

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

December 14, 2015

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, December 14, 2015, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Marcia Merritt
Ken Dery	Karl Scheucher
Robert Gale	Richard Steudel

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain, Councilman-elect and Planning and Zoning Commission member Sam Knezevic, Linda Dery, and Mr. Edward Sedmak, along with his friends and family.

The Council first considered the minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held November 9, 2015, which had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Cox moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

Roll Call:	Yeas:	Cox, Dery, Gale, Scheucher, Steudel
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	Merritt

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Chief DeWitt then introduced Edward Sedmak to Council. The Mayor announced his intention to appoint Mr. Sedmak to the position of full-time police officer, subject to Council's confirmation. Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Edward Sedmak as a full-time member of the Waite Hill Police Department. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office and Council welcomed Mr. Sedmak to the Village.

Mr. Taplin arrived at 8:03 am.

**Resolution No. 2015-18** - "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, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2015-18 adopted

Mr. Cox moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing, with the Village’s legal counsel, pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Knezevic, as a member of the Village’s Planning and Zoning Commission, was invited to stay. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to executive session  
at 8:06 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

**Ordinance No. 2015-16** – “An Ordinance engaging Michael C. Lucas of Wiles | Richards Attorneys at Law as special counsel to the Village of Waite Hill, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Ms. Merritt then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-16, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2015-16 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2015-17** – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, repealing certain ordinances 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, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Mr. Steudel then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-17, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2015-17 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2015-18** – “An Ordinance amending Chapter 1305 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to revise the fees that are charged for various building inspections performed by the Village, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Dery requested that certain revisions be made to the ordinance so it was placed on first reading.

**Ordinance No. 2015-19** – “An Ordinance amending the annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Waite Hill to change certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Mr. Gale then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-19, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2015-19 adopted

On behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that the last newsletter calendar expires at the end of December, so a new newsletter (or at least a calendar) should be put out for January. Other items that need to be updated are the Village’s website and the new resident packets. It was noted that the residents need to be advised that the CEI is beginning an aggressive tree-trimming program.

Mr. Scheucher reported, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had met and discussed the Village’s finances and ratified the purchase of a corporate bond. The Village will

be ending the year with a smaller deficit than expected, largely as a consequence of deferred expenses. The Compensation Committee will begin meeting in January of 2016.

Mr. Dery noted that the lengthy minutes for the November Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had been distributed. Of note from the minutes: a resident on Waite Hill Road will be installing a lap pool, and residents on Metcalf Road and in Creawood Forest are continuing to have a dispute over a fence that was installed.

Regarding Safety Committee issues, Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt. There was a discussion regarding the tree clearing that had occurred on Markell Road and whether or not state law requires the Village to permit that activity to occur. There was also a discussion regarding the increased number of assists that the Village Police Department is providing to the City of Kirtland. The Chief also mentioned that he'd like to be able to amend Section 541.05(d)(1) to provide the option to charge trespassing as a minor misdemeanor.

Mr. Gale requested Mr. McClain to report on the current Service Committee issues. Mr. McClain indicated that the salt supply was good (the department is ready for snow), and the costs of trash collection and recycling continue to be studied. Also, the Service Department now has policies, procedures, rules, and regulations, so that there is clarity regarding job duties and performance. Finally, a member of the department will be retiring in 2016, sometime during the second quarter (i.e. after snow season).

Mayor Ranallo, and all of Council, thanked Ken Dery for his two decades of service as a member of council. Mr. Dery always answered the call of duty, and the Village is a better place because of his service.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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Robert A Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer