

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT A. RANALLO FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL.

WHEREAS, Robert A. Ranallo graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame, with a bachelor's degree in business administration, then obtained his Juris Doctorate Degree from the Ohio State University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Ranallo is highly accomplished in many areas, including several areas of the practice of law, certified public accounting and valuation, and forensic financial advising; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Ranallo is a member of numerous professional and community associations and is considered and called upon as an expert witness in many financial and commercial matters before various courts, and was the 2014 winner of the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts Jeffrey R. Salins Award for Report Writing; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Ranallo engaged in public service starting in 1992 when he commenced serving as a councilman for the City of Willoughby; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Ranallo's service to the Village of Waite Hill first began with his appointment to Council on January 9, 2006, a year later, on January 15, 2007, he was elected Council President. Robert A. Ranallo became Mayor of the Village in January of 2012, where he was (and still is) highly respected for lending his vast legal and business acumen to said position and maintaining the Village as the coveted community that it is today; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ryan W. Cox led the Village officials by describing former Mayor Robert A. Ranallo's contributions to the development of the Village as follows:

Bob was the right man at the right moment when he became Mayor of Waite Hill as he immediately began making tough decisions. No one can question his unwavering commitment to what is best for Waite Hill. In discussing Village matters with Council, he valued everyone's opinion and never took the "my way or the highway" approach to decision making. I want to personally thank his wife, Shelia, and two daughters, Lauren and Amy, for supporting his long tenure in public service. Bob, it was an honor to serve as your President of Council, and I am proud to call you a friend and colleague. A job very well done!

WHEREAS, Council President Samuel R. Knezevic stated the following regarding Mayor Robert A. Ranallo's service to and for the Village:

Bob Ranallo has epitomized what it means to be a public servant. His selfless and low-key style of governing has imparted a professional, business-like atmosphere throughout all Village departments. Add to this his genuine love for the Village and a sincere caring for its residents, and you have a Mayor who has made a tremendous impact over the years. It has been a privilege to serve alongside Bob, and to call him my friend for over 50 years.

WHEREAS, Council Vice-President Karl F. Scheucher expressed his sentiments regarding Mayor Robert A. Ranallo's tenure with these words:

Bob Ranallo's tenure as Mayor has been a great benefit to Waite Hill. After serving as Council President, Bob took the chief executive's role at a time of mounting challenges to the Village. His experience in public service, the law, and accounting has proven invaluable to meeting those challenges. Never indifferent, always responsive, engaged, and committed to staff and residents alike, it has been a true pleasure and a learning experience to serve alongside Bob. There is no doubt that he will be as successful in his future endeavors as he has been leading Waite Hill, leadership that will be always remembered and often missed.

WHEREAS, Roberta A. Laps, Clerk/Treasurer complimented Mayor Ranallo in the following manner:

Bob has been such a pleasure to work for and a source of tremendous knowledge and scope. He has a way of putting things in proper perspective with a constant focus on what is best for the Village. He leaves the administration of this Village in a vastly better place than when he arrived and will be greatly missed.

WHEREAS, Bob Haynik, Service Director expressed his sentiments regarding the Mayor as such:

It was an honor to be hired by you in 2013! I have enjoyed and have been proud to work under your leadership and vast knowledge of how a Municipality is supposed to be run. Your no-nonsense tolerance for employee and governing issues were second to none. I hope you enjoy your new chapter of semi-retirement and enjoy the heck out of those Grandkids.

WHEREAS, Marcia Merritt, Former Chair of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee expressed:

During my 10 years on council, it has been a pleasure working with Mayor Ranallo. He is the true definition of a public servant, bringing nothing but integrity, loyalty and expertise to his office. Mayor Ranallo has always served with the benefit of our Village front of mind and focused on keeping Waite Hill, Waite Hill. His presence at Council meetings will be truly missed.

WHEREAS, Law Director Stephen L. Byron expressed his esteem for Robert A. Ranallo as follows:

Bob had the unenviable job of succeeding a mayor who had been in office since the Lyndon B. Johnson administration. Bob ably met the challenge of presiding over change in the Village while working to keep the essence of Waite Hill as it has been throughout its history. Thank you, Bob, for being one of the best mayors for whom I have ever worked.

WHEREAS, Ken Dery, former Councilman and P&Z/ABR Chair, listed some of the admirable attributes of the former Mayor with the following description:

Brilliant attorney/accountant; superb Councilman; stalwart Planning & Zoning and Architectural Board of Review protector; masterful, dedicated, loyal, trustworthy, forthright, steadfast, creative, and unperturbable Mayor of Waite Hill Village. He's an honorable, decent and good man and I am proud to have served with him and to call him a friend. Last, but not least, he's a special husband and father and wine aficionado.

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 Mayor Robert A. Ranallo 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 Robert A. Ranallo, 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: _____, 2024

Samuel R. Knezevic, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval on

Approved by the Mayor on the ____ day

the _____ day of _____, 2024

of _____, 2024

ATTEST:

Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer

Ryan A. Cox, Mayor

COUNCIL:

Karl F. Scheucher, Vice President of Council

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