

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

June 11, 2018

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on the 2019 Tax Budget on Monday, June 11, 2018. Mayor Robert A. Ranallo called the hearing to order at 8:03 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the hearing.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:03 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Bob 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, Waite Hill Foundation Board members Chris LeGros and Ralph Lustri, and News Herald reporter Chad Felton.

The Mayor introduced Chris LeGros and Ralph Lustri, from the Waite Hill Foundation, and thanked them and Ryan Cox for their service. Mr. Cox noted that the Foundation had been formed to support the Village, and allows Village residents to make philanthropic contributions that benefit the Village in a way that works more effectively than a direct contribution to the Village. The Foundation, because it is private, has the ability to invest contributions at a higher rate of return than the Village, which is limited by state law. The Foundation then donated \$24,500 to the Village. The Mayor thanked the Foundation members and the generous donors to the Foundation (i.e. other Village residents).

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held May 14, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Ordinance No. 2018-7 – “An Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of Waite Hill a proposed amendment to the Waite Hill Village Charter that has been recommended by the Waite Hill Charter Review Commission and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. It was noted that the Ohio Constitution allows charter amendments to be submitted to the Board of

Elections during a window of 60 to 120 days before an election, which means that the ordinance may be adopted at the July regular meeting of council

Resolution No. 2018-9 - “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. 2018-9 adopted

Resolution No. 2018-10 - “A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the Village of Waite Hill for fiscal year 2019” was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel 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. 2018-10 adopted

Ms. Merritt reported that August 18 is the tentative date for the summer get-together for residents. The plan is to have a resident and employee “cruise-in” for classic cars (new and old). The expected expenditure is about \$1,500 for hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, with a balloon guy as entertainment. Council agreed that they would want to attend (with the exception of one member who would be unavailable on the 18th, so the project will move forward. The tentative time was set as noon – 2 pm. It was also agreed that early August would be the time for the next newsletter.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and had executed its standard agenda. A big expense on the near horizon is a new server. The Committee had discussed AT&T and other options for phone and data service, and discussed the budget for road projects. There will be a review of the Otis Hill project.

Mr. Knezevic advised Council regarding the May 21 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. There was a request for a pool and storage shed on the property at the intersection of Eagle and Gardenside (south west corner), which was approved subject to some screening trees. There was also a Smith Road property which was interested in adding a rear door over-hang. Also, on Eagle Road to the east of Smith Road the owner of the vacant property may be a lot consolidation to make the existing three lots into two lots, which would be acceptable. There’s also a property on Gardenside drive that may seek to consolidate two lots to create a larger lot for one residence. Council then discussed the maintenance of split rail fences.

For the Safety Committee, Mr. Courtney noted that there had been an increase of close-calls (near accidents) at the intersection of Eagle and Hobart Roads, and in fact a member of Council had been the victim of somebody who pulled out in front of him as he was travelling on Eagle Road.

Chief DeWitt reported that he would be having a study done to determine whether a four-way stop is warranted. The Chief also reported that Lieutenant Brian Beaumier had graduated from the FBI National Academy, and the Chief and the Mayor had attended the graduation ceremony. Lt. Beaumier would be back on the schedule at work on Thursday, June 14.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. Haynik regarding issues from the Service Department. Mr. Haynik reported that the signs had been posted on Metcalf regarding the limited sight distance caused by the grade change and the curve. This is intended to slow traffic in this area. After the last Council meeting, it was learned that CT Consultants did not recommend a 1.5-inch asphalt mill and fill project for South Lane and Markell hill. That depth of asphalt would not last the 15 to 20 years that was the Village's target duration for their roads. Rather, a 2.75-inch layer of asphalt project was strongly recommended, if the Village wanted the 15 to 20-year duration. After further discussion, and based upon the performance of Burton Scot on prior Village projects, Mr. Gale moved pursuant to Section 115.01(e)(11) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Burton Scot without public bidding, to perform road resurfacing on South Lane, Markell Road and Mountainview in an amount not to exceed \$240,000, in the best interest of the Village because of the pricing offered by Burton Scot (less than the engineer's estimate for the work) and the timing of the season during which work may be performed. Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Agreement authorized

Mr. Haynik further reported that striping of the Village's roads will cost \$16,000 this year. There was also a further discussion regarding crack sealing. The hot crack sealing machine costs nothing to rent if a sufficient amount of product is purchased, so this is being done this year. There was also an extensive discussion regarding the landslide on the west side of Waite Hill Road, toward the top of Otis Hill. The road will be closed to one line while the stability of the road is studied.

Mr. Scheucher requested that a resolution be drafted to thank the Waite Hill Foundation for its donation today, and the Mayor and Council unanimously agreed that this should be done for the next meeting.

Mr. Gale then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the compensation of employees, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 9:20 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer