

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT I. GALE, III FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE WAITE HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Robert I. Gale, III (“Bob Gale”), began serving as Village of Waite Hill Councilman on February 9, 1998, and retired from Council on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, for 23 years Mr. Gale ably represented his constituents and was firmly committed to protecting the essence of what the residents love about the Village of Waite Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert A. Ranallo expressed his appreciation for Mr. Gale’s contributions to the Village as follows:

Bob’s contributions to Waite Hill cannot be captured in mere words. He has been an invaluable resource throughout his 23-year tenure on Village Council, the paradigm of a humble public servant. Bob consistently led by example and through his actions, quietly and effectively getting things done, and always the first to offer assistance or counsel when asked. His efforts, guidance and leadership have made all of us better, and all will be missed. Together we wish Bob all the best.

WHEREAS, Ryan W. Cox, President of Council, identified the essence of Mr. Gale’s service to the Village:

When Bob Gale talks, everyone listens. His strong and sensible perspective has always guided Council, and all of its members have learned and benefited from Bob’s wisdom. There is no doubting Bob’s passion for Waite Hill and his service can best be described as a commitment to do what is best in the long-term interest of the Village. Bob was instrumental in supporting the Waite Hill Foundation and ensuring its success. Bob has ALWAYS taken my call, for which I am grateful. I am proud to call him a colleague and a friend.

WHEREAS, Councilman Richard Steudel described Mr. Gale’s lasting impression on him, writing:

I appreciate Bob’s many years of service and dedication to the Village. His common sense and clear thinking were of great value to the Council. I thank Bob and wish him well. It has been a pleasure working with him and he will be missed.

WHEREAS, Vice President of Council Sam Knezevic summarized Mr. Gale’s contributions to the Council by saying:

Bob Gale has been a wonderful and most dedicated member of Waite Hill Council and he will be greatly missed. He brought enormous intellect to our council, and yet would contribute his thoughts and comments in a very understated and gentlemanly manner. I feel very fortunate to have served with him. Best wishes Bob and God bless.

WHEREAS, Keith DeWitt, Chief of Police, honored Mr. Gale as follows:

It certainly has been a great pleasure working and communicating with Bob Gale during my tenure here at Waite Hill. Bob always had an open ear for everyone no matter the subject. Bob, I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Marcia A. Merritt recounted the many reasons Mr. Gale's service to the Village will be long admired:

Waite Hill and its residents are the beneficiaries of Bob's extraordinary and generous service to the Waite Hill Village Council. Bob brings a vast amount of Village history to Council and the entire administration. I am always in awe of his demeanor and decision-making process at Council: thoughtful, perceptive and humble. Bob Gale is a person to be admired for so many reasons and his presence on Council will be greatly missed.

WHEREAS, Village Law Director Steve Byron summarized the legacy of Mr. Gale's public service as follows:

Bob Gale adeptly balanced a respect for Village history with a strong devotion to its future. Bob is a true gentleman who entered public service for the noblest of motives: to better his community.

WHEREAS, Councilman Courtenay Taplin recounted his appreciation for Mr. Gale:

I thank Bob Gale for giving so generously of his time and treasure to see that Waite Hill maintains the special character that we have all come to love. He served on every council committee with distinction and did so in his usual calm manner. I hope that future generations of council members will take a page from Bob Gale's book of governance.

WHEREAS, Councilman Karl F. Scheucher expressed his high regard for Mr. Gale's service to the Village as follows:

Bob Gale's business acumen and persistent attention to detail have been invaluable to Council and the Committees he has so diligently served. Always a font of probing questions, timely information, and creative ideas, I especially esteem that he consistently prioritizes the human resources upon which Waite Hill so critically depends. In addition to sincere appreciation, Bob should expect many calls for advice as challenges confront us going forward!

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to express their gratitude to Robert I. Gale, III for his dedication to preserving the Waite Hill community by spreading upon the record of the Village Council this Resolution to honor Mr. Gale's 23 extraordinary years of service on the Village Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Council, on behalf of all the residents of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, and the Village’s administration hereby express their sincere gratitude to Bob Gale for his outstanding public service and dedication to the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council shall forthwith transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Mr. Gale, in honor of his service to his community.

SECTION 3. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2021

_____ Council President

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval on the _____ day of _____, 2021

Approved by the Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2021

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Ryan Cox, President of Council

Sam Knezevic, Vice President of Council

Abby Hiltzley, Council Member

Marcia A. Merritt, Council Member

Karl Scheucher, Council Member

Richard Steudel, Jr., Council Member

Courtenay Taplin, Council Member