

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

August 10, 2015

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, August 10, 2015, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ken Dery	Karl Scheucher
Robert Gale	Richard Steudel
Marcia Merritt	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Service Director Mike McClain.

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

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, then held a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-9, "An Ordinance amending Section 1153.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to the allow selective cutting of up to six (6) trees of a certain trunk caliper on a piece or parcel of land located in the Village during a calendar year without the approval of the Zoning Administrator." Mayor Robert A. Ranallo called the hearing to order at 8:03 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the public hearing at 8:03 a.m.

Resolution No. 2015-12 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel..

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-12 adopted

Ordinance No. 2015-9 – "An Ordinance amending Section 1153.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to allow the selective cutting of up to six (6) trees of a certain trunk caliper on a piece or parcel of land located in the Village during a calendar year without

the approval of the Zoning Administrator” was read for the second time. The ordinance had been recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, after a public hearing, and Council had held a public hearing. After discussion, Mr. Dery 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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

There was extended discussion, noting that if there are dead or dying trees on the property, no permission from the Village should be necessary. The Mayor directed that legislation should be prepared by the law department that implemented that policy choice. It was agreed that the enactment of Ordinance No. 2015-9 was a good first step in minimizing the governmental regulation of the removal of trees, while retaining the prohibition against clear-cutting property, and it should be enacted, with the understanding that another ordinance would be forthcoming. Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-9, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2015-9 adopted

Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of Village employees, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 8:24 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Ms. Merritt reported, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee that articles for the next newsletter should be sent to her by August 25, in order for a mid-September newsletter to go out.

Reporting on the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the Committee had met before the Council meeting and had, among other things, reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. The Committee had discussed the paving of South Lane.

Mr. Dery advised Council that he had been out of town at the time of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The Mayor reported that a resident of Metcalf Road had received permission to build a new garage.

Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt regarding the Safety Committee report. Chief DeWitt discussed the recent police report and noted that there had been significant damage to a fence on Hobart Road when the driver of a car fell asleep.

Ms. Merritt excused herself from the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. McClain regarding Service Department activities. Mr. McClain reported that Tim Lannon of CT Consultants had advised him that no contractors had bid on the South Lane resurfacing project. The project will be rebid. There was a discussion regarding the new crack sealing machinery. The Village may be getting such a machine.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Robert A Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer