

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

November 13, 2017

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Monday November 13, 2017, with Council President Ryan Cox presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

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| Ryan Cox | Karl Scheucher |
| Sam Knezevic | Courtenay Taplin |
| Marcia Merritt | |

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

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held October 9, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2017-17 - "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. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2017-17 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, indicated that the calendar that was included in the last issue of the newsletter included information through January of 2018. It was agreed that the next newsletter would be sent out in January or February of next year. It was noted that the newsletter is being emailed and placed on the Village's website. Some hard copies are available at Village Hall. The Village will not be mailing the newsletter in the future. There was a brief discussion regarding how the Village communicates with residents. It is possible the Village will be paying for postage if that is determined to be the appropriate way to communicate an issue to residents. There was a discussion regarding the dispute that the Village was having with AT&T regarding the cost of service that was being provided to the

Village, which had been about \$900 per month, but was then escalated to \$2,600 per month. The Chief has been managing that issue, and has indicated that Spectrum may be able to provide a competitive service.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Village’s revenues for 2017 appear to be down \$150,000 from those received in 2016. There is also a decline in interest revenues. The paving costs are lower in 2017 because the Village deferred road maintenance projects. It is expected that the contract with Willoughby Hills for fire and emergency medical services will be going up 1.7% when the inflation factor called for in the contract is applied. The Village is also exploring the savings that could be obtained if the Village modified its contract with Burton Scot for the Waite Hill Road project to include the Markell and South Lane projects which are scheduled for 2018. The Markell project had been estimated at \$52,000 and Burton Scot had quoted \$30,686.25, as an add-on to the Waite Hill Road project. The South Lane project had been estimated at \$165,000, and Burton Scot had indicated the price for the work would be \$73,456.25. Ms. Merritt, finding that the modification of the Waite Hill Road contract to include the work of the Markell and South Lane project to be performed by Burton Scot at the prices noted above was in the best interest of the Village, moved to waive the public bidding requirement (ordinarily required for projects which exceed \$50,000) pursuant to Section 115.01(e)(11) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill. Mr. Knezevic seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Public bidding waived, contracts authorized

Mr. Knezevic reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not have a meeting in October. It was noted that the Sinito property on Eagle Road had been having work done on it, and more work is expected – which is likely to continue to improve the look of the property.

Mr. Taplin and Chief DeWitt, under the Safety Committee report, discussed the juvenile warrant issue that had been included in the Police Report for October. It was also noted that Brian Beaumier’s promotion had been confirmed by Council last month, and that he would be sworn in next month. It is still hoped that he will be able to attend the FBI National Academy next summer.

Mr. Haynik, in the absence of Mr. Gale, reported on behalf of the Service Department that the Waite Hill Road pavement project would be occurring in the spring.

Regarding the Waite Hill Wireless Committee, Mr. Cox thanked Mr. Scheucher for his hard work to educate the public on the issue that was on the ballot earlier in the month. The matter will continue to be studied by the Committee and further information will be developed as the health, safety and welfare of the Village’s residents is central to the Village’s mission.

Mr. Cox brought up the matter of a proposed bench to be placed in the Village cemetery, in honor of Art Baldwin. The family had proposed to pay for the fabrication and placement of the bench, and it would appear as depicted in "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" which are appended to these minutes. Mr. Knezevic moved to permit an exception to the rules of the cemetery, found in Section 143.03 of the Codified Ordinances, to permit the bench to be constructed in the manner, and with the language depicted, in the attached exhibits. It was noted that only Art Baldwin had served as Mayor of the Village for 46 years, and as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission before that for 4 years. This service to the Village was the basis for granting an exception to the rules, which exceptions are not ordinarily given. It was also noted that no changes to the language depicted on the exhibits may be made without the further approval of the Village Council, as the language is being approved by the Council as a part of this exception to the rules. Mr. Taplin seconded the motion, noting that all of the conditions of the motion should be included in the minutes.

