

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

March 12, 2018

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:07 a.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, and Village residents Meg Hackett and her son Henry, and Dr. Karen Zavarella.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held February 12, 2018, had previously been distributed to Council. By acclamation the minutes were tabled so that they could be corrected. No action was taken.

Resolution No. 2018-5 - "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. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2018-5 adopted

There was a discussion regarding a request by a resident to prohibit pedestrian traffic on Metcalf Road. There had been significant response to the proposed prohibition when other residents heard about the proposal. Since Mr. Gale was not present, the Mayor read the email with his comments and concerns about prohibiting pedestrian traffic. It was agreed that the contours, grade and geography of many roads in the Village, and elsewhere, make it important for vehicular traffic and pedestrians to exercise due care. With respect to Metcalf Road, it was agreed that some steps could be taken to put pedestrians and vehicular traffic on notice of the special challenges to safely travelling on the road. Specifically, the Mayor and Council unanimously agreed that a sign indicating a ninety degree (90°) turn in the road should replace the existing curved road sign. Additionally, a yellow "15 mph" speed limit sign (which is a "recommended" speed, not an enforceable speed limit) can also be put up, as could signs that warns vehicles and pedestrians regarding the narrow roadway and the steep slope. Ultimately, vehicles have a responsibility to travel at a speed that is safe for the conditions, and pedestrians should use the road in a manner that is safe (i.e. they should not walk down the middle of the road). If certain pedestrians continue to use the road in an unsafe manner, they could be cited as that conduct violates the existing law that governs pedestrian traffic. This issue will be revisited as necessary, both in this location and in other areas of the Village. There will also

be an email sent out to the Village to quell rumors regarding this issue that have no basis in truth, and to urge drivers and pedestrians to be careful on the Village's roads.

On behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee Ms. Merritt inquired whether the Village's webpage has a notification feature such that a resident could be immediately advised if the website has been updated. The Village's website does not have that functionality. There was a discussion regarding the May 2018 election and the Village safety millage renewal. It was noted that because of the timing of the adoption of that millage, it is subject to the state roll-back reimbursement – meaning that over 10% of the millage amount comes to the Village from the state of Ohio. This state subsidy is not available for any new millage that would be adopted now, so there is a benefit to the residents if they keep this millage in place as their tax dollars leverage funds from the state. There was also the discussion of having a picnic in August with a possible car show, which would be for residents' and employees' cars only.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and discussed the Village's finances. He indicated that the Village's cash position had decreased about \$380,000 in two years. The Otis Hill project had received funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission, and there was a discussion regarding the proposed resurfacing of South Lane and Markell Hill, and possibly Mountainview, this year.

For the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Knezevic reported that two new residences were approved to be constructed, one new construction and one remodeling. The new home will be in Creawood and remodeled home will be on Eagle Road (the former Ruckel residence). Both of these houses will be great for the Village, although only the Eagle Road property will be visible from a public street. The Eagle Road project will also greatly improve the drainage conditions in the area, taking water away from Eagle Road. There was a brief discussion regarding solar panels, and Mr. Byron agreed to get some ordinances for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council to consider.

Mr. Taplin noted, on behalf of the Safety Committee, that the Village continues to monitor the mutual aid situations. The Chief reported that the current round of FEMA grant funding was for the fire services and were in furtherance of regionalization. He noted that the Village had obtained some NOPEC funding and continues to pursue funding opportunities as they become available.

In the absence of Mr. Gale, the Chairman of the Service Committee, Mr. Haynik reported that the Village had a pretty good past month regarding snow. Mayor Ranallo noted that it always seemed to snow on Friday (trash day), and Mr. Haynik confirmed that to be the case.

Mr. Steudel reported on behalf of the Charter Review Commission that the Commission is doing its work and would appreciate comments from the Village's officials regarding any recommended changes. The next meeting will be April 17, 2018.

Dr. Karen Zavarella of the Lake County Crime Lab then spoke about Issue 4, which is the funding levy for the Crime Lab. The proposed increased millage will be 0.4 mills.

Mr. Cox then moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of a Village official, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 9:08 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer