

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

October 8, 2018

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:16 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

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

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held September 10, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. It was noted that the expected road budget for ten years is about three million dollars (\$3,000,000) and the capital equipment costs are expected to be about one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Mr. Knezevic then moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved as amended

**Resolution No. 2018-15** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2018-15 adopted

**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.

After discussion, the matter was tabled.

**Resolution No. 2018-17** - "A Resolution accepting the rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor" was

read. After discussion Mr. Steudel moved to approve Resolution 2018-17, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution 2018-17 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2018-12** – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to expend village funds for a public celebration” was read for the first time. Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-12, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2018-12 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, there was no report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. It was noted that the Halloween Party is scheduled for October 21.

Mr. Scheucher reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee which had been held earlier in the morning. The Village has received the second half distribution of taxes, and has paid Burton Scot for the road program, including Otis Hill. The Committee had ratified the purchase of a bond and had discussed CT Consultants road analysis. The compensation committee will be doing its work in the next couple of months.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission Mr. Knezevic reported on the busy September agenda of the Commission. A new residence on the property at the corner of Markell and Hobart Roads was presented. It will be built back in the woods, away from the roads. The residence at the bottom of Eagle Road Hill will be having an entry gate installed, as will a residence on Waite Hill Road by the top of Otis Hill. In both instances the key issue is sufficient turn around space if someone does not obtain access. A property owner on Gardenside will be installing a generator and will be screening it with landscaping. Another property owner on Gardenside had proposed a dog run in the front yard, which was not approved. The owner will seek another location for the dog run.

Mr. Taplin, on behalf of the Safety Committee noted that there had been another power outage on Metcalf Road and inquired whether the Village still has contact with CEI on a regular basis. It was noted that Wendy Zele is still the representative and would be invited to a future Village Council meeting to discuss the forestry plans of CEI. Chief DeWitt reported that the Village Police Department had received a \$500 grant from the Willoughby Elks Club for the purchase of new vests, which will be added to a \$5,000 grant that the Village had already received. The budget of the police department is being assembled for 2019. There will be a new police vehicle in the budget.

For the Service Committee Mr. Gale reported that the Village had removed some trees from the cemetery. An issue related to the cemetery (and memorial items being left in the cemetery) was discussed. Waite Hill Road and Smith Road are being resurfaced. The Village spent \$17,000 in road striping. The Village has a full shed of salt and is ready for winter. It was also noted that the tree removal program, which seeks to have dead and dying trees which threaten the Village's roads, was working. Most residents have cooperative removing trees from their property when the Village pointed out the problem trees.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of moving the January 14, 2019, council meeting to January 7, 2019. No action was taken.

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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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