

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

June 11, 2012

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:23 a.m., on Monday, June 11, 2012, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo 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, and David Hartt, Zoning Consultant to the Village.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held May 14, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin 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

Mayor Ranallo then reported on the status of the Village Hall. The lights which illuminate the flag have been repaired. No commitments have been made to RCU or Augere regarding further payments, given the pendency of the possible claim against Augere regarding prevailing wages and the continued concern regarding whether the roofs and associated systems were designed and installed in a fashion that would make them water-tight.

Resolution No. 2012-10 “A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums” was read. After discussion, Mr. Taplin 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. 2012-10 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. A public hearing of the ordinance has been scheduled for July, which is the first council meeting more than thirty (30) days after the May meeting at which the ordinance received its second reading. Mr. Hartt was present to discuss the amendments that had been made to the ordinance, at the prior request of Council. Specifically, signs other than the subdivision identification signs or institutional signs are now going to be permitted to be in the right of way, but not less than five feet (5’) from the edge of the pavement of the road. The subdivision identification signs and institutional signs, which are generally larger than the private residence signs, must be located outside of the right of way. This policy met with the general approval of Council, and the ordinance will be on for adoption at the July Council meeting.

Mr. Dery then moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for a public hearing on July 9, 2012, regarding the adoption of the 2013 tax budget, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Advertisement authorized

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the Treasurer’s report, ratified purchases in the Village’s portfolio and discussed the status of the Village’s finances.

Mr. Dery noted that the minutes of the P&Z meeting had been distributed and noted, in particular, that the design of a home on Waite Hill Road had been changed, by the homeowner, to a more traditional design.

Mr. Taplin had no report from the Safety Committee. The Chief added that Patrolman Quintillo was completing his twelve weeks of training.

At Mr. Gale’s direction as the Service Committee chair, Mr. Earl reported that the spring water that is running across Waite Hill Road at the curve by Drury Lane is being addressed, and the situation will be remedied before winter. The Service Department hotbox will be coming in soon, and the Village is exploring the costs and benefits of crack-sealing to extend the life of pavement.

Ms. Merritt reported on the Citizens Committee and the publication of a Village newsletter. The plan is to get a newsletter out in July, so content is requested by June 22. It

was agreed that legislation should be prepared to authorize the expenditure of funds for a summer picnic and agreed that three thousand dollars (\$3,000) should be sufficient.

The Mayor reported that the Waite Hill Land Conservancy was in negotiations with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy regarding conservation easement issues. The Mayor had also been contacted by the Reserve Drive Homeowners Association regarding road maintenance issues. It was noted that the Matthew Mole workers compensation claim had been settled in an effort to keep the Village in its current discount group rating.

Mr. Scheucher updated Council on the status of the Village’s website.

Mr. Taplin 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. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:29 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Cox 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 9:43 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer