

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

May 14, 2012

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:13 a.m., on Monday, May 14, 2012, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Gary Earl, Former Chief of Police Keith Rohrbaugh and his wife Pat, and Diane and Greg Kochan, who were the daughter and son-in-law of Laddie Masek, another former Chief of the Police Department.

Chief Rohrbaugh, on behalf of the Retired Chiefs of Police Association, presented a plaque to Diane Kochan, who in turn donated the plaque to the Village of Waite Hill to be placed in the Police Department. Mayor Ranallo accepted the plaque on behalf of the Village.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held April 9, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved that the minutes be approved, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Mayor Ranallo then reported on the status of the Village Hall. The Village has received notice that there is a prevailing wage complaint against Augere. Augere is now on notice from the Village that no more payments will be made until that issue is resolved. Augere has completed the punch list items under the contract. There was also a discussion regarding design issues and what must be done before RCU is paid. This list includes the furnace that is working at less than peak efficiency and the in-ground light for the flag pole. There was also a discussion regarding the landscaping of the Village Hall, that will be done as weather and budgets permit.

Resolution No. 2012-9 “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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2012-9 adopted

Ordinance No. 2011-13 (AS AMENDED) – “An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1147, Sign Regulations, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the second time. There was a discussion regarding the regulation of signs in the right of way and other aspects of the ordinance. It was agreed that Mr. David Hartt would be requested to revise the ordinance and attend the June Council meeting; in the meantime, the matter will be set for a public hearing at the July Council meeting, and it will be in order to enact the revised ordinance at that time.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the reports, ratified trades in the Village’s portfolio and discussed possible tax increases (specifically, an income tax).

Mr. Dery noted that the minutes for the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had been distributed. There was also discussion regarding the three zoning maps which compose “the zoning map” of the Village. There was also discussion regarding a pending issue of erosion on a property in the Village and what will be needed to correct it. The matter will need to be coordinated by the police for safety reasons.

Mr. Taplin, on behalf of the Safety Committee, said that everything was safe in the Village. There was a discussion regarding S.W.A.T. training in the Village and whether or not it was an appropriate activity in the Village. It was agreed that the matter should be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the key factor would be if there was an impact on the quality of life in the Village that resulted from such training being visible or audible to public roads and/or neighbors.

At Mr. Gale’s direction on behalf of the Service Committee, Mr. Earl reported that the hot box would be received in June. There was a discussion regarding the method by which the Village will be able to adhere to the plan to extend the time between resurfacing roads, due to the increase of building projects and traffic in the Village.

The Mayor reported that there will be a Memorial Day Service at 9 a.m. on May 28, 2012. The Mayor also reported that Janet Mulh had completed the off-site storage protocol for important Village IT matters.

Ms. Merritt reported on the Citizens Committee and the publication of a Village newsletter. The current thinking has been toward a monthly publication, but the recommendation of the Council was that it be done quarterly. The Social Committee is also considering a summer social event of some type.

There was a discussion regarding a potential proposal by Waite Hill Land Conservancy to title three of the properties it owns in the Village's name. The maintenance costs of those properties would not be extensive. There was a more lengthy discussion regarding the disposition of the lower pond property, west of Smith Road between Eagle Road and South Lane. More information needs to be developed about potential land owners and the likelihood that changes would be made to the property.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer