

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

April 12, 2021

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:21 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present via Zoom:

Ryan Cox
Sam Knezevic
Abby Hiltley
Marcia Merritt

Karl Scheucher
Richard Steudel
Courtenay Taplin

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 8, 2021, were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2021-6 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-6 adopted

Resolution No. 2021-7 - "A Resolution authorizing the Village to participate in Ohio Department of Transportation winter contract (18-22) for road salt and take any other action necessary to participate in the bulk purchasing of road salt for the 2021-2022 winter season and declaring an emergency" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-7 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, inquired whether the Village will be holding a Memorial Day event. She indicated that some residents may be willing to assist in organizing the event. It was agreed to defer making a decision until the May Council meeting.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Committee had met and had addressed the standard agenda items. It ratified some investment decisions that had been made, and discussed the philosophy of the portfolio and whether the focus should be on income or total value.

Ms. Hiltley reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission has been active, considering new homes in Creawood and on Reserve Drive, two new garages/additions on Eagle Road (one of which involves the relocation of a driveway), a new barn on Metcalf Road, and a small change of fenestration (one window) of a residence on South Lane. Council discussed the potential development of a property with frontage on Hobart and Markell Roads, but nothing has been presented to the Commission. The property at the bottom of the (Otis) hill of Waite Hill Road and a property on Markell Road were also discussed. New owners had purchased these properties from a sheriff's sale.

Mr. Knezevic reported from the Safety Committee, noting that fraudulent unemployment claims continue to rise. Businesses and individuals need to act when such false claims are made. The Chief noted that his report had been issued and things are good with the Police Department.

Ms. Merritt reported on how she gathered information regarding recycling, including taking a trip to the Lake County Landfill (where Lake County collects individual recycling). Mr. Haynik reported on the tree work that is occurring near the Markell Road bridge and how that project will be starting soon. The Service Department will be starting the crack sealing project in May. There will be no major paving project this summer but patching of various roads will occur as needed. Eagle Road will be repaved in four or five years. There was further discussion regarding recycling and the difficulties regarding the issue.

The Mayor indicated that in-person meetings will re-commence in May and Mr. Gale will be presented with a framed copy of the resolution that Council passed last month.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltley, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2021

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer