

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

October 13, 2014

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, October 13, 2014, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Mike McClain from the Service Department, Ben Chojnacki from Walter | Haverfield LLP, and Chris Galloway from Strategis.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held September 8, 2014, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Dery moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

There was a brief presentation from Chris Galloway, from Strategis, offering the Village an opportunity to have a wireless telecommunications tower built on the Village Hall property. This would provide better wireless telephone coverage to the Village's residents, and provide the Village with revenue. The proposed initial user would be Verizon, but there may be co-locators on the tower if it is built. The initial offer was a one hundred fifty foot (150') tall, monopole tower. The initial proposed rent would be One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) per month. There would be an opportunity to have co-location on the tower, which would be additional revenue to the Village. There would be no light on the tower if it were built at one hundred fifty feet (150').

Resolution No. 2014-16 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2014-16 adopted

Ordinance No. 2014-13 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to expend Village funds for a public celebration” 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. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-13, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2014-13 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to renew the employee health care coverage provided by Medical Mutual, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that the Newsletter would be coming out. The Halloween party was also discussed, and Mr. Scheucher reported that the website provided information on the Markell Bridge, Curtis Rice (the new police officer) and that party donations will be accepted.

Mr. Scheucher stated that the Finance Committee had met, conducted its usual business and discussed the Three Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$300,000) structural deficit.

Mr. Dery, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, reported that the Commission had met and had discussed the gas well on the property at the bottom of Waite Hill Road. There was further discussion regarding the Metcalf Road property and no trespassing signs.

For the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin reported that the budget for 2015 was being reviewed. The Police Report was also discussed.

In the absence of Service Committee Chairman Gale, Mr. McClain reported that the road project was completed, and the Village Service Department is doing leaf duty and preparing for winter. It was noted that the Western Reserve Land Conservancy property is looking better and Mr. McClain was complimented on that.

There was a discussion regarding a private foundation to accept charitable contributions on behalf of the Village. There was further discussion regarding the investment of public funds in a broader category of investments, and the difference between what investments private organizations may make and the limitations that are imposed by law on municipalities.

There was a brief discussion regarding the opportunity to have a cell tower built on Village property and the revenues that may be available from such a project.

Mr. Taplin moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of employees, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:40 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer