

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

May 13, 2013

Pursuant to notice given, a public hearing of the Council of the Village of Waite Hill was called to order by Mayor Robert A. Ranallo at the Waite Hill Village Hall on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 8:21 a.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to take the public's input regarding Ordinance No. 2012-16 (As Amended), "An Ordinance amending certain sections of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to amend the procedures for amending the Zoning Code, and repealing certain ordinances." Mayor Ranallo opened the public hearing. No member of the public spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor Ranallo closed the public hearing at 8:21 a.m.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:21 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Ken Dery	Richard Steudel
Bob Gale	Courtenay Taplin
Marcia Merritt	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Department Foreman Paul deWit, and Officer Tom Swaidner from the Waite Hill Police Department and his family.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held April 8, 2013, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Scheucher moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Mayor Ranallo advised council that the Village had received proposals for work to be performed that may resolve the icing problems with the pitched roof of the Village Hall. No action has been taken.

**Resolution No. 2013-7** - "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. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2013-7 adopted

Mayor Ranallo then introduced Mr. Thomas Swaidner, the Police Department’s newest part-time patrol officer, whose appointment had been confirmed in April. Mr. Swaidner is currently employed as a full-time patrol officer with Russell Township; he introduced his wife and daughter, who were also in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Officer Swaidner.

**Ordinance No. 2012-16 (As Amended)** – “An Ordinance amending certain sections of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to amend the procedures for amending the Zoning Code, and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the third time, as amended. Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-16, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-16 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2013-8** – “An Ordinance establishing compensation for members of the Police Department of the Village of Waite Hill, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Dery 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, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-8, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2013-8 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2013-9** – “An Ordinance establishing compensation for members of the Service Department of the Village of Waite Hill, 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

Thereupon Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-9, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2013-9 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2013-10** – “An Ordinance establishing compensation for the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Waite Hill, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Ms. Merritt 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

Thereupon Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-10, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2013-10 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2013-11** – “An Ordinance reconfirming and approving the Village’s participation in a ‘pre-tax’ contribution plan for the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund” 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, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2013-11 adopted

Mr. Steudel reported on the activities of the Charter Review Commission, which has met twice and will be meeting again on Friday, May 17, 2013. The Commission is looking at the organization of the Village's employees and discussing possible changes to make the employer-employee relationships more flexible, to be managed by the Village administration and Council, via ordinance, rather than required by the charter (e.g. eliminating the charter status of the Director of Public Service and eliminating the term of the Clerk-Treasurer).

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, advised Council that there may not be a band for the summer picnic, but that is still being determined. It was decided that Saturday, July 21, 2013, would be the day of the Summer Picnic. On June 28, 2013, at 7 p.m., there will be a Wine Tasting at a resident's home on Hobart. A shredding day, with the Shredding Network, has also been planned.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met immediately prior to the Council meeting and had reviewed the prior meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Report. The Committee had also ratified the purchase of two new investments for the Village and discussed the various differences between the types of levies that are available under law.

Mr. Dery noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met, and the minutes of the meeting had been distributed. There was discussion regarding a possible lot consolidation.

Mr. Taplin, on behalf of the Safety Committee, deferred to Chief DeWitt to report on various Police Department issues. Chief DeWitt reported that the Lake Health race route, that had been going to go through the Village on Hobart (north from Kirtland) and east on Eagle Road (to the Kirtland line), was now going to be going through Chapin Forest instead.

Further, after conversations with certain Village residents, there will be project completion by July 1, 2013, for one Eagle Road resident (to the west of Gardenside) and the removal of the "SOS" storage container from the residence at the intersection of Hobart and Eagle.

Mr. Gale reported that the Service Committee had been interviewing for a full-time service department position and had interviewed two applicants (and would be interviewing at least three more). There was also discussion regarding the repair of the Waite Hill Road (Otis Hill) guardrail, by the intersection with Drury Lane. The hope is to make the repairs in-house. The Service Department is also developing short term and long term projects to accomplish, within the limits of the Department's budget.

The Mayor reported that he will be meeting with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and that they will be discussing land maintenance issues.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer