hill, effective May 16, 2021, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Eisenberg.

After discussion Mr. Scheucher moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Carl H. Dondorfer to the position of Chief of Police for the Village of Waite Hill, effective July 1, 2021, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Mr. Dondorfer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 10, 2021 were previously distributed to Council. Ms. Hiltzley moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2021-9** - “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, Hiltzley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2021-9 adopted

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 . Mayor Robert A. Ranallo called the hearing to order at 8:17 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the hearing at 8:18 a.m.

**Resolution No. 2021-10** - “A Resolution approving and adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022” was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2021-10 adopted

Ms. Merritt noted, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, that the Newsletter would be sent out this week. There will be a Village shredding day on July 17, 2021, between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. The Village should be sending out a notice by regular mail to be certain everyone has sent in an email address to receive the newsletter and other Village Communications. There will be an open house in August, likely on the 14<sup>th</sup>, to say farewell to Chief DeWitt and welcome Chief Dondorfer.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, approved the Committees minutes from the May meeting, approved the Treasurer’s Report and Transaction Lists from May, ratified the purchase of an FCCB at an interest rate of 0.69%, and discussed the performance of the Caterpillar Inc. bond which the Village had purchased in 2016.

Mrs. Hiltzley reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review had a full agenda. They conducted a preliminary review of a Hobart Road residence, which had proposed vertical siding. The Board had suggested that vertical siding was not appropriate for this residence at this location. The Planning Commission had approved the site plan for the new residence on Reserve Drive on the consolidated lot. The Commission and Board also approved a family room addition and a garage addition for a Metcalf Road residence. The property at Eagle and Smith was put up for auction, but did not sell. Chief DeWitt reported that Chief Dondorfer will be addressing dead trees in the right of way and fences that need to be maintained.

Mr. Knezevic reported, on behalf of the Safety Committee, that it had been a routine month. Chief DeWitt reported on a falsification which had occurred on a traffic stop, where the individual who was stopped had used his brother’s identification. The individual who was stopped was wanted by several other departments. A resident Creawood Forest died, and a Rollin Road resident died. A former Markell Road resident had also died.

Ms. Merritt, as Chair of the Service Committee, reported that she had gone on a “ride along” with the Service Department on garbage pick-up day. She reported that the Department had to take extra care during many of the pick-ups because residents had been less than careful in packaging their waste for disposal. She indicated that the next newsletter will address the issue. Council was supportive of not picking up trash that has not been properly packaged. Ms. Merritt indicated that the first step will be to notify residents that they are not meeting the necessary standards for packaging waste. There is significant interest in recycling and grant opportunities are being investigated. Cans could be separately collected as they have a value when being recycled. “Paper Retrievers” are not a good operation and should not be used by the Village.

The Western Reserve Land Conservancy wants to put up signs on their properties. Everyone agreed that this was not appropriate and not consistent with Waite Hill’s conservation values.

Mr. Taplin then moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of Village Employees; which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltsley, 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 9:19 a.m.

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 9:19 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer