

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

April 8, 2013

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, April 8, 2013, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Bob Gale	Richard Steudel
Marcia Merritt	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Department Foreman Paul deWit, and Officers Mike Sevel and Eric Quintillo from the Waite Hill Police Department.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held March 11, 2013, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Gale moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Officer Mike Sevel then addressed Council. He thanked the Village for hiring him, and he now has an opportunity to have his dream job: he is joining the Willoughby Police Department. His father has been a long time Willoughby officer, and Officer Sevel had wanted to pursue a career with Willoughby as well. He recently received notice of his appointment, and the only reason he would ever leave Waite Hill's Police Department is to join Willoughby's. The Mayor thanked Patrolman Sevel for his service to the Village and wished him well in Willoughby, where the Mayor had known Officer Sevel's father for years.

Chief DeWitt then advised Council that because of Officer Sevel's departure, there was an opening for a full-time patrol officer. Officer Eric Quintillo, who is currently a part-time officer with the Village, was presented by the Chief as an excellent candidate to fill Officer Sevel's spot as a full-time officer. Mayor Ranallo advised Council that he would like

to appoint Officer Quintillo to the position of full-time patrol officer, and Mr. Taplin moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Chief DeWitt then stated that he has been recruiting part-time patrol officers and has determined that Mr. Thomas Swaidner would be a good candidate to join the Village as a part-time patrol officer. Mr. Swaidner is currently employed as a full-time patrol officer with Russell Township and would be available to cover about twelve (12) hours per month, which would assist with certain scheduling issues. Chief DeWitt also advised Council that he was still investigating Mr. Swaidner's background and conducting pre-employment testing (e.g. a polygraph test) and, assuming those matters did not disclose any potential problems, the Chief would like to have the Village extend an offer of employment to Mr. Swaidner. Mayor Ranallo indicated he would entertain a motion to confirm his appointment of Thomas Swaidner to the position of part-time patrol officer, which appointment would be conditional on the successful completion of the pre-employment evaluation. Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, with the conditions stipulated, and Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mayor Ranallo reported that an estimate had been received to make changes to the Village Hall to help stop heat loss to the attic, which would reduce ice build-up. The costs of such changes would be taken from the amounts remaining to be paid to the architect and contractor, which had been withheld because of these issues.

**Resolution No. 2013-6** - "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. Taplin.

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

Motion carried

## Resolution No. 2013-6 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2012-16 (As Amended)** – “An Ordinance amending certain sections of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to amend the procedures for amending the Zoning Code, and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the third time, as amended. A public hearing had been held by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Commission recommended that Council pass the ordinance. A public hearing will be scheduled for the May Council meeting, and it will be in order to adopt the ordinance at that meeting.

Ms. Merritt advised Council, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, that the newsletter will be distributed in May. She is also scheduling another wine tasting, which has been popular. The date for the summer meeting will be determined (sometime in July), and the Memorial Day ceremony for Village veterans will remain a small event (not a party; no tent).

Mr. Scheucher reported to Council that the Finance Committee had met, reviewed and approved the Treasurer’s report and ratified some investments. Also, the property taxes exceeded expectations, which is good news.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mayor Ranallo reported that the Commission had recommended that Council pass Ordinance No. 2012-16 (As Amended).

At the direction of Mr. Taplin, Chief DeWitt reported on a Safety Committee issue. Lake Hospitals is hosting a run that has been scheduled to come through the Village on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. The route would take the runners north on Hobart from the Kirtland line, then east on Eagle Road to Route 306. The concern is that the vehicular traffic going to the Divine Word Church at that hour may be significant, and eastbound traffic may have sun issues. The Chief will be speaking to race organizers about his concerns. The Chief also reported that the DEA is not supplying resources, this year, for the prescription medication take-back program, but the Police Department would still be able to help residents with that issue.

Mr. Gale and Mr. de Wit reported that the Service Department had opened and closed the grave of Mr. Lattimore. Also, the chain on the big dump truck broke and was being repaired at several thousands of dollars less than had been anticipated.

Mr. Steudel reported that the Charter Review Commission had met in March and would be meeting again on April 12, 2013. It was also noted that Mr. Keebler had passed away.

Mr. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting into an executive session in order to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Mr. Taplin excused himself from the executive session at 9:17 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

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

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