

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

June 12, 2017

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, June 12, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Richard Steudel
Robert Gale	Courtenay Taplin
Sam Knezevic	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, and residents Sharon Cox, Rebecca Platz and Jean Ruple.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held May 8, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Gale, Steudel, Taplin	
	Nays:	None	
	Abstain:	Knezevic	
			Motion carried
			Minutes approved

Ms. Cox spoke about the garden club and their work maintaining the plantings around the sign posts in the Village. The Mayor thanked them for their good works.

Resolution No. 2017-8 - “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, Steudel, Taplin	
	Nays:	None	
			Motion carried
			Resolution No. 2017-8 adopted

Ordinance No. 2017-9 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept an easement from Darlene Brown, Trustee of the Darlene F. Brown Trust dated January 5, 2006, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
 Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-9, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
 Ordinance No. 2017-9 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Knezevic moved to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on the 2018 Tax Budget, which hearing will be held at 8:00 a.m. on July 10, 2017, prior to the regular Council meeting.

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

Motion carried
 Advertisement authorized

Council then discussed the request for proposals that had been issued in May. The Village had solicited proposals from parties that had previously expressed interest in providing telecommunications facilities in the Village within the last 5 years, including Strategis LLC (on behalf of Verizon), and InSite Towers, LLC, and Crown Castle. An advertisement was also placed in the newspaper. The Village had received one response, from InSite, which proposed an alternative arrangement (an option to lease space from the Village for the construction of a cell tower for some period of time, with a lease which - if agreed to - would go into effect once a tenant for the tower was obtained). No action was taken; the administration will continue to investigate the terms of the alternate proposal, with an election to be held in November if terms agreeable to Council can be reached between now and the August filing deadline.

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, there was no report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. It was noted that the Memorial Day event was very successful.

In the absence of Mr. Scheucher, the Mayor reported that the Village had received an unqualified opinion on its audit (i.e. it was a "clean" audit). There was an issue related to the bonding of employees, which has since been resolved (the Village Council repealed the bond requirement, instead relying on a better insurance product to protect the Village from theft).

Mr. Knezevic reported that that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on May 22, 2017, was routine. A Metcalf Road residence and a pool on Reserve Drive were discussed.

Mr. Taplin, as Chair of the Safety Committee, deferred to Chief DeWitt for a report from the Police Department. The Chief noted that a new cruiser is being ordered for the Police Department, the total cost of which will be under forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). The new vehicle will replace the Ford Expedition, which will become a Service Department vehicle.

Neither Mr. Gale nor Mr. Haynik had a formal report from the Service Department. The Eagle Road drainage issue was discussed, and it was noted that vegetation on the north side of Eagle needs to be cut. Mr. Cox reported that he had met with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and had advised them that they need to replace the broken fencing of the WRLC properties. Mr. Haynik noted that the Village will be collecting recyclables, and will be saving the Village almost sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) per year. The Mayor noted that the service will be improved by this action. The Mayor also noted that the Village is studying the effects of performing the crack sealing, and investigating the impact of delaying the resurfacing of South Lane by one year, to see if the cost of repair will increase.

Mr. Cox then reported on the meeting of the Waite Hill Foundation, which met out in Geneva. About twenty-five (25) residents attended. The Foundation has accumulated about five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000), and is earning about eight and one-half percent interest (8.5%) on its investments.

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, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____
 Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer