

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

July 9, 2012

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on the 2013 Tax Budget on Monday, July 9, 2012. Acting Mayor Ryan Cox called the hearing to order at 8:00 a.m. No one spoke. Acting Mayor Cox closed the hearing.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on Ordinance 2011-13 (AS AMENDED) on Monday, July 9, 2012. Acting Mayor Ryan Cox called the hearing to order at 8:01 a.m. No one spoke. Acting Mayor Cox closed the hearing.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:02 a.m., on Monday, July 9, 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 Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Gary Earl, David Hartt, Zoning Consultant to the Village, State Representative Ron Young and an unidentified aide of his, architect Norm Casini and resident Robert A. Ranallo.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held June 11, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved that the minutes be approved, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Mr. Cox reported that he had received Mayor Ranallo's resignation on Friday and had discussed the matter with Council Vice President Dery. Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Dery had decided that neither wanted to serve as the Mayor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.17, of the Village's Charter, which had been amended by the voters in March of this year, it was in order for Council to select any person who was a registered elector of the Village to serve as

Mayor. Mr. Cox nominated Robert A. Ranallo to serve as Mayor until a successor Mayor is elected in the manner provided by Article II, Section 2.17, of the Charter. There were no other nominations. Mr. Taplin moved to close the nominations and to unanimously elect Mr. Ranallo as Mayor of the Village as provided by the Charter. Mr. Gale seconded the nomination.

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

Motion carried
Robert A. Ranallo elected Mayor

The Law Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Ranallo.

Mayor Ranallo then reported on the status of the Village Hall. The Village received a notice from the Department of Commerce that Augere Construction is being investigated for a failure to pay prevailing wages. The Village is also withholding funds from Augere until it is determined that the Village Hall roofs were properly constructed. Mr. Casini requested that he be paid the balance that was due RCU Architects under the contract with the Village.

It was noted that, during the time of construction, RCU had approved the payment for HVAC work that had not been performed and that this act had prevented the Village from being able to leverage those funds (that should not have been paid) to get problems with the construction remediated. Further, the Village also has a report that indicates that the roof system has an insufficient air-flow to keep the attic cold. As the roof was constructed as designed, if there is a problem with the roof, the problem is a design problem. The Mayor also reported that the fix for the HVAC problem, impacting the Council Chamber, looks to be about \$4,000. Council took no action.

Resolution No. 2012-11 “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, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2012-11 adopted

Resolution No. 2012-12 – “A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the Village of Waite Hill for Fiscal Year 2013” was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2012-12 adopted

Ordinance No. 2011-13 (AS AMENDED) – “An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1147, Sign Regulations, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the for the third time. Mr. Hartt was present, and the Mayor and Council thanked him for his hard work to complete the updating of the zoning code, including today’s ordinance. Mr. Gale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-13 (AS AMENDED), which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2011-13
(AS AMENDED) adopted

Ordinance No. 2012-9 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to expend Village funds for a public celebration” was read for the first time. Mr. Cox moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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. 2012-9, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2012-9 adopted

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the Treasurer’s report and had continued the planning activity. The landscaping plan for Village Hall was

discussed and will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review.

Mr. Dery noted that the minutes of the P&Z meeting had been distributed to Council. Council discussed the new residence that will be constructed on the north side of Waite Hill Road, west of Smith Road. The house on Eagle Road, which had an entry gate proposal, was also discussed. The Mayor and Council thanked Ken Dery for his hard work on updating the Village's zoning code.

Neither Mr. Taplin nor Chief DeWitt had a report from the Safety Committee. The Mayor noted that Matt Mole's criminal trial starts today, and Officer Quintillo has one week of training left and is performing well.

Mr. Gale reported, on behalf of the Service Committee, that the hydraulic cylinder on the Village's big dump truck has been ordered. There was a discussion about the Waite Hill Road hill and the spring that runs across the road by Drury Lane. Solutions to the problem will be investigated by opening the road. There was also a discussion regarding the repair that is being made to the property on Metcalf Road. The property owner is being very cooperative and working with the Village on scheduling the repair activities so there is no adverse impact on traffic on Metcalf. That project will be completed before the repair work on Metcalf will be done.

Ms. Merritt reported on the Citizens Committee and the Village newsletter, which had been published. Four residents have already contacted her and want to be involved with the new activities. The Mayor and Council congratulated Ms. Merritt on the quality of the newsletter.

The Mayor reported that the Waite Hill Land Conservancy is continuing its talks with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. The website is also doing very well.

Mr. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting for purposes of holding an executive session to discuss the appointment and compensation of public officials and for the purposes of discussing pending and imminent litigation. Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive
session at 9:08 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:30 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, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer