

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

February 8, 2016

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, February 8, 2016, with Council President Ryan Cox presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Bob Gale	Richard Steudel
Sam Knezevic	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain, and the Superintendent of the Kirtland School District Steve Barrett.

Mr. Barrett presented some information to the Council regarding the renewal levy that will be on the March ballot, and he answered some questions that Council members asked. Mr. Barrett then excused himself from the meeting.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 11, 2016, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Knezevic moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2016-4 - "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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2016-4 adopted

Ordinance No. 2016-4 - "An Ordinance providing additional compensation for employees of the Village of Waite Hill, and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Gale 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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Knezevic moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-4, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2016-4 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to authorize the renewal of the Village of Waite Hill's property, liability and police protection insurance coverage through Wichert Insurance for an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Mr. Taplin seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion regarding whether an increased deductible might result in a decreased premium. It was agreed the administration should ask this question of our carrier.

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

Motion carried
Renewal of insurance authorized

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, the Communication and Community Outreach Committee had no report. It was noted that the newsletter would be going out soon. There was a discussion regarding the Kirtland Levy information, and it was agreed that information may be put on the website, but that there should be no "endorsement" language (i.e. "vote for" or "vote against" the levy). The information provided by Mr. Barrett would need to be modified if it were to be posted on the website.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Committee had met and discussed the Villages finances. Topics included employee compensation and other matters that had been on the agenda and will be in the minutes.

Mr. Knezevic reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and had conditionally approved the new residence on South Lane. There will be a revised ordinance for fees and deposits that the Village will charge for zoning and building permits. The ordinance is still referred to the Commission, which hopes to report back to Council after its February meeting.

Mr. Taplin, as chairman of the Safety Committee, noted that the increase in criminal activity around the Village, to which the Village's officers respond, continues. A recent accident on the freeway, to which the Village responded and which involved an individual with a felony warrant, was an example of this phenomenon.

Service Committee chairman Mr. Gale deferred to Mike McClain for a report of the Service Department. Mr. McClain reported that the surplus lawnmower was sold to Mr. de Wit, as authorized by Council. The Service Department is performing many small maintenance projects whenever time permits. The rest of the time of the Department is spent plowing snow. The

Department is looking to hire Mr. de Wit's replacement in April, in anticipation of Mr. de Wit's retirement in June.

Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, compensation and discipline of employees, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to
executive session at 8:44 a.m.

Council President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Ryan Cox, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer