

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

September 14, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 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	

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 August 10, 2020, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2020-11** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2020-11 adopted

**Resolution No. 2020-12** - "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. Stuedel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2020-12 adopted

Mr. Taplin joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

**Ordinance No. 2020-11** – “An Ordinance amending Chapter 1313 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill by the enactment of a new section 1313.10, Plans and Specifications Prepared by Registered Architect.” was read for the third time. Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
 Ordinance 2020-11 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2020-12** – “An Ordinance amending subsection (c) of Section 1141.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, accessory structures and buildings to include accessory buildings and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the second time and referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation. The Clerk-Treasurer will also post a notice of a public hearing regarding the ordinance for the October Council meeting.

**Ordinance No. 2020-14** – “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 for the first time. There was discussion regarding the process for expending CARES ACT funding in conformance with state and federal law. Mr. Scheucher 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. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-14, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
 Ordinance No. 2020-14 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, who chairs the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, the Mayor reported that a newsletter needs to go out at the end of September because the current calendar for residents is expiring at the end of September. Consequently, the deadline for articles is next Monday morning. Because of the pandemic, there will be no Halloween party in

2020.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Committee had executed its standard agenda. It noted that the Local Government Funds were down this year. The Committee also continues to study the Village's expenses. While revenue projections continue to be on the anticipated pace, the projected cash balance of the Village continues to decline. It was also noted that the Village does carry some long term, zero interest debt owed to the Ohio Public Works Commission for road projects that have been completed.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission Mr. Knezevic reported that the Commission had considered and recommended the approval of the pending building and zoning code changes that are pending before Council. There are also three new residences proposed in the Village, two of which are somewhat problematic, and revisions were requested. The third proposed home is relatively a small home in Creawood Forest, which was approved. Three residential generators were approved, as was a request to change the color of a residence. Commission also considered and approved the relocation of a driveway on Smith Road and approved a fuel tank for the residence at the corner of Hobart and Waite Hill Road.

Mr. Taplin, as chair of the Safety Committee, had no report and neither did Chief DeWitt. August was a relatively slow month, relative to July of this year.

On behalf of the Service Committee Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik to report. Mr. Haynik indicated that the roads had been striped for about \$2,000 less than budgeted. The cost was \$16,300 as a part of the road program. Mr. Gale reported that CEI will be doing tree trimming in 2021. There is some culvert work being done on a Metcalf Road property outside of the right of way (a private project). More work is expected to be done on the property later, entirely private.

It was noted that the Village needs to upgrade its phone system at a cost of about \$28,000. After discussion Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the acquisition of a new phone system (Mitel licensed system) at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. The funds being used to upgrade the phone system will be funds obtained through the CARES Act Fund. Mr. Gale Seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Phone system approved

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to executive session  
at 9:09 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Gale 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 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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