

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

August 14, 2017

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:06 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017, 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
Marcia Merritt	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Service Director Bob Haynik.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held July 10, 2017, 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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

The minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held July 31, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2017-11 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2017-11 adopted

Resolution No. 2017-12 - “A Resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the Village of Waite Hill on behalf of the State of Ohio (the ‘borrower’) to reimburse its capital fund for the Waite Hill Road Improvements Project, Project No. CG23U/CG24U with the proceeds of tax exempt debt of the State of Ohio” was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
 Resolution No. 2017-12 adopted

Ordinance No. 2017-11: “An Ordinance amending Chapter 135, Clerk-Treasurer, of the Codified Ordinances to provide for the enactment of a new Section 135.19, Declaration of Intent to Reimburse from Bond Proceeds, and declaring an emergency.” Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
 Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-11, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
 Ordinance No. 2017-11 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, noted that the feedback from the community on the bridge closure issue highlighted the need for residents to get their email addresses to the Village for timely notice of activities. The Chief will continue to send written notices to residents who don’t have email. Getting the message to residents to sign up for email is a project that all of Council can assist on by communicating the issue to friends and acquaintances when questions are asked about Village activities.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher noted that the Committee had conducted its usual business including the approval of the prior month’s committee minutes and a review of the Treasurer’s report for July. There was also a discussion regarding the Village’s road program, the crack sealing project, and how the Village will be funding resurfacing the roads in the future.

Mr. Knezevic noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not met in July, so he had no report. There was a brief discussion regarding an ongoing neighbor dispute.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin noted that he had discussed the bridge replacement issue with the law director, and noted that this was an issue that required significant communications with the residents. The Chief reported that July had been a busy month. He also noted that the Village's supply of NARCAN, the emergency medication used for heroin overdoses, had expired. He is awaiting a further distribution from the County because it is \$80 per vial, and the Village has not budgeted for the purchase itself. He further noted that the Village has not needed to use the batch that had just expired, and that he believes it is reasonable to wait for the next batch given the low probability of the need for the product. He also noted that Art Lagerstadt has now been with the Village, as a part-time patrol officer, for twenty (20) years.

Mr. Gale and Mr. Haynik reported that the Service Department is continuing to study crack sealing. It is now clear that cold crack sealing does not work as well, or last as long, as the hot process. There may be an opportunity to share equipment with Willoughby Hills and/or Kirtland Hills. Tim Lannon has recommended the hot crack-sealing process.

Mayor Ranallo reported that he had met with the mayors and the chiefs of the safety forces for Kirtland and Kirtland Hills. Kirtland is seeking to regionalize its dispatch services, and would like Waite Hill to utilize its dispatch and fire services. As of right now, that does not make economic sense for the Village of Waite Hill. The Village continues to look for cost-saving opportunities to provide the same, or better, service at a lower cost.

The Mayor and Council then discussed the bridge closure issues. There was a meeting with the County Engineer's office and Tim Lannon. By law, the County is responsible for the maintenance of (and liability for) the bridges in the Village that span the Chagrin River. The Markell Road and Waite Hill Road bridges have now been evaluated as needing to be replaced, and that will occur in 2020 (Waite Hill Road) and 2021 (Markell Road) at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million (Waite Hill) and \$1 million (Markell). The reason for the delayed time for the work is that the federal government pays 80% of the project cost, and the county will pay 20% and these projects need to be budgeted. The timing of the issue, and the "surprise" is a consequence of changes in the federal regulations, which made the standard for bridge replacement less flexible – and rated these bridges as priority replacements. The weight limit of the bridges is currently 18 tons, and will be reduced to 11 tons. This will impact school buses, fire trucks and some construction trucks. Any truck that is one ton or less will not be impacted by the reduced limit.

The school districts are already aware of the issues, and have developed new routes. The Willoughby Hills Fire Department does not need to change its entry routes to the Village for fire or EMS services as it can approach from the west or the south. Kirtland, which would respond from the east in the case of a fire, would enter the Village from Eagle Road in any event, and will also not be impacted by the change. The time for construction will be 6-8 months per bridge.

Mr. Gale moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation and the appointment of Village officials. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____
 Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer