

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

November 9, 2015

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:06 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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| Ryan Cox | Karl Scheucher |
| Ken Dery | Richard Steudel |
| Robert Gale | Courtenay Taplin |

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain, and Councilman-elect and Planning and Zoning Commission member Sam Knezevic.

The Council first considered the minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held October 12, 2015, which had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Cox moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2015-16 - "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, Gale, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-16 adopted

Resolution No. 2015-17 - "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to execute all contracts as required for the Waite Hill Road Improvement project, and declaring an emergency" was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-17 adopted

Mayor Ranallo then convened a public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2015-11, at 8:09 a.m. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the public hearing at 8:09 a.m.

Ordinance No. 2015-11 – “An Ordinance amending Section 1153.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to allow the removal of dead or dying trees without prior approval of the Zoning administrator” was read for the third time. Thereupon, Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2015-11 adopted

In the absence of Ms. Merritt, Mayor Ranallo reported that he heard that there was a good attendance at the Halloween Party, and that a good time was had by all.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met before the Council meeting and had reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, ratified certain investments, and discussed the 2016 budget. The staff will be working on developing the information that is needed to make the case for a road/infrastructure levy. There is also an ongoing study regarding the costs and benefits of recycling.

Mr. Dery, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, noted that the minutes of the October meeting had been distributed, and it is likely that the Village will not repave South Lane until the heavy traffic attending the new Scheppler residence is completed in 2016. There was a brief discussion that a variance is being requested by some property owners on Smith Road to build a new residence with a side-yard setback that would be less than what the code requires. The lot is less than five (5) acres, and is a lawful, nonconforming lot because it was created in 1962. Mr. Dery spoke kind words to the council and administration on the occasion of his penultimate Council meeting.

Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt for the Safety Committee. The Chief noted that the Village will likely be stopping its scrap metal program because of numerous issues. There has been an increase in mutual aid with Kirtland, both giving and receiving. Any domestic disturbance requires back-up, and the Chiefs of the departments have been communicating about this issue. A new full-time officer will be helpful regarding man-power issues.

Mr. Gale and Mr. McClain, on behalf of the Service Committee, reported that a new lawn mower had been ordered for delivery (and payment) in 2016. The order was made to save money over the 2016 price. Further, two more drums of crack sealant had been used (bringing the total to four (4) fifty-five (55) gallon drums of crack sealant used since the new machine was purchased). All of the new patches have been sealed, along with some roads that are cracked. The Village also has a significant amount of salt available for the upcoming snow season.

The Mayor announced that Mr. Dery will be his appointment for the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2016. Mr. Dery will take the place of Mr. Knezevic, who will be going on Council. The Mayor also indicated he would be reappointing Tim Serazin to the Board of Zoning Appeals, assuming Mr. Serazin is willing to continue to serve in that role.

Mr. Gale moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, discipline and compensation of Village employees, the possible acquisition or disposition of Village property, and the discussion of pending or imminent litigation with legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session
at 8:41 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:21 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, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Robert A Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer