

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

October 12, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present via Zoom:

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

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

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held September 14, 2020, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2020-13 - "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. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2020-13 adopted

Resolution No. 2020-14 - "A Resolution approving the expenditure of coronavirus relief funds to cover costs of eligible expenditures consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act ("Cares Act") and declaring an emergency was read. After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2020-14 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-15 – “An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Waite Hill codified ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-15, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-15 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-16 – “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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. 2020-16, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-16 adopted

After discussion Mr. Taplin moved to confirm the appointment of Brett Beckwith to the position of Patrolman in the Waite Hill Police Department and ratifying his actions as an officer of the Waite Hill Police Department effective August 16, 2020. which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that the newsletter went out. The only feedback the Village has received is some new residents ask that their name be removed from the Village's website, which was done. The Village's book club will be starting in-person meetings at Village Hall, with appropriate social distancing, on October 22, 2020.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had executed its standard agenda. They approved the Minutes of the September Finance Committee meeting and Treasurer's report for September. They also ratified the purchase of a \$250,000 FNMA bond. The Committee also discussed the expenditures of the CARES Act money and the status of the road and bridge projects.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on September 28, 2020, as reported by Mr. Knezevic. They held a public hearing for a zoning ordinance (which no one attended) and approved a small chicken coop. The proposed new residence on Metcalf Road was formally denied because the proposed location is about seventy-five feet (75') from the side lot line, which will require a variance. The proposed new home was greatly improved as the owner has agreed to suggestions that the architect advisors have recommended and incorporated them in the design. The ABR also approved a revised (as built) set of plans for the new accessory structure on Mountainview. A new driveway was approved for a property on Smith Road, which had previously used a portion of a neighbor's land for access.

Mr. Taplin had no report from the Safety Committee. He did inquire whether the Police Department had been called on Sunday evening regarding gunfire. There were no calls regarding the noise.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik regarding Service Committee issues. Mr. Haynik indicated the Waite Hill Road bridge will be completed by early November. The Service Department is preparing for the winter snow plowing season.

Mayor Ranallo then reported that the Village will be seeking grants and loans for the Hobart Road resurfacing project. He explained that the Village is seeking a higher percentage cost of the project to be paid by the Ohio Department of Public Works, which will lower the score that the

Village will get for the project. This strategy is designed to take advantage of current economic conditions.

Mr. Gale then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 8:37 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

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, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer