

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

November 10, 2014

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:11 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2014, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, and Mike McClain from the Service Department.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held October 13, 2014, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2014-17** - “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. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2014-17 adopted

**Resolution No. 2014-18** - “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 any contracts as required for the Metcalf Road Retaining Wall Project, and declaring an emergency” was read. After discussion, Mr. Taplin moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2014-18 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that the Newsletter had come out and that the Halloween party was a success. Mr. Scheucher reported that the website now includes a link to the election results.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, conducted its usual business and discussed the 2014 and 2015 budgets. There was a discussion regarding the Village's revenues.

Mr. Dery, having been absent from the meeting in October, deferred to the Mayor regarding the activities of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Ranallo reported that the Commission had approved a pole barn, subject to a variance being granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals for a side-yard variance. There was a discussion regarding the residence at the bottom of Otis Hill and what is likely to be built there. There was also discussion regarding Reserve Drive and interest in the two lots which are closest to Eagle Road on the east side of Reserve Drive.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin deferred to Chief DeWitt. There was discussion regarding the police report, and specifically a residence on Hobart Road that has a defective alarm.

Service Committee Chairman Gale reported that the Service Department was ready for the winter weather, and there was a lengthy discussion regarding the price of salt and other commodities.

Mr. Cox reported that he and others are exploring the creation of a 501(C)(3) organization to serve as a supporting organization for the Village. The goal would be to replace the estate tax by raising funds through gifts and bequests, invest them at rates of interest higher than the Village can earn, then have the foundation pay earnings over to the Village. The process will take some time in order to get IRS approval, but another community has been successful in accomplishing this.

The Mayor reported that the administration is studying the issue of sick leave and that legislation will be presented when a policy is ready to be recommended by the administration. There was a brief discussion regarding public records requests that had been received by the Village, and it was noted that the departments were investigating the need for vehicle replacement next year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Taplin moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Ms. Merritt.

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

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Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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