

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING COURTENAY O. TAPLIN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL WORKING AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL.

WHEREAS, Courtenay O. Taplin began serving as a Councilman in the Village of Waite Hill on June 14, 1999.

WHEREAS, Courtenay O. Taplin was instrumental in helping to create and pass meaningful legislation, and otherwise foster and cultivate the spirit of the Village; and

WHEREAS, Courtenay O. Taplin faithfully served the residents of the Village of Waite Hill as a member of Council for over two decades, and officially retired from the position as a member of the Village Council on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert A. Ranallo led the Village officials by describing Mr. Taplin's tenure as follows:

Courtenay's contributions to Council and the Village over the past years will be hard to replace. He was a valuable member of Council who always brought a pragmatic, common sense approach to problem solving. Courtenay had great insight and a deep-rooted knowledge of the Village and its history which always led to a considered perspective on issues requiring resolution. His presence will be missed, and we thank him for his significant commitment to the Village and its residents.

WHEREAS, Ryan W. Cox, President of Council commented upon Mr. Taplin's invaluable service and participation as such:

Courtenay Taplin brought a straightforward and worldly point of view to the Council of the Village of Waite Hill. We all have benefited from his business background and acumen. One of my first impressions of Courtenay was the tremendous sense of duty and pride he has serving the residents of Waite Hill. His strong will is evident through his passion for our Village. Although we will miss his perspective on Council, I take great comfort knowing that the "all seeing eye" of Metcalf Rd. will continue to be my neighbor for many years to come. Thank you, Mr. Taplin.

WHEREAS, Vice President of Council Samuel R. Knezevic summarized Mr. Taplin's contributions to the Village by saying:

Courtenay Taplin has been an invaluable member of Waite Hill Council for many years. He has brought to Council a keen business sense coupled with a tremendous knowledge of the Village, its history, and its residents. I have learned a great deal from Courtenay over the years, and he will certainly be missed. Best wishes Courtenay in all of your future endeavors!

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Abby Hiltley expressed her sentiments to Mr. Taplin as stated below:

Courtenay: Your interest in the integrity and beauty of the village along with your reputation as a highly respected council member is unmistakable. As a fellow council member, I value your informed and insightful leadership and I am grateful for the year we had together serving Waite Hill on Village Council . Thank you and the best to you, Abby

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Marcia Merritt described Mr. Taplin's service and contributions as follows:

Compared to the tenure of most on council, I have only had the pleasure of knowing Courtenay and serving on council with him for the short time of 10 years. During this time, I have learned from Courtenay at every interaction and have only admired his vast knowledge of the Village and surrounding communities. His no nonsense approach always brings fair and reasonable solutions to every challenge. Courtenay, thank you for your service to the Village. I'm honored to live in the community you've helped shape. Wishing you continued success in all that you do!

WHEREAS, Councilman Richard Steudel expressed his regards to Mr. Taplin in the following manner:

I have always appreciated Courtenay's business knowledge and common-sense approach to issues coming before the Council over the years. His love and concern for the Village and its residents has always been very evident. Enjoy your extra time. You will certainly be missed.

WHEREAS, Village Service Director Bob Haynik, described how he felt about Mr. Taplin as follows:

It was an honor to sit with a Waite Hill patriarch of 40-plus years of living in this wonderful Village. His contribution to the safety and general well-being of the Village were greatly appreciated every month. He will be missed.

WHEREAS, Village Law Director Stephen L. Byron summarized the legacy of Mr. Taplin's public service as follows:

As a fellow Hawken Hawk, I am filled with gratitude for Mr. Taplin's support and guidance as I have served as the Village's legal counsel. His commitment to "Fair Play" was evident as he worked for policy solutions that preserved the character of the Village, while ensuring the rights of property owners. It is clear, through his service to the Village of Waite Hill, that Mr. Taplin has lived the Hawken School motto: "That the better self shall prevail, and that each generation introduce its successor to a higher plane of life."

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, on behalf of the residents of the Village of Waite Hill desire to express their gratitude to Courtenay O. Taplin for his dedication and service to the Waite Hill community, and to thank and honor Courtenay O. Taplin for his more than two decades of service.

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 Courtenay O. Taplin for his outstanding public service and dedication to the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, and thereby spread this Resolution upon the records of the Council of the Village of Waite Hill.

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

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2022

Ryan Cox, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval on the _____ day of _____, 2022

Approved by the Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2022

ATTEST:

Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

COUNCIL:

Samuel R. Knezevic, Vice President of Council

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