

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

July 13, 2015

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 13, 2015, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Ken Dery	Richard Steudel
Marcia Merritt	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Acting Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Service Director Mike McClain. Janet and Russell Mulh were also present.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held June 8, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, then held a public hearing on the 2016 Tax Budget. Mayor Robert A. Ranallo called the hearing to order at 8:04 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the hearing at 8:05 a.m..

Resolution No. 2015-9 - "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 Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-9 adopted

By unanimous consent Council deferred action on Resolution 2015-10 until the end of the meeting.

Resolution No. 2015-11 - "A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the Village of Waite Hill for fiscal year 2016" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-11 adopted

Ordinance No. 2015-10 – “An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Bernice Schreiber as Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Waite Hill, establishing the compensation of the Clerk-Treasurer, 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. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-10, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2015-10 adopted

Ms. Merritt, on behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, noted that there was no formal Village procedure to address the passing of a resident (other than flying the Mourning Flag on the Village’s flag pole). The Chief confirmed that this was by design, based upon past experience and the preferences of the residents. The next newsletter will be sent out at the end of August.

From the Finance Committee, Mr. Scheucher reported that the bond refunding had been completed at a cost of about thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), which should save about one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) over the life of the debt. In discussion regarding the Local Government Fund, it is not certain what the impact on the Village will be from change of the law in the most recent biennium budget.

Mr. Dery reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and the draft minutes had been distributed to Council. There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed amendment to the tree cutting ordinance and that the Commission had considered the proposed amendment to permit the removal of some trees without a permit. The matter will be reviewed further and voted on by the Commission at its July meeting, then come to Council in August.

Mr. Taplin noted that the Village had been quiet and deferred to Chief DeWitt. Chief DeWitt noted that traffic contacts had been up and the Village’s provision of mutual aid to the City of Kirtland is being monitored. The plan is to order a new police cruiser at the end of 2015, and take

delivery (and pay for it) in 2016. It was noted that false alarms in the Village have been reduced, primarily as a result of the change of ownership of a particular property in the Village.

In the absence of Mr. Gale, Mr. McClain presented the Service Department report to Council. Mr. McClain noted that no bids had been received for the Metcalf Road project, after only one contractor had taken out the bid documents. The matter will be re-bid. The summer-fill ODOT price for road salt is \$62.84/ton, and the Village ordered 350 tons. There was a brief discussion regarding putting a levy on the ballot in 2016 or 2017 to plug the gap between revenues and expenses. There was also a recapitulation of the discussion the Council had with the First Energy representative at a prior council meeting regarding Metcalf Road. The Village is continuing to explore the crack sealing machine and process that Willoughby Hills is using, with the intention (if practical) of the Village acquiring its own machine. The costs and benefits of this process are still being evaluated.

The Mayor then introduced **Resolution No. 2015-10** - "A Resolution honoring Janet Mulh for her dedication and service to the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio," which was read into the record. As several members of Council and the administration had contributed testimonials to Ms. Mulh's exemplary service, those officials read the Resolution aloud. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-10 adopted

Ms. Mulh was then presented with a present, a crystal dish commemorating her years of service to the Village of Waite Hill.

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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

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

Robert A Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer