

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

February 9, 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, February 9, 2015, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Richard Steudel
Ken Dery	Courtenay Taplin
Karl Scheucher	

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain and Wendy F. Zele, Manager of External Affairs for First Energy.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 12, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Cox moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2015-3** - "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. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2015-3 adopted

**Resolution No. 2015-4** - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of certain sums from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund" was read. After discussion, Mr. Dery 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. 2015-4 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2015-4** – “An Ordinance amending Subsection 1141.15(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to modify the permitted side yard setback for detached accessory buildings in the R-3 Single Family Residence District” was read for the second time. The Ordinance has been referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation and a public hearing will be scheduled for both the Planning and Zoning Commission and prior to Council’s third reading of the Ordinance.

**Ordinance No. 2015-5** – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, for fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, repealing certain ordinances, 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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-5, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2015-5 adopted

In the absence of Mrs. Merritt, there was no report from the Communication and Community Outreach Committee.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that the Committee had met and January had been a quiet month. The local government fund revenues had been up in January, year over year, and it was expected that this will continue at a rate of four percent (4%) or five percent (5%). There had been an interest income decrease of between fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%), year over year for January. The Committee will be studying the bond refunding question to determine how much of the principal of the bonds should be reduced.

Mr. Dery had no report from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt to discuss the Department’s staffing. The Village will be seeking additional part-time officers. There was also a brief discussion regarding body cameras.

In the absence of Mr. Gale, Mr. McClain delivered the Service Department report. The new garbage compactor has been installed and it is much safer and more efficient than the old compactor. The County will be replacing the Metcalf Road culvert at no cost to the Village, and traffic will be maintained in both directions. Also, the Village is seeking OPWC funding for the repair/replacement

of the Metcalf retaining wall (west side of the valley) at an estimated cost of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000).

Mr. McClain also reported that the Village was doing well with salt – having about four hundred (400) tons available. There was a brief discussion regarding the staffing of the Service Department and a prospective retirement of one of the employees in 2016.

Mayor Ranallo announced that the Village will be negotiating the Verizon tower deal which will come back to Council for final approval.

Mayor Ranallo then introduced Wendy Zele of First Energy. The Metcalf Road distribution line was discussed, including the plan to improve its reliability and the requirement of maintaining the lines free from interference by trees. There was further discussion regarding current events regarding First Energy.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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