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

Motion carried
 Exceptions to cemetery rules granted,
 Construction of bench as depicted in
 "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" approved

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

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

Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

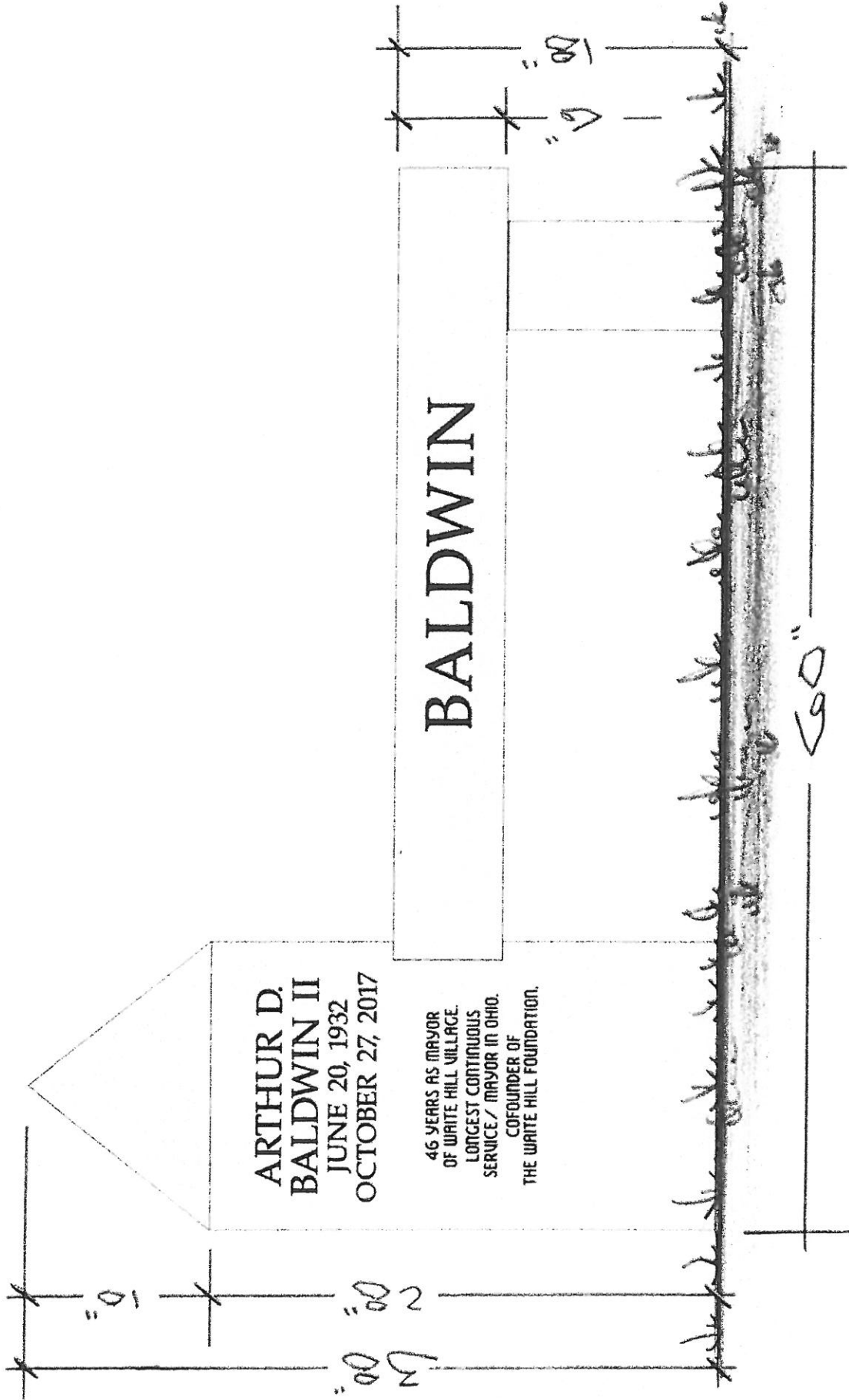
 Ryan Cox, Council President

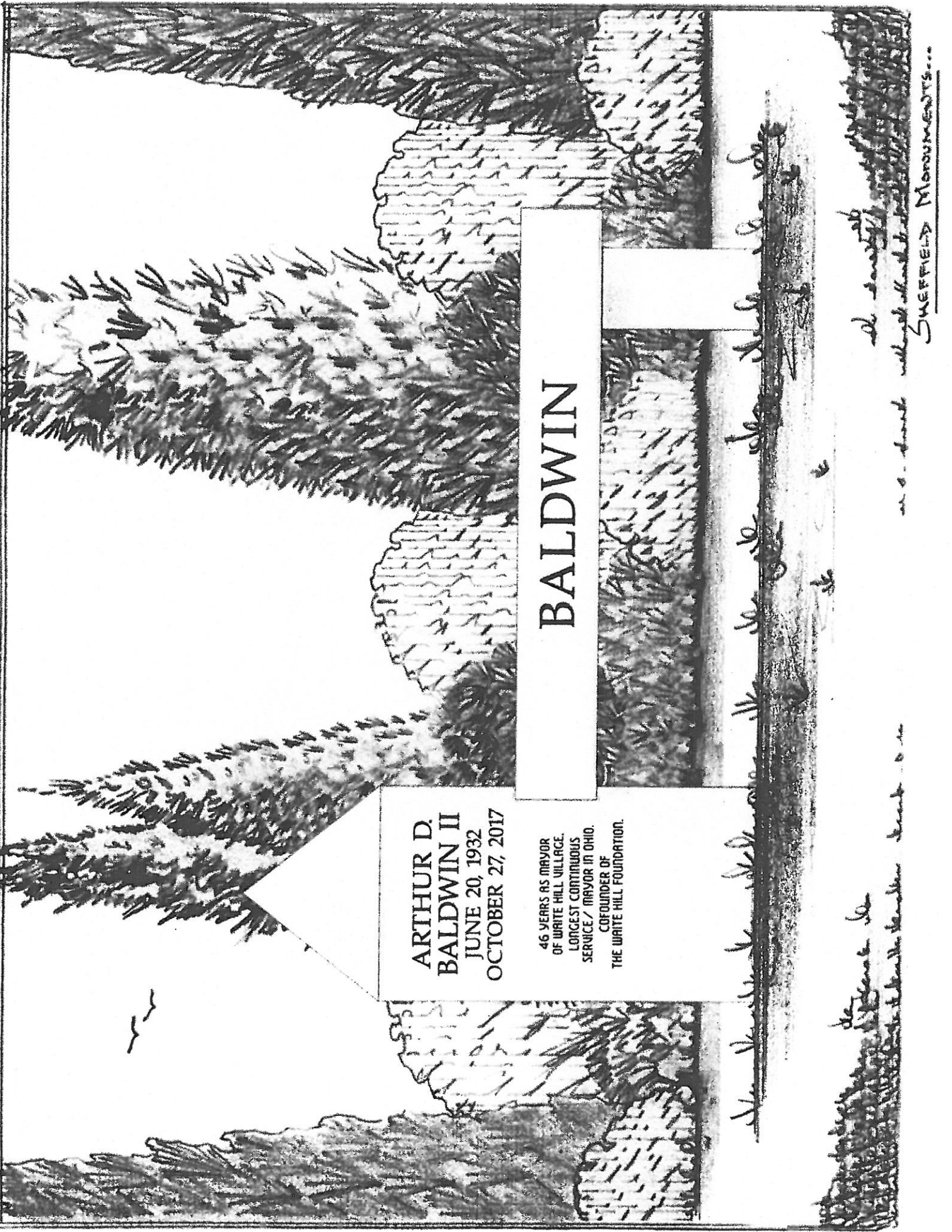
APPROVED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____
 Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer

BALDWIN BENCH "A"

REVISED...





ARTHUR D.
BALDWIN II
JUNE 20, 1932
OCTOBER 27, 2017

46 YEARS AS MAYOR
OF WRITE HILL VILLAGE.
LONGEST CONTINUOUS
SERVICE / MAYOR IN OHIO.
CO-FOUNDER OF
THE WRITE HILL FOUNDATION.

BALDWIN

*Arthur D. Baldwin II
June 20, 1932 - October 27, 2017*

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SHEFFIELD MONUMENTS...