

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

July 13, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:07 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present via Zoom:

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

Also present via Zoom were, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Chief of Police Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik and Waite Hill Foundation members Ralph Lustri, Chris LeGros, David Robertson.

The members of the Waite Hill Foundation discussed the activities of the Foundation in the last year, the increased contribution to the Village and the growth of the endowment.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held June 8, 2020, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2020-9 - "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. 2020-9 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-10 - "An Ordinance affirming that funds received from the Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund will be expended only to cover costs of eligible expenditures consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the coronavirus aid, relief, and economic security act ("Cares Act"), as described in 42 U.S.C. 801, and any applicable regulations as is necessary pursuant to H.B. 481 before receiving said funds 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. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-10, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-10 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-11 – “An Ordinance amending Chapter 1313 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill by the enactment of a new section 1313.10, Plans and Specifications Prepared by Registered Architect.” was read for the first time and referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for a recommendation and report.

Ms. Merritt did not have a report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, other than the fact that the book club attempted to hold a Zoom meeting and decided to defer meetings until the fall when they could be conducted in person. It was noted that the staff’s pictures have been removed from the Village’s website as a prophylactic safety measure.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher indicated that the Committee had that morning approved the minutes of the prior meeting and the Treasurer’s report. There was a discussion regarding the trend of the local government funds and the downward forecasts that are resulting from the Coronavirus and its effect on the economy.

Mr. Knezevic reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and denied a request for an addition to a residence on Rollin Road that did not comply with a side-yard setback. The matter was referred to the Board of Zoning Appeals to determine whether a variance is appropriate. Another issue addressed was a proposed gravel parking area on the Sherwin upper pond property. The intention is to plant ground cover so that the gravel will be less visible. The condition of approval was to require the gate on the fence to be closed to prevent public parking on the gravel area. The Architectural Board discussed a proposed change to the code to require an architect to design any structure that is over a certain dollar figure, as Gates Mills has on the books. This will make the process run more smoothly by requiring someone with the vocabulary of design to communicate with the Board what design modifications need to be made. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Marous property on Hobart and a potential development of 5-8 homes, which would help the tax base of the Village.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt. The Chief indicated he did not have much. The Village is making use of the Coronavirus funds it has received from the federal government. There was a discussion regarding a security issue on a property on Eagle Road across from Smith Road; the matter is being handled by the property owner. The property north of

Markell just east of Hobart and various security issues were also discussed. There was also a significant power outage on Eagle Road.

Mr. Gale deferred to Bob Haynik regarding the Service Committee report. Mr. Haynik stated that the new mower and new truck are now in service. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to declare the Village's 2006 Ford F-450 truck surplus and to permit the administration to sell the truck on GovDeals or in a similar manner. The new roof on the service garage will be put on in August.

Mayor Ranallo reported that the Waite Hill Road bridge replacement, by Daniels Park in Willoughby, is moving forward. He requested the input of Council regarding whether the August meeting should be held via Zoom and the consensus was that it should be.

Mr. Taplin then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees. Mr. Scheucher seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 9:19 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

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 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED: _____, 2020

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer

