

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

October 14, 2013

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:06 a.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Ken Dery	Richard Steudel
Bob Gale	Courtney Taplin
Marcia Merritt	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt and Service Department Foreman Paul deWit.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held September 9, 2013, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Dery moved to correct two items in the minutes and approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2013-14** - "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 Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2013-14 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2013-16** – "An Ordinance amending Section 143.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to permit cemetery monuments up to twenty-four inches in height" was read for the first 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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, the Council agreed to table the Ordinance so that it could be amended to change each of the relevant standards regulating the height of cemetery monuments to permit heights of up to twenty-four inches.

**Ordinance No. 2013-17** – “An Ordinance amending Section 1321.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to redefine “Satellite Earth Station” for purposes of the Building Code” was read for the first time. Questions were raised regarding the role of federal preemption and no action was taken so that research could be done on the matter.

**Ordinance No. 2013-18** – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to expend Village funds for a public celebration” was read for the first 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. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-18, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2013-18 adopted

Ms. Merritt had no report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met and discussed the items on the agenda and had extended discussions regarding the cost of health insurance and the yield of Village’s investments.

Mr. Dery deferred to the Mayor to report what happened at the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, as Mr. Dery was not present. The Mayor reported that there was a review of the preliminary plans for a residence in Chapin Ledges and a discussion regarding the status of the Parker residence at the corner of Hobart Road and Waite Hill Road. The Parker residence is expected to be completed in 2014.

Mr. Taplin asked Chief DeWitt to report on behalf of the Police Department and the Chief reported that there had been difficulties with at-large dogs on Mountainview Drive, some burglaries and other criminal activities in the Village and the perpetrators had been caught. There was nothing further to report from the Safety Committee.

Mr. Gale reported on behalf of the Service Committee and there was a discussion regarding the Village’s legal risks related to trees in the Village’s right-of-way and whether it was permissible to charge residents for the removal of trees from private property when the trees threaten to, or actually, fall in the right of way. The answer was yes.

Council then discussed the upcoming levy. Mr. Cox excused himself from the meeting at 9:21, as Council was concluding its discussion regarding the proposed additional levy.

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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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