

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

March 9, 2020

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, March 9, 2020, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox
Karl Scheucher

Richard Steudel
Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt and Service Director Bob Haynik.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held February 10, 2020, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Ms. Merritt arrived at 8:01 a.m.

Daniel Lark, Director of Environmental Health at the Lake County General Health District discussed an ongoing investigation of e-coli in the City of Kirtland in the area of Joseph Street. It appears that the outfalls of some of the septic systems in the area are tied into the storm sewers in the area. The property owners will be required to correct this condition, although it may take some time.

Ordinance No. 2020-7 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with NOPEC for a 2020 NOPEC grant and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin

Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-7 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-8 – “An Ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 705, Auctions and Auctioneers, of the Codified Ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill” was read for the first time. Mr. Cox moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Cox moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-8 adopted

Resolution No. 2020-4 - “A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums” was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2020-4 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of Communication and Community Outreach Committee, reported that the resolution congratulating the Kirtland High School football team on its state championships will be delivered. Mr. Scheucher indicated that the Village website will have a link to NOPEC’s information and to the “Apples to Apples” website of the PUCO, which compares rates of public utilities.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee, which had met earlier in the morning. He indicated the Committee had reviewed and approved the minutes of the prior meeting and that the Treasurer’s report had been reviewed and approved. The advance on property taxes this year is higher than it was last year. The Committee was also observing that the Village’s shortfall,

which had been about \$100,000 per year for three years is now about \$300,000 per year. The Committee is exploring the possibility of paying off the Village Hall bonds and saving some interest charges.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Mayor reported that there had been two presentations for a barn on Metcalf Road and a shed on Mountainview. The shed on Mountainview requires a sideline setback variance which will need to be heard by the BZA.

Mr. Taplin, as chair of the Safety Committee, noted that the citations by the department were up this month. There was a discussion regarding an OVI charge.

Mayor Ranallo reported, on behalf of the Service Department, that the recycling contract with Waste Management had been terminated.

Mayor Ranallo excused himself from the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Mr. Haynik reported that 300 tons of salt had been used in February. The replacement of the roof of the Service Department, which is expected to be about \$30,000, was also discussed. It was noted that waiting to replace the roof doesn't save the money, it just defers the payment and increases the risk that there will be damage that must be repaired.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____
Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer