

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

February 12, 2018

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding via tele-conference. 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, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, and Village residents Ms. Chris Sherwin and Mr. Michael Tabor.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 8, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2018-3 - "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. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-3 adopted

Resolution No. 2018-4 - "A Resolution thanking Allan Clough for his years of service to the Village of Waite Hill" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt 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. 2018-4 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-1– “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Stephen L. Byron and Singerman Mills Desberg & Kauntz, Co. L.P.A., for legal services beginning February 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018, confirming the appointment of Stephen L. Byron as Law Director, and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Ms. Merritt moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-1, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-1 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-2– “An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Richard J. Perez as an Assistant Law Director (Prosecutor) for the Village, providing compensation for the Assistant Law Director (Prosecutor), repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Ms. Merritt moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

It was noted that Mr. Perez continues to be responsive to the Police Department’s needs. Thereupon Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-2, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-3 – “An Ordinance providing additional compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. Mr. Gale

moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-3, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-3 adopted

Ordinance No. 2018-4— “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with NOPEC for the 2018 NOPEC grant and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Ms. Merritt moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-4, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2018-4 adopted

After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of the 2018 Charter Review Commission, consisting of Kerri Bowden, Jim Gibbs, David Kurtz, Chris Mahovlic, Gary Schuster, Chris Sherwin and Richard Steudel. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Appointments confirmed

Mayor Ranallo reported on the meeting which he had with Tim Misny, Tim Lannon and Justin Silvaroli from CT Consultants, Bob Gale, Ryan Cox, Keith DeWitt, Robbi Laps and Stephen Byron to discuss the concern regarding the risk to pedestrian traffic that is present on the eastern hill of Metcalf Road, both east-bound and west-bound. It was noted that the sharp curve, on the narrow road, on the relatively steep hill make an extremely unsafe traffic condition. Certain residents of Kirtland have been known to walk many dogs in the dark, in the middle of the road, and without reflective clothing. There had been several "near misses" reported, and the consensus was that the dangerous condition should be abated. The Mayor had reached the opinion that pedestrian traffic on the road should be eliminated, and that the matter should be brought back to Council to discuss the enactment of an ordinance to ban pedestrians and bicycle riders on Metcalf Road in the locations that were clearly unsafe because of grade and sightline issues. The Village will also be considering similar treatments for other locations. It was noted that most residents who live in the area and walk along the road will walk to the point where the road becomes dangerous, then turn around and walk the other way. Thus, a prohibition against walking in the dangerous area will not deprive property owners of their property interest in accessing a public street as a pedestrian. The Law Director was instructed to draft legislation to prohibit pedestrian traffic on Metcalf Road at the location between the bottom and the top of the eastern hill on the north end of the road. The prohibition should also be imposed on the Otis Hill portion (i.e. the western end) of Waite Hill Road, and on Markell Hill.

Ms. Merritt reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee that her computer had died and taken with it the publishing program that she had used for the Village Voice newsletter. Of necessity, Ms. Merritt is now using Word, and the appearance of the newsletter is substantially the same, with the exception of slightly darker graphics. Marcia was thanked by Mayor for her continued hard work on the newsletter.

Mr. Scheucher advised Council that the Finance Committee had navigated its typical agenda. He indicated that the Village had realized a capital loss of about Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) but had made Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) in interest, so the investment was a net positive.

Mr. Knezevic indicated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had entertained one proposal for a new home in Creawood. It will be a country cottage and will not be visible from any public or private street, or from any neighboring residence. The initial design was approved by the architects, and it is expected that final plans will be brought in at the next meeting.

Mr. Taplin reported, on behalf of the Safety Committee, that the Village was keeping track of inter-departmental assists. The Chief provided information regarding an ambush of police officers in the City of Westerville, who had responded to a call for service. It was noted that coyotes continue to be a concern in the Village, and that there are occasionally complaints for dogs at large.

Mr. Haynik reported that the Service Department was keeping up with the snow fall. They had just received two hundred fifty (250) tons of salt under the ODOT purchasing program. They have used four hundred (400) tons. The improvement to the Eagle and Smith Road drainage

condition appears to be holding. The Otis Hill project is about seventy-five percent (75%) complete, and the contractor Burton Scot is awaiting the opening of the asphalt plants in the spring.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Wireless Communication Committee and indicated that Verizon will be building a tower that is one hundred ninety feet (190') tall. This will likely help coverage on the east side of the Village, but will likely not help the coverage gap on Eagle Road west of the Village Hall to the Chagrin River.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer