

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

March 12, 2012

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:31 a.m., on Monday, March 12, 2012, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Ken Dery	Courtenay Taplin
Robert Gale	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Gary Earl, and resident Marcia A. Merritt.

Mayor Ranallo announced that he was appointing Marcia A. Merritt as the new member of Council and administered the oath of office to her.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held February 13, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Upon the unanimous agreement to amend page 4 of the minutes, Mr. Taplin moved that the minutes be approved as amended, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Chief DeWitt reported on the status of the Village Hall. RCU has gone out of business, and all that remains for a point of contact is an answering machine. The Village is still holding about \$24,000 that will be used to solve problems resulting from design defects. A final punch-list has been developed with the contractor, and those items will be resolved as a part of the project close-out. The HVAC system is being balanced, which was not done as a part of the project (and should have been). This is being performed at the contractor's expense. The costs of improving the HVAC system are being investigated, and those costs will likely be covered out of the money withheld from RCU as the problems are a result of the poor design of the cold air returns. The law department was asked to investigate who was responsible for paying the utilities while the building was under construction.

Resolution No. 2012-6 “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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2012-6 adopted

Resolution No. 2012-7 “A Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of certain sums from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund and Street Maintenance and Repair Fund” was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2012-7 adopted

Mr. Scheucher presented a significant amount of information, on behalf of the Finance Committee, regarding the Village’s shrinking resources (e.g. the elimination of the estate tax and the reduction of the local government fund) and expenses. As a response to this, the Village will be exploring additional ways of getting work done in-house (e.g. the Service Department performing oil changes and routine vehicle maintenance) and making other cost savings, before the revenue side can be addressed. There was further discussion regarding the Village’s finances.

Mr. Dery reported, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, that there was no meeting in February. He mentioned that the Chagrin River Watershed Partners was engaging in an organizational assessment. There was a brief discussion regarding the Village’s efforts to preserve the environment of the Village.

Mr. Taplin had no report from the Safety Committee, and the Chief had nothing to add.

Mr. Gale had no report from the Service Committee, but Mr. Earl invited everyone to the St. Patrick’s Day lunch, celebrated Thursday, March 15, 2012.

Mr. Dery complimented the Council selection committee on their process, which was a significant change from the prior process (when Mayor Baldwin, who knew everyone in the

Village, chose good people from different areas of the Village based on his view that they would be good members of council).

Mr. Cox raised the issue of the role the Citizens Committee is playing. He would like to bring more structure to the organization, starting with a more defined mission. It was noted that, pursuant to the Charter, there would be a Charter Review Commission in 2012 and that members of the Citizens Committee could be placed on that Commission.

The Mayor thanked Karl for his work on the website and Janet, Gary and Keith for their work to provide content. The website will be going live, but the Council section will remain password protected.

Mr. Taplin moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of public officials and to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Council adjourned into
Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer