

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

December 10, 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, December 10, 2012, with Acting Mayor Ryan Cox 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 Service Director Gary Earl.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held November 12, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Two corrections were made. Mr. Taplin moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the Village Hall construction project. The roofing subcontractor had made repairs to the Village Hall where some flashing work had been inadequate. RCU had been formally advised that the Village will not be paying the remainder of the architect fees until the Village Hall came through a winter that had significant ice and snow, and there was no ice damming that occurs on the pitched roof. There was a discussion regarding the power surge that had damaged the surge protector, but the computer tower had been saved. There was also discussion regarding what has been covered by the warranty and what was not, and what steps have been taken to prevent the problem in the future.

**Resolution No. 2012-19** “A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums” was read. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2012-19 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2012-15** – “An Ordinance making a temporary appropriation for the first three months of 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. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-15, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-15 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2012-16** – “An Ordinance amending Section 1127.35 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the first time. The ordinance is a technical correction to the zoning code ordinance, which will conform the code to the requirements of the Village’s Charter so that the decisions of the Planning and Zoning Commission are appealable to the Village’s Board of Zoning Appeals. The ordinance was placed on first reading and referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report and a recommendation.

**Ordinance No. 2012-17** – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Walter & Haverfield, LLP, for legal services beginning January 1, 2013, and ending with the organizational meeting in January 2016, confirming the appointment of Stephen L. Byron as Law Director, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. The Mayor had requested that this ordinance be left on first reading until January. No action was taken.

**Ordinance No. 2012-18** – “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. Gale 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, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-18, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2012-18 adopted

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, reviewed and approved the Treasurer’s report and noted that the Village will be breaking even for 2012 on a cash-flow basis. The Committee also ratified the purchase of a Consolidated Edison bond and discussed the purchase of the Village’s bonds that had been issued to pay for the construction of the Village Hall.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Dery reported that the Weaver lots, in the southeast part of the Reserve subdivision, are being reoriented so that they front on Reserve Drive rather than Eagle Road (the current configuration). This will make access easier for the lots and eliminate one home appearing to be in the “back yard” of the other.

Mr. Taplin, as Safety Committee Chair, asked Chief DeWitt to report on a recent mutual aid matter that had been reported in the monthly police report. Chief DeWitt reported on that matter and also discussed responses to certain alarm calls and what is to be done if there are excessive false alarms.

On behalf of the Service Committee, Mr. Gale reported that six (6) lots in the cemetery had been sold.

Ms. Merrit reported on the activities of the Communications Committee. She stated that the hospitality committee was meeting and that they were putting together a welcome packet. There was a brief discussion of what was currently being provided by the Village to new residents. The newsletter will be going out in January.

Mr. Cox reported that the Mayor would be appointing, and Council will need to confirm, the Charter Review Commission in January of 2013.

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 9:12 a.m.

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Ryan Cox, Acting Mayor

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

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