

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

May 8, 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, May 8, 2017, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Richard Steudel
Robert Gale	Courtenay Taplin
Karl Scheucher	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Bob Haynik, and Ron Graham, the Lake County Health Commissioner.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held April 10, 2017, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Mr. Graham then spoke regarding what the Lake County Health District does, what it receives in terms of tax revenues and other sources of income (license fees), and the services it provides for local communities. He then answered questions, and excused himself from the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

**Resolution No. 2017-7** - "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. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2017-7 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2017-8** – "An Ordinance amending Chapter 521, Health, Safety and Sanitation, of the Codified ordinances to provide for the enactment of a new section 521.10, nuisances in connection with trees, 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. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
 Rule suspended

After discussion, and by the unanimous consent of Council, the ordinance was amended so that Section 521.10 (a)(4) read: "Any tree, plant or shrub whose branches or trunk obstruct or impede, or are likely to obstruct or impede, traffic on any street or public place. Branches overhanging any pavement or roadway within nine feet of the surface thereof shall be deemed prima facie to obstruct or impede traffic thereon."

Thereupon, Mr. Cox moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-8, as amended, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
 Ordinance No. 2017-8, as amended  
 adopted

After all present agreed that the Village continues to experience coverage issues for cellular telephone and mobile broadband, Mr. Steudel moved to authorize a request for proposals to be issued seeking solutions to the coverage issues. Mr. Gale seconded the motion. Council discussed the matter and changes were made to the request for proposal.

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

Motion carried  
 Request for proposals authorized

The Mayor and Council discussed the performance of Recycle Midwest, and all agreed that it had not performed under the contract (missing residences). In fact, performance has gotten worse since the time that the Village had notified the contractor of the defective performance. If the Service Department were to perform the collection service, the Village would realize a savings of about \$12,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Haynik confirmed that the Village would be able to perform this work in house with the current manpower. All agreed that the Mayor should terminate the contract immediately.

Mr. Cox reported that Councilmember Merritt had texted him and stated that she was delayed in LaGuardia Airport. The Village Voice should go out this week or early next week. Memorial Day ceremonies will be held in the Village Cemetery at 10:00 a.m., and 5 people are scheduled to speak.

Mr. Scheucher reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee, which had occurred immediately prior to the Council meeting. The Committee had gone through its agenda, approving the prior month's minutes and reviewing the Treasurer's Report, noting that the rollback reimbursement from the state had not yet been received. There was a discussion regarding the plan to

keep the roads in repair, and CT Consultants will be doing a study to advise the Village regarding the expected costs. There was also a discussion regarding the continued pressure to further reduce the local government fund, and the need for the Village to discuss the matter with Ron Young.

In the absence of Mr. Knezevic, the Mayor reported on the activities of the Planning and Zoning Commission, noting that the minutes had been distributed and noting the highlights of the Commission’s activities.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin noted that the Police Report had been distributed. Council then discussed the alerts to residents, which are made necessary by emergent situations. The Chief noted that shredding is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to noon on June 17, 2017. The Council then discussed that a new vehicle, which will replace the Expedition (which will be used by the Service Department), will be acquired this year. The vehicle will be the Police Interceptor SUV model, which will be purchased under the state contract, or its equivalent from a local dealer. The total cost of the vehicle will be about \$38,000, inclusive of the police lights and other modifications to the vehicle.

Mr. Gale reported that the Service Department will have a new employee, James Riddle, who will start May 16, 2017. There was a discussion regarding Mr. Riddle’s qualifications and the starting salary for the position. There was also a brief discussion regarding the evaluation of the Village’s roads that CT Consultants will be performing for the Village, at a cost of \$5,700. One aspect of the study will be to determine what is the expected cost of deferred maintenance of the roads, to get a handle on what the budget for the roads should be. The construction project for Eagle Road in Kirtland was discussed, and it was noted that construction signs are in the Village for that project. Road striping will be performed this year.

Mr. Cox excused himself from the meeting at 9:15.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
              Roberta S. Laps, Clerk-Treasurer