

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

April 10, 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, April 10, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, former Mayor Art Baldwin, Kirtland Schools Superintendent Bill Wade and Kirtland School Board President Tim Cosgrove.

Mr. Baldwin took photographs of the Village Council and then excused himself from the meeting.

Messrs. Wade and Cosgrove provided information to the Council regarding a renewal levy that will be on the May ballot for the Kirtland School District, and invited the Village Council and Administration to tour the new facilities, then excused themselves from the meeting.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held March 13, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Knezevic.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2017-5 - "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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2017-5 adopted

Resolution No. 2017-6 - "A Resolution adopting the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan" 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. 2017-6 adopted

Ordinance No. 2017-5 – “An Ordinance repealing Section 135.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill to repeal the bond requirement and amending Section 137.06 concerning the bond amount for Village employees, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
 Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-5, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
 Ordinance No. 2017-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2017-6 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and take any other action necessary to participate in the bulk purchasing of road salt for the 2017-2018 winter season, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
 Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
 Ordinance No. 2017-6 adopted

Ordinance No. 2017-7 – “An Ordinance amending Section 1305.02, Village building/zoning fees, to decrease or eliminate certain fees that the Village charges for review of proposed construction

projects in the Village and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2017-7 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that residents are requesting another Village social event and that one will be planned for late summer or early fall. The Memorial day event was discussed. There will be a shredding event sometime in June.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and had gone through the agenda items. It was noted that property tax receipts have gone down 7%; there was discussion regarding the Village Hall repair and the cost to fix the flooding issues on Eagle Road. There was also discussion regarding the challenge to Senate Bill 331, which mandated prompt approval of small cell facilities. It was noted that the Waite Hill Foundation has received contributions from 35 families in the Village, which is a good percentage of the Village.

Mr. Knezevic advised Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review had met and discussed the proposed addition to the residence at the bottom of the Smith Road hill, on the west side of the road. The initial proposal was modern in design, which did not fit with the Queen Anne style. The applicants modified the proposal and the addition will now look like it fits the residence.

In regard to the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin inquired of the Chief whether the Village’s responses in support of surrounding communities indicates that those communities are understaffed. The Chief indicated he did not believe that to be the case, and that the calls for mutual aid were appropriate. The Chief also noted that the new officer, Tyler Lilash, continues to perform well in his field training. The Chief reported that Sgt. Beaumier will be sent to PELC training, which is a training for police supervisors. The costs are mostly covered because a prior attendee could not finish the class for which the Village paid. There was further discussion regarding nuisance animals and the Village’s responses to them.

Mr. Gale, as Chair of the Service Committee, deferred to Mr. Haynik to report on the Eagle Road flooding situation. Davis Diggers has done the initial work, and the Village is investigating

installing another catch basin. The water line to the Village Cemetery has been removed and the Village has paid the last bill. The Village has been interviewing a prospective hire for the Service Department, and CT Consultants will be preparing a plan for the Village’s roads for budget purposes.

The Mayor noted that the Village needs to shift the cost for removal of trees that are in the right of way to property owners. The Law Director will prepare an ordinance for review by the Council in May.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 9:13 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Knezevic 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 9:39 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____
Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer