

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

January 8, 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, January 8, 2018, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox
Sam Knezevic

Richard Steudel
Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, and Village resident Mrs. Chris Sherwin.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held December 11, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Council then proceeded with the election of the Council President. Mr. Steudel nominated Ryan Cox. There were no other nominations. Mr. Steudel then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Cox as Council President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Council President elected

Council next considered the position of Council Vice-President. Mr. Taplin nominated Bob Gale as Council Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Taplin then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Gale as Council Vice-President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Council Vice President elected

Mr. Cox nominated Sam Knezevic to serve as Council's representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Cox then moved to close the nominations and have Mr. Knezevic unanimously elected to serve as Council’s representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Council’s Representative to the
Planning and Zoning Commission and
the Architectural Board of Review
Elected

Resolution No. 2018-1 - “A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums” was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-1 adopted

Resolution No. 2018-2 - “A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to advance taxes in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code” was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-2 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 first time. The ordinance will be brought back to Council for the February meeting.

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 first time. The ordinance will be brought back to Council for the February meeting.

Mr. Byron arrived at 8:12 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo announced his appointment of Mrs. Abby Hiltley to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. Mr. Knezevic moved to confirm Mayor Ranallo’s appointment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
 Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo announced his re-appointment of Joe Mahovlic to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Steudel moved to confirm Mayor Ranallo’s appointment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
 Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo asked for recommendations of candidates for the Charter Review Commission. Chris Mahovlic, Adam Bowden, David Kurtz, Gary Schuster, Brian Zollar, Brian Doty, Greg Reynolds, and Chris Sherwin were suggested. There was a suggestion to have more young people and females. Mayor Ranallo said he will put a committee of seven together.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Mr. Cox reported that the Village ended 2017 cash-negative by about \$150,000, largely because of principal and interest payments on the bond. He reiterated the Compensation Committee’s recommendations and gave special thanks to the three department heads. The Waite Hill Foundation’s investments increased by about 17% for the year, and has about \$630,000. Mr. Cox also advised Council that the Kirtland High School newsletter reported that by 2021 they will be expecting a \$2.1 million deficit and alluded to another levy around 2020. Mayor Ranallo agreed that the timing of the Kirtland School levy will allow the Village time to get its levy on the ballot first.

Mr. Knezevic, reporting for the Planning and Zoning Commission, advised Council that four generators on Gardenside Drive had come for approval. There had been discussion about appearances and recommendations for screening, and all were approved. He mentioned a complaint about the house at the corner of Eagle and Rollin Roads where paint is chipping, and equipment and debris is cluttering the backyard (and visible from Rollin Road). That issue will be revisited in the spring. Also, it was noticed that the Marous caretaker house had a new door which was technically supposed get approval from Planning and Zoning. The consensus was that it was an improvement. There is no one living there at present, and it is possible Mr. Marous will move into that house if his house sells and while a new one is being built. It was recalled that Mr. Marous came for approval to split his 42 acres but never followed through because an offer on his house fell through.

Mr. Taplin deferred to the Chief for the Safety report, who noted that there were several assists to neighboring communities because of the severity of the situations. Also, there is a chance that Willoughby Hills, in an effort to cut costs, might get rid of its dispatch. It was speculated that they might switch to Willoughby’s dispatch, although there is heavy demand for Willoughby’s, and

is getting heavier. Finally, the deer program ended January 5th and was up 15-20%, with more does than bucks being taken.

Mr. Haynik reported for the Service Committee saying the crew was tired but fine. Equipment is holding up well in the rough weather, and roads don't seem to be buckling as bad as he expected. Salt supplies are good at about 300+ tons. He learned that a new resident will be moving into the former Barnes' residence this week, and another new resident will be moving into Frances Gale's former residence.

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 first time. The ordinance will be brought back to Council for the February meeting.

As for other business, Mayor Ranallo asked whether the \$2,200 NOPEC grant could be used for the insulation project at Town Hall. Chief DeWitt replied that if a project has already been started then the funds are not eligible.

Mrs. Chris Sherwin asked to speak on behalf of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. They offer advice and expertise on erosion problems and could be useful to the residents, especially some coming before the Planning and Zoning Committee. She would like people to know that service is available and said they are working on a brochure called “10 Biggest Myths of Erosion.” Mayor Ranallo said he is familiar with the good work they do and remembered them helping on a Rollin Road project seven or eight years ago. He requested a copy of the brochure when it is complete so to post it on the website and thanked her for coming.

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

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Knezevic, Studel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer