

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

December 9, 2019

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:18 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Bob Gale	Richard Steudel
Sam Knezevic	Courtenay Taplin
Marcia Merritt	

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

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council, as Amended, held November 11, 2019, had previously been distributed to Council. It was suggested that Council had reached a consensus that the administration's interpretation of the Village's zoning code, as applied to property owners in the Creewood subdivision was correct: the use of a residence in Waite Hill as an Airbnb is not consistent with the permitted use of the property for a "one-family detached dwelling." It was agreed that the November minutes will be amended to reflect this consensus. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2019-19 - "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. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2019-19 adopted

Ordinance No. 2019-6 – "An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried

Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2019-6 adopted

Ordinance No. 2019-7 – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio for fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Gale moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance 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

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2019-7 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee Marcia Merritt reported that the newsletter will go out in January. She also reports that the Book Club was very well attended. There will be no meeting of the Book Club in December in light of the holidays.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Committee had followed its usual agenda. The minutes and Treasurer’s Report were approved, and the Village has received its rollback reimbursement from the state. It was noted that the Health District’s charges went up. It was also noted that, on average, the Village continued to have a deficit position of about three hundred eighty seven thousand dollars (\$387,000) per year, for the same reasons that had been previously discussed. The purchase and sale of securities, as recommended by Ancora, had been ratified. There was a discussion on what the impact of changing the density of the Village’s zoning would have on the Village’s revenues. He also noted that the Compensation Committee had met and the recommendations will be discussed during the executive session.

Mr. Knezevic reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not met in November and therefore he had nothing to report.

Mr. Taplin had nothing specific to report on behalf of the Safety Committee and deferred to Chief DeWitt. Chief DeWitt reported an increase in activity that the department is seeing. There was a discussion regarding mutual aid issues that have arisen and possible solutions to these issues.

On behalf of the Service Committee, Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik for a report. Mr. Haynik reported that it has been quiet, and that the department is waiting and ready for the winter snow season to begin.

Mr. Gale then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the compensation of Village Employees, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 8:41 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo asked that Council give some thought to their committee assignments as those could be changed in January with the commencement of new terms. Mr. Scheucher noted that the Kirtland football team had won its second state championship in a row. It was agreed that a Mayoral Proclamation would be prepared and delivered to the school.

Chief DeWitt then brought to Council’s attention two incidents (one involving a minor) that were reflective of some of the issues that the Department currently faces.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer