

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

November 12, 2018

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:11 a.m. on Monday, November 12, 2018, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding via telephone. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik and Law Director Stephen L. Byron. Residents Lee Millis and Chris Sherwin attended the meeting, as did the Director of the Kirtland Public Library Jane Carle.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held October 8, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. It was noted that the expected road budget should have read that it is for fifteen years and not ten years as previously stated in the October 8, 2018 minutes. Mr. Scheucher then moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved as amended

Lee Millis introduced Jane Carle, the Director of the Kirtland Public Library, who presented information regarding the Little Free Library. The concept was started in Wisconsin and the number of Little Free Libraries has grown to over 75,000 throughout the country and several have already been established in Lake County. The library is started by benefactors, then maintained by the users of the library. The presenters requested that the Village consider allowing a Little Free Library on Village Hall property. Mr. Scheucher moved to authorize the Mayor and the administration to place a Little Free Library on Village Hall property in a suitable location and to broadcast the availability and location of the library in the Village Voice. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Library approved

Resolution No. 2018-16 – “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit a final application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or

Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to execute all contracts as required for the Eagle Road Drainage Improvement Project and Declaring and Emergency” was read. No action was taken.

Resolution No. 2018-18 - “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, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-18 adopted

Resolution No. 2018-19 - “A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to advance taxes in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency” was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that the Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-19 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-13 – “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, repealing certain ordinance and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-13, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-13 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee Marcia Merritt thanked the Bob Haynik, Robbi Laps and Chief DeWitt for the Halloween party. She reported that

having a magician was a good addition and the costume parade was a success. She stated it was a good turnout despite, or perhaps because of, the weather. She reported no negatives and that there were lots of kids. Tim Serazin and the Willoughby Hills Fire Department attended and brought a fire truck; the department was thanked and helped dispose of some of the extra food from the party. The Village had received about \$1,000 in donations for the party. The last Village Voice went out in August and it's time for another. It was agreed that December 3 was the deadline for the submission of articles and the newsletter will go out the first or second week of December.

Mr. Scheucher reported, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had reviewed the financial statements at the meeting which was held earlier in the morning. The Village has a negative cash flow of about one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) per year, on average, which is largely the result of the Village's road projects. The study of the capital needs of the Village has indicated that about four million dollars (\$4,000,000) will be needed over the next fifteen years, or roughly three hundred dollars (\$300,000) per year. There had been discussion about the Eagle Road drainage issues and the OPWC application had been submitted. Further information is being gathered before a decision regarding the need for the project will be made. The Compensation Committee will meet the week of November 26 or the week of December 3 to discuss employee compensation issues.

For the Planning and Zoning Committee Sam Knezevic reported on the Committee meeting that was held on October 22, 2018. The dog run proposed for a property on Gardenside, originally in the front yard, was agreed to be moved toward the back yard and additional screening will be installed. There have also been a number of new generators installed in the Village and the owners are required to screen them. The Reserve Drive meadow was cut by the Village, but the property owner on the east side of the road did not partner with the Village to cut the property – which is why it looks like the job was only partially completed. The uncut area is private property not owned by the home owners' association, which cuts the common area in the front. The next Commission meeting has been moved up a week to avoid Christmas Eve and will be held December 17.

On behalf of the Safety Committee Mr. Taplin reported that there have been several power interruptions on Metcalf Road in the last couple of weeks. Wendy Zele from First Energy will be coming to the December Council meeting to discuss the issues. There was a discussion regarding the assists that the Village has been making to other communities; the Chief is aware of the issue and the officers are responding to legitimate mutual aid calls. The officers are instructed to return to the Village as soon as the urgency of the aid call abates. The Chief also noted that most of the calls are coming at times when there is a cover car in the Village, so the Village is not without police presence when it is dispatched on mutual aid.

Mr. Gale, chair of the Service Committee, deferred to Bob Haynik to report on Service Department activities. Mr. Haynik noted that the first snow fell on Friday and Department responded well. The Village continues to monitor the water on the road on Otis Hill and will be determining how to solve the problem. In the meantime, the wet area receives extra attention when it snows so that it is well salted. The Halloween party was a success; a wonderful time was had by all. Tree removal in the Village Cemetery has been completed. The tree removal by residents of trees which threaten the right of way has been very successful; the residents who have been notified have,

overall, stepped up and solved the problem by removing the dead or dying trees. CEI is also doing its part of removing trees which threaten its lines.

CEI's tree issues were further discussed. Access to many poles in the valley by Metcalf is problematic. This will be discussed further in December.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer