

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

September 8, 2014

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:04 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014, 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 Ben Chojnacki from Walter | Haverfield LLP.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held August 11, 2014, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2014-14 - “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 Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2014-14 adopted

Resolution No. 2014-15 - “A Resolution accepting the rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor” was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2014-15 adopted

Ordinance No. 2014-11 (As Amended) – “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 third time. Mayor Ranallo opened the public hearing on the Ordinance, which had been duly noticed. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo then closed the public hearing on the Ordinance. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-11 (As Amended), which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2014-11 (As Amended)
adopted

Ordinance No. 2014-12 – “An Ordinance providing compensation for employees of the Police Department of the Village of Waite Hill, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Steudel 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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Ms. Merritt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-12, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2014-12 adopted

Mr. Byron introduced Ben Chojnacki, who is a new associate at Walter | Haverfield LLP.

Ms. Merritt reported, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, that the Newsletter would be coming out at the end of this month. Deadlines for delivery of content were also discussed so that this end could be achieved. The Halloween party will be October 25, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The bridge over the stream that leads to the Kirtlandale Park was rebuilt and pictures of the bridge will be in the newsletter and on the website. Mr. Scheucher reported that a

person had correctly identified the “photo of the week,” after about a year that the photo was on the website, and a new photo has been posted.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher advised Council that the Committee had met and conducted its usual business including ratifying a bond, reviewing the increases to the Village’s tax duplicate and a Six Thousand Dollar (\$6,000) refund from the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, a discussion of the Village’s credit card, and the status of the purchase of a new police cruiser.

The Planning and Zoning Commission had met in August. According to Mr. Dery, the important news was that the proposed shed of ten feet by twenty feet (10’x 20’) that was being considered by a resident on Metcalf Road is not going to be built, thereby avoiding the need for a variance and avoiding a confrontation with a neighbor to the south of the Metcalf Road resident. The minutes of the meeting had been distributed to Council and Mr. Dery pointed out the various projects that are being done in the Village.

Mr. Taplin reported on behalf of the Safety Committee that they were looking at staffing issues, the vehicle issues and conducting a level of service analysis so that the costs of the Police Department can be understood by the community. There was also a discussion regarding the use of mutual aid, regionalization and other cost saving opportunities.

Reporting on behalf of the Service Committee, Mr. Gale stated that the paving on Metcalf, Smith and Gardenside had been completed very successfully and that striping would occur later this week, weather permitting. Salt expenses are likely to increase significantly this year, based upon the price-per-ton.

There was a discussion regarding the placement of cameras in the police cruisers and the renewal of the health care coverage for the Village employees (which is going up 8.9%, or \$8,418.13).

Mr. Dery moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:56 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Scheucher 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 10:04 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer