

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

September 10, 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, September 10, 2018, with Council President Ryan Cox presiding. 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.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held August 12, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt then moved to approve the minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried

Minutes approved as amended

Resolution No. 2018-14 - "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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2018-14 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-11 - "An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Waite Hill Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency" 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. 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. 2018-11, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-11 adopted

After discussion Mr. Steudel moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Medical Mutual at a cost not to exceed six thousand three hundred forty-five dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$6,345.78) per month to provide health insurance coverage to Village employees. Mr. Taplin seconded the motion. It was noted that the premium went up about 1% this year. There was an inquiry whether the Village had inquired of other communities as to their rate of increase. There had not been. It was agreed that a 1% increase was acceptable.

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

Motion carried
Agreement authorized

Ms. Merritt reported on the summer picnic/car cruise-in on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. Attendance was good; more cars came than had rsvp'd, which is common based upon weather conditions. The sense of Council was that this should be done again. Robbi, Bob Haynik and the Chief were commended for their, and all the Village employees', hard work in pulling the event together. There was discussion regarding possible meetings between residents and elected officials, and how communications from the Village to residents could continue to be improved. The Halloween Party is scheduled for the Saturday before Halloween.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and had executed its standard agenda. The Village has received the advance of the second-half collections and has now received its full settlement for the second-half taxes. The Village is in a deficit position (including the road program) of about one hundred fifty-six thousand dollars (\$156,000) per year. The Committee discussed how to fill that deficit gap, assuming that property valuations will continue to be flat. There was a discussion regarding a uniform assessment on developed property, but no decision has been made.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met in August and Mr. Knezevic reported on its actions. The owner of the residence at the corner of Hobart and Markell Roads wants to add a two-car garage to the south side of the residence. This would allow the cars currently being parked outside, on the north side of the property by Markell Road, to be parked in a garage. This would be a preferable condition for the use of that property. The view of the property from the south is blocked by a small forest. The Village's zoning code and the existing location of the residence, close to Hobart Road, requires a variance, if the porch is to be permitted as proposed. The Architectural Board of Review approved the design of the porch, and the Planning and Zoning Commission denied the request, given the non-compliance with the required setback. The Commission also recommended that a variance be granted for the setback. The second issue before the Commission was a request by a South Lane resident for a split rail fence. The fence was approved with a modified

design to have the fence terminate at its end by either dying into an architectural feature or with railings that die down to the ground. The Council then discussed the activity of the property on Eagle Road, across from and to the east of Smith Road. Specifically, the pond work is not complete; the owner intends to construct a pond to the south of the existing pond by the road. This will help to further alleviate the road-flooding issues that the property has caused.

Mr. Taplin noted, on behalf of the Safety Committee, that he continues to see individuals walking dogs up and down Metcalf Road Hill. It was noted that if the dogs are obstructing traffic, the owner could be cited, so the police should be called. Chief DeWitt reported that the nuisance deer abatement program will re-commence at the end of the month. Hunters are also permitted to abate nuisance coyotes, both under state law and the Village's program. A domestic violence event had occurred in an Eagle Road residence between a parent and an adult child; the matter seems to be resolving, both in court and out of court, so there should not be a repeat of that event.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik to report on Service Department issues. Mr. Haynik indicated that it had been a hot, and quiet, August. The Department had crack-sealed roads over the summer months and had gotten about half of the Village's streets done. The intention is to do the other half next year. The Village will then monitor the long-term effectiveness of the crack-sealing, which is supposed to last four or five years. The cost this year was about thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), with another thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) being the anticipated cost for next year. The CT Consultants' road replacement program is estimated to be about three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) over the next fifteen (15) years. The striping is scheduled to be done this week, and Mr. Haynik will call to confirm that the schedule is still in place (bad weather can cause delays). The heavy rain has not caused flooding problems on Waite Hill Road, on Otis Hill. That condition will continue to be monitored. The ODOT-bid price for rock salt for the 2018-2019 season will be forty-three dollars (\$43) per ton, which is a very good price. There was also a discussion regarding the maintenance of the upper and lower pond properties on Smith Road. WRLC is the party responsible for that maintenance.

Regarding other matters to be brought before Council, the Chief noted that the County Emergency Operation Center has invited Village officials to tour the site to see their operations, which now include dispatching for the Village's police department and the City of Willoughby Hills (the Village's fire and EMS service provider). A tour may be arranged soon.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer