

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

September 13, 2021

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:01 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Courtenay Taplin
Abbie Hiltsley	Richard Steudel
Karl Scheucher (by phone)	

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Police Chief Carl Dondorfer, Police Lieutenant Steve Gerics and Service Director Bob Haynik.

By unanimous consent, Ordinance 2021-8 was moved up on the agenda and became the first order of business.

Ordinance No. 2021 - 8 - “An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and use of funds which are being distributed to the Village pursuant to the American Rescue Plan of 2021, creating a new fund to account for the grant money, and declaring an emergency.” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	Hiltsley
		Motion carried
		Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-8, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltsley.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Hiltsley, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None
		Motion carried
		Ordinance No. 2021-8 adopted

Councilmember Karl Scheucher left the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 9, 2021 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox; Hiltzley, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2021-14 - “A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums.” was read. After discussion, Ms. Hiltzley moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox; Hiltzley, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-14 adopted

Resolution No. 2021-15 - “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. Taplin.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox; Hiltzley, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-15 adopted

Resolution No. 2021-16 - “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 Hobard Road Improvement Project and declaring an emergency.” was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel . moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Hiltzley .

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox; Hiltzley, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-16 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mayor Ranallo reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee that the Village’s annual Halloween party will be held on October 23, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Cox reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that they had met and had a productive and efficient meeting. The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the prior meeting, reviewed and discussed the August Treasurer’s Report and Transactions Lists, and ratified the purchase of a Baltimore Gas and Electric bond and a Charles Schwab Corp bond. It was noted that

the Village's real estate tax revenue is up 8%, however that may be attributed to payment of delinquent taxes from the prior year.

Ms. Hiltzley reported on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, that the plans for the Gardenside Barn have been approved. A Metcalf barn was partially raised, in a manner reminiscent of an old Amish barn-raising. It was agreed that an updated checklist of approval items should be developed, and building review process should be placed on the Village's website. Amongst other projects that the P&Z/ABR discussed the status of the Markell Bridge and the Gale/Kennedy Barn on Metcalf. New resident welcome packets will be distributed.

Chief Dondorfer, in the absence of Mr. Knezevic, reported on behalf of the Safety Committee. The department is experiencing normal volume of traffic stops, citations, etc., comparable to last month. Mr. Knezevic participated in a ride along, including visits to the Emergency Operation Center for the County and the Willoughby Municipal Court. The list of residents who do not want uninvited visitors to their property is being updated by the police department. This project allows officers to get to know residents and vice-versa. Along the same lines, a special letter to residents to introduce new hires (Police and Service) will be produced and distributed. Lt. Gerics is completing field training. Traffic counters are being investigated for possible acquisition and deployment as is sharing such equipment with other departments in the area. Two types of counters are used, radar and pneumatic traffic tubes. First Energy is developing information for the chronic Metcalf area outages. A Gardenside resident, who has been residing in a nursing care facility, wants to move back into her residence. The county senior services workers are evaluating the safety of such a move. The activities of certain owners of a Markell Road property were discussed, as was the fact that the Chief of the Kirtland Police Department having been terminated.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mr. Haynik reported on behalf of the Service Committee. The month of August had been very stormy, so the department had been busy with downed trees. This conversation led to a discussion regarding trees in the right of way which pose a risk to the motoring public and the Village's responsibility regarding that risk. The Village is engaged in a process to notify property owners who are legally responsible for removing the trees, and ultimately can compel the action via legal means. The Village continuously monitors the trees and notifies property owners regarding issues that arise.

It was noted that the election season is upon the Village and that Mr. Taplin will be retiring after this December.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox; Hiltzley, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

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APPROVED: _____, 2021

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer