

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

February 13, 2012

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, February 13, 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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Acting Chief of Police Keith DeWitt, Service Director Gary Earl, and a large crowd that was present for the appointment of Keith DeWitt as Chief of Police and Michael Sevel as patrolman.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Cox moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Because of the crowd present, Council unanimously agreed to amend the agenda to first consider **Ordinance No. 2012-4** – “An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Keith DeWitt as Chief of Police of the Village of Waite Hill, Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 2011-5 to establish the compensation of the Chief of Police, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Taplin 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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
	Nays:	None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-4, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-4 adopted

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Chief Keith DeWitt.

By unanimous agreement, Council then considered the Mayor's appointment of Michael Sevel as a police officer. Chief DeWitt informed Council of the background and experience of Mr. Sevel, including his impressive lineage. The Mayor then requested a motion to confirm his appointment of Michael Sevel as a patrolman for the Village of Waite Hill. Mr. Scheucher moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo then administered the oath of office to Patrolman Michael Sevel. The crowd that had attended to observe the appointments then dispersed.

Chief DeWitt reported on the condition of the Village Hall. It was noted that there was a disparity between the outside temperature and the indoor temperature in the attic. There will continue to be an investigation of this issue, now that there is cold weather and snow. The punch-list for (mostly) cosmetic issues is being developed for the contractor to repair and replace. The flat roof area will be repaired in the spring and will not include the balustrades.

**Resolution No. 2012-4** "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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2012-4 adopted

**Resolution No. 2012-5** “A Resolution approving the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (December 2011) of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, and declaring an emergency” was read. Mr. Gale moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2012-5 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2012-3** – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, for fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Cox 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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-3, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-3 adopted

After discussion of the purchase of a 4-ton tandem axle trailer mounted asphalt hauler (i.e. an asphalt “hotbox”) from Concord Road Equipment, for a price of \$21,000.42, Mr. Dery moved to confirm that such a purchase was appropriate. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Purchase confirmed

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Treasurer's report for January of 2012 was approved, that the police budget had been reduced for 2012, and that three (3) Treasury notes had been sold and gains realized. The Mayor commented, regarding the police department, that after Mr. Sevel's appointment, it is expected that there will not be another full-time officer appointed. Additional staffing will be provided by additional part-time officers, which will account for some savings from the Police Department's budget. The Chief reported that the new part-timer is likely to be appointed and confirmed after Mr. Sevel completes his field training with the department, so that there is only one such training occurring at a time.

Mr. Dery reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission reported favorably on Ordinance No. 2011-14, which is the re-write of the zoning code, with a couple of minor changes which can be further discussed later (e.g. the method by which the height of the building is measured). The Mayor stated that now that the ordinance has been recommended by P&Z, the Council needed to advertise for a public hearing, and there needed to be at least thirty (30) days' notice. He stated if there was no objection, the public hearing would be scheduled for the April 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, because there was insufficient time to advertise for the March Council meeting, and to allow residents who may be out of town for the month of March to attend the public hearing in April. There was no objection.

Mr. Taplin, for the Safety Committee, deferred to Chief DeWitt, who reported that the police car that was on order was scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Earl indicated that the Service Department received a new loader and that they will be ordering two hundred tons of salt, which will allow the Village to purchase salt at a lower price now in case diesel prices continue to rise and increase the cost of salt in the fall.

Mayor Ranallo reported that he had received an inquiry from the former Chief of Police regarding unemployment compensation and that the Village would not be contesting a request for that. There will also be the continuation of medical coverage, which will be provided for six (6) months, provided that the Village receives payment for it.

Mayor Ranallo excused himself from the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Mr. Cox updated Council on the interviews of prospective council members. David Kurtz, Marcia Merritt and Gary Mietty will be interviewed on Wednesday February 15, 2012.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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