

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

October 9, 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, October 9, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

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| Ryan Cox       | Richard Steudel  |
| Sam Knezevic   | Courtenay Taplin |
| Karl Scheucher |                  |

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 September 11, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2017-15** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel 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. 2017-15 adopted

Ms. Merritt arrived at 8:04 a.m.

**Resolution No. 2017-16** - "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an 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 Village Road and Drainage Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-16 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2017-12:** “An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Waite Hill Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.” Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Cox moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-12, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2017-12 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2017-13:** “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to expend funds for a public celebration.” Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Ms. Merritt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-13, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2017-13 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt noted that the Halloween Party will be held on October 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a costume contest and the decorations will be “refreshed” after many years (decades) of service by some of the decorations. There will be no newsletter this month. Instead, the Mayor will be communicating to the residents about the tower issue.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met that morning and had executed its usual agenda. The Committee ratified the purchase of two investments, and discussed the update of the property value updates received from the auditor and their likely impact on the 2018 budget.

Mr. Knezevic reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had no meeting in September.

Mr. Taplin deferred to the Chief for a report from the Safety Committee, and the Chief noted that the police department's monthly report had been distributed. The new cruiser is in service, and the Village had received a used truck in exchange for the old cruiser. Classic donated the value in excess of the trade-in value of the old cruiser. Chief DeWitt reported that Sgt. Beaumier is attending training at PELC and the Chief would like to have him attend the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In order for that to happen, Sgt. Beaumier would need to be promoted to Lieutenant, as that is the rank that is eligible to attend the Academy. The Chief reported that Sgt. Beaumier's growth has been excellent, and he is ready to be advanced to the next rank. The Mayor thanked the Chief for terrific management, preparing the Sergeant for the next level, and the Mayor requested a motion to confirm his appointment of Brian Beaumier as Lieutenant of the Waite Hill Police Department. The motion was made by Mr. Taplin and seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mr. Haynik, for the Service Department, indicated that the pre-construction meeting for the Waite Hill Road (Otis Hill) project has been set. It was reported that work was being done on Rollin Road by Eagle Road. Mr. Haynik believed that the work is being done by the cable company. The signs for the bridges will be installed soon.

It was reported that Mr. Sinito has now completed his purchase of the Kraft property and Mr. Kraft is no longer there. The Village has received reports that the signs for the Markell and Waite Hill Road bridges will be installed soon. There was a discussion regarding vicious dogs that live at the end of Mountainview Drive. Another resident of Mountainview Drive is also gone, and the residence is being sold at sheriff sale.

The Chief reported on his activities, including participating in the aftermath of the Willoughby Hills shooting at the BMW dealership. It was noted that Darlene Brown and the late Jim Brown have been very strong supporters of the Village, and the Mayor and Council were unanimous in their appreciation of the support the Village has received from these residents.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Waite Hill Wireless Committee has met twice, established a mission, and laid out the tasks that need to be completed by the Committee. The Committee expects to issue a first report on November 1.

Ms. Merritt moved adjourn the meeting to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation and the acquisition or disposition of real estate. Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:19 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
            Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer