

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

August 8, 2016

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:05 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2016, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Robert Gale	Richard Steudel
Sam Knezevic	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain, Law Director Stephen Byron, and Jim Raimondo of Ancora Investment Advisors.

Council first received an update regarding the Village's finances presented by Mr. Raimondo. There was a discussion regarding the most recent quarter and year-to-date performances, interest rates, investment philosophy, and risk management. Mr. Raimondo answered questions and then excused himself from the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Council next considered the minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held July 11, 2016, which had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2016-12 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2016-12 adopted

Ordinance No. 2016-7 - "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135, Clerk-Treasurer, of the Codified Ordinances to provide for the enactment of a new section 135.17, Planning and Zoning Deposit Fund, and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2016-7 adopted

Ordinance No. 2016-8 – “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135, Clerk-Treasurer, of the Codified Ordinances to provide for the enactment of a new section 135.18, Public Depository Agreements, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-8, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2016-8 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, there was no report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. It was noted that the deadline for articles for the Village newsletter is August 15, 2016. The Village is continuing to investigate the transmission of the newsletter primarily via email. The Village administration has been moving towards email communications as the primary method of communicating with residents. Mr. Scheucher noted that there have been no recent changes to the Village’s website.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, approved the minutes of the July meeting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report and property tax allocations, and ratified the purchases of three mortgage-backed securities. The Committee is studying costs of road repairs. There was a brief discussion regarding the need, at some point, to approach the Village residents to address the gap in funding that the Village is still experiencing based upon the loss of the estate tax and the decrease in the local government fund revenues. The pavement on Waite Hill Road (Otis Hill) needs to be repaired.

Mr. Knezevic reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s activities. The Commission approved a home in Creawood after a protracted effort to get the builder to make the architecture a more recognizable style, and less of a “development” house. The Commission also approved the painting of a barn on the south side of Eagle Road, west of Hobart. There was also a brief discussion regarding the reconfiguration of the three lots (into two lots) on the north side of Eagle east of Smith Road, and the changes to the fenestration of the new residence going in on South Lane. The chapter of the Codified Ordinances that sets forth the review standards for the Architectural Board of Review is being revised, and Council should see that ordinance soon. Repairs are being made to split rail fences throughout the Village, per Village fence ordinances.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin reported that alarm drops have been significantly reduced in the Village. This is largely a consequence of two residences that have changed owners and alarm systems. The Chief reported that the person who was involved in a car crash which occurred on Interstate 90, and who had given false information to the police department, has been sentenced to eleven months in prison for that crime, along with seven years in prison for crimes committed in other communities. The person who stole prescription medicine from a residence on Metcalf Road has been bound over to the grand jury. The Village also had an arrest of a driver who was under the influence of alcohol on the previous Saturday evening. Sergeant Beaumier is doing well at his new rank, and will be going to the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) during the last week of August. There was a brief discussion regarding 9181 Metcalf Road, which is now owned by the bank. Council was also advised that a new police cruiser has been ordered.

Mr. Gale reported, on behalf of the Service Committee, that the costs of road repair had been thoroughly discussed at the Finance Committee.

The Mayor reported that the health care costs for the next year will be increasing nine-tenths of one percent (0.9%), which is very good news.

The Village had received notification of an EPA hearing regarding proposed infrastructure work in Mentor Marsh that would affect water quality in Lake Erie. No action was taken.

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

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

Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

 Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____
 Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer