

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

May 10, 2021

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:03 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 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. Former member of Council Bob Gale and his wife Cathy were also present.

Mayor Ranallo first welcomed Bob and Cathy Gale to the Council meeting, noting that they were in attendance to be presented with Resolution No. 2021-3, "A resolution commending Robert I. Gale, III, for his many years of service on the Village Council". The resolution had been adopted at the February Council meeting. The Mayor read the resolution and all others present, who had contributed statements to be included on the resolution, read their excerpts aloud. The Mayor presented the resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Gale and the Gales received a standing ovation. Mr. and Mrs. Gale made gracious comments, shook hands with all present and excused themselves from the meeting,

Council next considered the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 12, 2021, which had been previously distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2021-** - "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. Cox.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2021-8 adopted

Ms. Merritt noted, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, that Jane and Wayne Walker had volunteered to assist with the Memorial Day ceremony. She inquired whether that ceremony would be held in 2021. All agreed not to hold that event this year. All agreed it is time for a newsletter in June and that a June 15 distribution date made sense. Deadlines for contributions were set accordingly. The newsletter will include information regarding the invasive species eradication on the upper Sherwin pond, and that work on the access to the lower pond will be commencing.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met that morning and had addressed the standard agenda items. The Committee ratified the acquisition of an FHL bond and discussed the Kirtland Schools levy and the City of Kirtland's road levy.

Mayor Ranallo reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review had reviewed a proposed Hobart Road residence and had recommended that the design modified to incorporate more of the Greek Revival style. The Commission and Board also reviewed and approved a new outdoor hot tub at the end of Gardenside Drive, and it is located where no one will be able to see it. The Hiltley garden shed color was also approved. It was reported that the Reserve Drive homeowner association approved the lot consolidation and the proposed orientation of the residence.

Mr. Knezevic reported, on behalf of the Safety Committee, that there had been a decrease in citations and traffic contacts, but this trend had reversed in May. The Chief noted that the Village Hall had issues with alarms caused by the storm and the fire panel. The issue was being corrected. A problem was discussed regarding pedestrians walking in the streets. It was noted that an existing ordinance prohibits this. A new part-time patrolman may be soon joining the Village. No information was available regarding what happened in the Kirtland Police Department regarding the Chief, who is on administrative leave pending investigation.

Ms. Merritt, as Chair of the Service Committee, reported that the Markell Road bridge project will be starting at the end of May and should be a six (6) month project. United Bridge Company will be doing the work. She also noted that some residents were not doing what needs to be done to make garbage collection easy and efficient. Mr. Haynik reported that the April snow storm impacted the operations of the department.

Mayor Ranallo noted that Kirtland residents were opposing skeet shooting at the Kirtland Country Club, which is in the City of Willoughby.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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