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Dear Village Resident,

It is never fun to write about taxes, and this May's ballot will include several issues seeking to raise money. One of those issues will be a request by Waite Hill Village to **RENEW** for a term of five years the 6.2 mill charter levy originally passed by our electors in November 2013 for the continued provision of police, fire, EMS and public services. Passage of this renewal will not result in any new tax.

When Council and the Administration asked the voters for passage of the charter levy back in 2013, we did so to preserve the safety and other services historically provided by the Village in the face of severe funding cuts and other legislative changes enacted by the State of Ohio. We limited our request to a term of five years as a measure of accountability (as opposed to asking for a permanent tax increase), and communicated at the time that at the expiration of the initial five-year term, we would again put the issue before the voters.

A second catalyst to the timing of our 2013 charter levy request was a change in state law that eliminated our ability (and the ability of all municipalities) after 2013 to be reimbursed by the State of Ohio for the rollback proceeds that were collected as a part of levy. After 2013, that reimbursement was eliminated on all **NEW** levies, but was preserved for the **RENEWAL** of all existing levies. So passage of the charter levy in 2013 enabled us to continue to be reimbursed for the rollback proceeds as long as the levy is renewed.

From a historical perspective, we have collected the following amounts in the four calendar years that have passed since passage of the levy in November 2013:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>Rollback Proceeds</u>
2014	\$227,049	\$31,899
2015	\$236,663	\$32,475
2016	\$235,863	\$32,537
2017	\$233,699	\$30,954
Total	<u>\$933,274</u>	<u>\$127,865</u>

On average, the funds from our charter levy have represented approximately 21% of the Village's operating budget. Since passage, **ALL** of the proceeds from the subject levy have been used to subsidize the operational needs and requirements of the police department and the service department, including compensation for our police and service personnel. **NONE** of the proceeds have been used for capital requirements of the Village.

We are now in a place where the continued funds from this levy, including the rollback proceeds that would be permanently lost if the levy is not renewed, are critically important to the preservation of police, safety and service department activities at current levels.

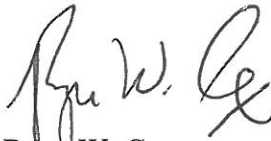
We have consistently strived to do our best for the Village and will continue to do so at all times. We are committed to delivering the most value possible under the circumstances and within the resources available to us.

We hope that you will continue to support the current levels of safety and services in the Village. Please remember to vote on May 8, 2018. We thank you for your consideration and understanding regarding this issue.

Very truly yours,



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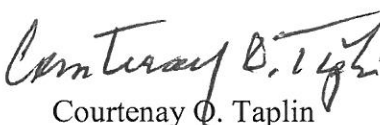
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