

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

June 8, 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, June 8, 2015, with Council Vice President Ken Dery presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ken Dery	Karl Scheucher
Robert Gale	Richard Steudel
Marcia Merritt	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Service Director Mike McClain. Residents Tom Baker, Janet A. Mann, Christine and Andrew LeGros and Bud Stanley were also present.

Bernice Schreiber was introduced. Janet Mulh has accepted a full-time position with the Village of Gates Mills and Bernice will be replacing Janet as Clerk-Treasurer, effective July 1, 2015. Bernice is a CPA and the Fiscal Officer for the Village of Bentleyville. Bernice will continue part-time in Bentleyville and will serve part-time in Waite Hill.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held May 11, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. It was noted that on page 2 of the minutes the "additional" fee of Mr. Stuczynski's services would be "\$5,000" not "\$15,000." Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

The minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held May 22, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2015-8** - “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 Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2015-8 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2015-9** – “An Ordinance amending Subsection 1153.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to allow the selective cutting of up to six trees on a piece or parcel of land during a calendar year without approval of the zoning administrator” was read for the first time. The Ordinance was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation and public hearings will be scheduled for both the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council.

Ms. Merritt had no report from the Communications and Community Outreach Committee.

Mr. Scheucher reported, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and noted that the Village had taken a gain on the sale of a Treasury Note. The Local Government Fund revenues have been as projected. The Village had also made a payment on the Village Hall bonds, and another is due at the end of the year, and the refunding options are being considered. Ms. Schreiber will be involved in a month’s worth of operations before she takes over for Ms. Mulh. Mr. Dery noted for the audience’s benefit that changes in the Village’s revenues were responsible for the operational deficit; a combination of the decrease of the Local Government Fund revenues, interest rates being low for the Village’s invested funds, and the elimination of the Ohio Estate Tax have all dramatically changed the way the Village has to approach its finances.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Dery reported that the Commission had met and the draft minutes had been distributed to Council. It was noted that a residence on Waite Hill Road just east of Smith Road will be switching siding from metal to Hardie Board. The neighbor dispute between a Metcalf Road resident and a Creawood Forest resident appears to have been resolved by the deployment of a privacy fence that is agreeable to both parties.

Mr. Taplin had no report from the Safety Committee, and deferred to Chief DeWitt. Chief DeWitt indicated that nothing out of the ordinary had occurred in May. He noted that there had been a dog-bite incident on Mountainview Drive.

Mr. Gale asked Mr. McClain to update Council on Service Department issues. Mr. McClain indicated that the Service Department, in addition to cutting grass, will be berming and patching the Village’s roads. The state of Ohio, through ODOT, has settled litigation with Morton and Cargill for alleged price-fixing of salt, and the Village will be invited to make a claim for its proportionate share of the money, which is not expected to be a large amount. Mr. Gale thanked the Service Department, and all of the Village employees, for a very fine Memorial Day memorial service.

A public hearing for the Village’s tax budget was scheduled for the July council meeting.

Christine LeGros thanked Council for not going forward with the cell tower, and offered further assistance with the Village’s financial issues. There was further discussion regarding preventing the future consideration of a cell-tower proposal. Mr. Dery gave a brief history of the Village’s consideration of a cell tower, going back to the mid-1990’s. He then read a short thank-you note from Brian Sherwin.

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: Dery, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

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

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

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Kenneth A. Dery, Acting Mayor

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