

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

July 12, 2021

At approximately 7:53 a.m., prior to the Council meeting being called to order, Ms. Christina LeGros and Mr. Ralph Lustrì presented the Village with a donation of \$37,381 from the Waite Hill Village Foundation. Council President Ryan Cox also serves on the Foundation. The fourth director of the Foundation, David Robertson was not able to attend today. Mr. Cox lauded the “good participation from Village residents”. The Foundation has received \$688,000 in donations, and the value of the portfolio has just eclipsed the \$1,000,000. Since 2018, the Foundation has provided grants of over of \$123,000 to the Village of Waite Hill, which has helped to replace revenue lost from the repeal of the Ohio estate tax and the reductions in revenue from the state’s local government fund. Special thanks were owed to Kaitlyn LeGros, who volunteers to run the Foundation’s website. The Mayor and Council thanked the foundation members and Kaitlyn.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:09 a.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox
Sam Knezevic
Abby Hiltley

Karl Scheucher
Richard Steudel
Courtenay Taplin

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Chief of Police Carl Dondorfer, and Bob Haynik, Service Director.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 14, 2021 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltley, Knezevic; Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2021-11 - “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 Mrs. Hiltley.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltley, Knezevic; Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2021-11 adopted

Resolution No. 2021-12 - “A Resolution commending Chief Keith DeWitt for his many years of service to the Village of Waite Hill, serving on and leading the Waite Hill Police Department” was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic; Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2021-12 adopted

Ordinance No. 2021 - 7 - “An Ordinance amending Chapter 107 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill to enact a new section 107.09 to provide authority for public bodies of the Village of Waite Hill to conduct virtual meetings and to permit remote attendance by members at meetings, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Cox 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, Hiltzley, Knezevic; Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic; Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 2021-7 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Mayor Ranallo announced that Chief DeWitt’s farewell celebration will be held on August 14, 2021 between 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Remarks to be made at 1:45 p.m., there would be reminders sent via the postal system as well as via email.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, approved the Committees minutes from the June meeting and approved the Treasurer’s Report and Transaction Lists from June, pursuant to the agenda.

Mrs. Hiltzley reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review had a full agenda. They discussed that the generator project for South Lane required more information regarding the proposed landscape screening. The Creawood Forest addition that had been previously approved, would require some changes from the originally agreed upon design. The residence on Reserve Drive which has an Eagle Road address was approved. A Metcalf residence which required a variance received preliminary approval for the design and will be officially approved after the Board of Zoning Appeals considers the variance. A request for a barn on Gardenside Drive was not approved because insufficient information had been submitted. A proposed Metcalf Road attached garage was not approved because the architect advisors felt the

connection of the garage with the residence was awkward. Finally, a proposed shed on Rollin Road had not been approved because the shed did not match the existing barn.

Mr. Knezevic reported on behalf of the Safety Committee, that there had been two accidents, on Sunday. There had been a trespass on Markell Road. Sunning Hill residents had pursued the truck to yell at the driver. It was noted that the letterhead needed to be updated for the new Chief. An elderly Gardenside resident returning home, which is likely to result in an increased call (and car) volume on the street. Chief Dondorfer is looking for a candidate for the office of Lieutenant of the Waite Hill Police Force. There is a Sergeant with Conneaut, whose background is excellent, who may be a good candidate.

Mr. Haynik, on behalf of the Service Committee, reported that storms and a tornado in June did interrupt the remodel of the bridge on Markell, however it is moving along nicely. The Smith Road erosion caused by accident has been repaired; that repair was covered by the driver's insurance. There was discussion regarding Metcalf Road trees.

The Mayor stated that there would be more details to follow regarding the party for retiring Chief Keith DeWitt and newly appointed Chief Carl Dondorfer.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Hiltzley, Knezevic; Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2021

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer