

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

August 11, 2014

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:05 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2014, with Council President Ryan Cox presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt; Mike McClain from the Service Department, Arlene Aronson from Gardenside Drive, Curtis Rice, the Mayor's nominee for part-time patrol officer, along with Curtis Rice's brother Joshua Rice, his girlfriend Lauren Ament and his grandmother Liela Simpson.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held July 14, 2014, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Chief DeWitt then introduced Curtis Rice as the Mayor's nominee to be a new part-time patrol officer. Council President Cox called for a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Curtis Rice, which motion was made by Mr. Dery and seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Ms. Arlene Aronson spoke to Council about her concern that Gardenside, when it is repaved, will cause more water to flow toward her house which will flood her basement. She was assured that the engineer will look into the issue and there may be a design fix (curbing) that would minimize the problem. Council concurred that a few thousand dollars to prevent the problem would be well spent, and the engineer will be advised to try to prevent the problem by changing the design to include curbs.

Resolution No. 2014-13 - "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. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2014-13 adopted

Ordinance No. 2014-10 (AS AMENDED) – “An Ordinance amending Sections 143.03(a)(1)(E) and (a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to modify Prices and Fees for the Village Cemetery, and declaring an emergency” was read for the second time. After discussion, Mr. Gale 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

Thereupon Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-10, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2014-10
(AS AMENDED) adopted

Ordinance No. 2014-11 – “An Ordinance amending Section 1133.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to eliminate the need for publication of public hearing notices in a newspaper of general circulation” was read for the second time. The Ordinance has been referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation and report, and a public hearing has been set for September’s Council meeting.

Council next discussed the disposition of a 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix GT that was forfeited to the Village through a court proceeding. Chief DeWitt had gotten a local car dealer to quote a price on the vehicle, and the dealer indicated the car was worth about \$500. The Chief indicated that an employee had asked to be able to purchase the vehicle for that price, and the Chief recommended that this be done. Mr. Dery moved declare as surplus property, not needed for any municipal purpose, and to authorize the sale of the 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix GT to a Village employee for the price of \$500, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Property declared surplus and
sale of property authorized

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, there was no report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. Mr. Scheucher reported that he had made some changes to the website, and

that the Kirtlandale Association had moved its bridge over the stream (along its access path which originates on Gardenside).

Mr. Scheucher then reported, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had met and discussed the fall-off of property taxes, a large differential of interest income, and the cash value of the investment portfolio is up a little bit.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Dery stated that he had not been present but the Commission had met and done well. The Mahovolics on South Lane have received their variance. The Misny project will not need a variance.

Chief DeWitt, at Mr. Taplin's request, reported that the Department had been busy on July 4 dealing with a private party in Creewood. Also, the Department will be purchasing its Ford Utility Interceptor from Classic Auto Group, which will be matching the state bid and the Village will be saving the transportation costs.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. McClain, who advised Council that the paving program for Gardenside and Metcalf will be commencing and the residents will be advised. Council again agreed that curbing should be constructed on Gardenside to limit the impact on Mrs. Aronson's property. There was a discussion regarding the maintenance of the upper pond on Smith Road, now owned by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. It will be hayed, and something will need to be done with the beavers so as to prevent flooding upstream. Also, the flower bed at Eagle and Smith will be improved and maintained. Finally, it was noted that one member of the Service Department will be out for surgery on a knee and should be out for about two (2) weeks.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Ryan Cox, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer