

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

May 11, 2015

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:03 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015, 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, and Service Director Mike McClain. Residents Janet A. Mann and Rebecca Platz were also present, as was financial advisor Matt Stuczyinski.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held April 13, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2015-7** - "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 Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2015-7 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Dery moved to appoint Stephen L. Byron as Council's designee for the purpose of attending mandatory Sunshine Law Training on May 20, 2015, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Designee appointed

Speaking for the Communications and Community Outreach Committee Ms. Merritt noted that the newsletter had been sent out. There was a brief discussion regarding the quality of the printing.

On behalf of the Finance Committee Mr. Scheucher reported that the Committee had met and discussed the Treasurer's Report and conducted the other routine business of the Committee. There was an increase in property taxes, as had the investment activities. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Willoughby Hills fire contract and ongoing discussions regarding fire department consolidations.

Mr. Dery reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and discussed the property on Metcalf Road, and the dispute with the neighbor who lives in Creawood Forrest. There was also a discussion regarding the property on Hobart Road, which is on the market. The property is split into a forty (40) acre parcel and a forty-two (42) acre parcel. Mr. Dery also noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals had granted a side yard setback variance for a property on South Lane. Finally, there will be an amendment to the Village's tree preservation ordinance to permit the removal of up to six trees in a calendar year without having to obtain a permit.

Mr. Taplin deferred the Safety Committee report to Chief DeWitt who reported an arrest of a person with mental health issues had been made in the Village cemetery .

Mr. Gale and Mr. McClain, on behalf of the Service Committee, reported the grass was growing at a fast rate, which accounts for a significant part of the employees' time in the summer. The Village is no longer maintaining (cutting the grass) of the land that is owned by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Further, the Service Department had re-done the Village Cemetery Road. The Village will, again, host a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Village Cemetery at 9:00 am on Memorial Day.

The Village is also experimenting with a new crack-sealing technique that is not a "hot application," but may save money. There was a lengthy discussion regarding recycling, noting that 85% of the Village recycles, but that the service was unreliable. The Village is paying a very low cost, relative to the market, and could be receiving service commensurate with that segment of the market.

Mr. Matt Stuczynski, prospective financial advisor to the Village, was introduced to Council. There was discussion regarding a proposed plan to refund the existing Village Hall bonds. The strategy would be to seek a private placement of the bonds, and thereby saving the cost of an official statement, then go to the public offering if the private placement asked too much of the Village in the way of interest rates. The law department will be obtaining legislation, and a meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2015, when at least five (5) members of Council would be available to meet to pass new bond legislation. Mr. Stuczynski's fees would be \$10,000 if the Village was successful doing a private placement, then an additional \$5,000 in the event the bonds would have to be sold at a public bidding.

Mrs. Platz, from Gardenside Drive, was in attendance to speak against the Village putting a cell tower on the Village’s property. She believes that the amount of money received by the Village would not be sufficient for the loss of the values of the surrounding property. She believes the health risks of towers are significant (i.e. she stated that the risk of cancer goes up for people who live within 10 miles of a cell tower.) She stated that Hunting Valley and Gates Mills didn’t want towers. She lives “in a gully” and, in order to have good telecommunications, has a land line. She stated that she was worried about health risks to children, which may be posed by a cell tower. Mr. Ranallo thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Gale moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to  
Executive Session at 9:46 a.m.

Mr. Taplin excused himself from the executive session at 9:47 a.m. Mr. Steudel excused himself from the executive session at 10:02 a.m. Mr. Cox excused himself from the executive session at 10:11 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gale, Merritt, Scheucher  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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