

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

January 9, 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, January 9, 2012, with Acting Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Arnold Stanko, Service Director Gary Earl, residents Arthur and Margot Baldwin and Tony Ocepek. Council member Robert Gale was able to listen to the meeting and speak to Council over a speaker phone

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held December 12, 2011, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Mr. Ranallo announced that he had received correspondence from Mayor Baldwin indicating it was Mr. Baldwin's intention not to take the oath of office for Mayor. Because no one had qualified for the office of Mayor, a vacancy in office existed, pursuant to Article II, Section 17, of the Waite Hill Charter. Consequently, the first order of business was the election of a Council President, who would then become Mayor pursuant to that same Charter provision. Mr. Steudel nominated Mr. Ranallo to be Council President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Steudel then moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Ranallo as Council President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Council President elected

By operation of Article 2, Section 17, of the Charter, Mr. Ranallo became Mayor. Mr. Byron administered the oath of office to Mayor Ranallo.

Council then proceeded with the election of the Council President. Mr. Scheucher nominated Ryan Cox. There were no other nominations. Mr. Scheucher moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Cox as Council President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried  
Council President elected

Council next considered the position of Council Vice President. Mr. Cox nominated Mr. Ken Dery as Council Vice President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Cox moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Mr. Dery as Council Vice President, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Council Vice President elected

Mr. Cox then moved to appoint Mr. Dery as the Council representative to the Architectural Board of Review and to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Council representative appointed

Mayor Ranallo announced that in consultation with former Mayor Baldwin, he would be reappointing the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Architectural Board of Review and Board of Zoning Appeals whose terms ended December 31, 2011. Accordingly, he nominated Diana Rezaee to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2014, and to the Architectural Board of Review for a term ending December 31, 2014, and Janet Mann to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending

December 31, 2016. Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Appointments confirmed

Chief Stanko reported that the Village had paid the roofing subcontractor his retainage fees, with the concurrence of the contractor, and the Village was now covered by the roofing warranty. The Chief also reported that there had been similar temperatures between the outside air and the air in the attic, which was good. A punch list is being developed, and the contractor will work on that in the spring.

**Resolution No. 2012-1** "A Resolution honoring Arthur D. Baldwin, II, for his service to the Village of Waite Hill for fifty (50) years, from 1962 to 2012" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2012-1 adopted

**Resolution No. 2012-2** "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2012-2 adopted

**Resolution No. 2012-3** "A Resolution requesting the county auditor to advance taxes in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code" was read. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2012-3 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2012-1** – “An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Richard J. Perez as an assistant law director (prosecutor) for the Village, providing compensation for the assistant law director (prosecutor), repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-1, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-1 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2012-2** – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ice Miller LLP, for legal services beginning January 1, 2012, and ending with the organizational meeting in January, 2013, 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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-2, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-2 adopted

Mr. Matthew Crawford arrived at 8:25 a.m.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Cox reported that the Village had ended the year with a positive cash flow and that the Committee would continue to plan for 2012 and beyond.

Mr. Dery noted that the minutes of the December Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had been distributed and that the Commission will be holding a public hearing regarding the new zoning code. David Hartt will be attending, in order to discuss the significant changes, and the law director will also be in attendance.

Reporting for the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin stated that the new cruiser will be delivered in January. There was a discussion regarding vehicle rotation. The Police Department is interviewing replacements to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Matt Mole.

On behalf of Mr. Gale and the Service Committee, Mr. Earl reported that the Village was going to be obtaining a new backhoe. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the purchase of a CASE 580 super N TIER III Wide Track Loader/Backhoe at a price not to exceed Sixty-four thousand four hundred fifteen dollars and thirty-five cents (\$64,415.35) and to authorize the trade-in of the Village's current loader/backhoe for twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00). Mr. Scheucher seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Purchase and trade-in authorized

Mayor Ranallo stated that Ryan Cox, as Council President, would be looking at the Council Committees and determining whether it makes sense to rotate the chairs. Mayor Ranallo also thanked Matthew Crawford for attending in Mayor Baldwin's honor, and all agreed that it was a classy gesture of respect.

Mr. Ocepek, of Hobart Road, stated he had received a solicitation from the Village for a contribution to the Village Employee Appreciation fund. He stated he had an adverse altercation with the Chief of Police regarding the matter and that he also contacted Mayor Baldwin. He stated that the Ohio Ethics Commission had opined on these issues and that the accounting for the fund should be a public record. Mayor Ranallo stated that he would look into the matter.

Mr. Taplin moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of public officials and to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Council adjourned into  
Executive Session at 8:46 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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

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