

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

September 11, 2017

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:08 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Robert Gale	Richard Steudel
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 August 14, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2017-13** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said 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. 2017-13 adopted

**Resolution No. 2017-14** - "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 that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-14 adopted

Mayor Ranallo advised Council that the proposal for the renewal of the employees' health care coverage increased \$4.31 per month from the prior year's cost. Thereupon, Ms. Merritt moved to approval the renewal of the health care coverage through Medical Mutual, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Health care coverage renewal approved

Mr. Tim Lannon arrived at the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo then invited Mr. Lannon to inform Council about the bids that have been received for the proposed improvements of Waite Hill Road. Mr. Lannon stated that the Base Bid and Alternate A bids were as follows: Burton Scot – \$318,035, Cook Paving - \$316,668.25. Mr. Lannon indicated that while Cook Paving is a company that has good experience in the private sector, it is now moving into public sector work and neither he nor his firm has had experience with Cook on a public sector job. Burton Scot has many, many years of experience doing public sector work, and has an excellent track record doing work for the Village, other municipalities where Mr. Lannon is the engineer, and other municipalities where CT Consultants provides engineering services. Based upon these facts, Mr. Lannon recommended that the Village Council determine that Burton Scot be found to be the lowest and best bidder. Mr. Byron advised that the Council has the authority and discretion to determine whether a less than \$2,000 difference warrants the selection of the lowest bid to be the best bid, or whether Burton Scot's experience in the Village and elsewhere warrants its selection as the lowest and best bidder. Mr. Scheucher moved to find that Burton Scot had submitted the lowest and best bid, and to award the contract to Burton Scot Contractors for the Waite Hill Road Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed three hundred eighteen thousand thirty-five dollars (\$318,035.00) to perform the work identified in the Base Bid and Alternate A (guardrail replacement). Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Lowest and best bid determined and  
Contract awarded

Mr. Lannon left the meeting at 8:26 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo announced that Allan Clough had announced his intention to retire as an advisor to the Architectural Board of Review. There is no replacement at this time.

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt thanked the Mayor, Mr. Haynik, Chief DeWitt and Ms. Laps for their work on the newsletter. She had not received much feedback on the most recent issue. The copies at Village Hall need not be color copies.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and followed its standard agenda, ratified a PNC Bank investment instrument and discussed the status of the local government fund. There was also a report on the activities of the Waite Hill Foundation.

Mr. Knezevic advised Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met in August and discussed the Metcalf Road resident who was seeking to replace a garage that had collapsed. The owner toned down the "ornate" nature of the garage, which did not match the house. The placement was in the same location as the previous garage, and the Chairman of the Commission had approved the minor deviation from the setback because the garage was not visible to any other residence or from a street. The Commission learned about and discussed the retirement of Allan Clough, and discussed the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's maintenance of the barn on South Lane.

Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt regarding Safety Committee matters. The Chief reported that the new cruiser was in and that it is being placed into service after having the necessary equipment installed. The Chief also reported that he had arranged to obtain a crew cab truck for the Service Department by trading in the 2010 Expedition, which has 112,000 miles on it. The Village would trade-in the Expedition and receive the crew cab truck from Classic Auto Group. Classic is donating the difference in value between the crew cab and the 2010 Expedition. Mr. Taplin moved to declare the 2010 Expedition to be surplus property and authorize the exchange for a crew cab truck, at no additional cost to the Village. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Property declared surplus and  
Exchange authorized

Mr. Gale and Mr. Haynik reported on behalf of the Service Committee. In October, the County will be placing signs on the bridges that will be closed for reconstruction in order to limit the weight on the bridges until the work is commenced (when the bridges will be closed).

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Waite Hill Wireless Committee will be meeting on Friday, and that an agenda had been prepared. He added that he had created an online survey for the residents to provide information to the Committee. The Committee will be conducting research and developing information for the purpose of advising the Mayor and Council on these matters.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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

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