

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

September 14, 2015

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:09 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Robert Gale	Richard Steudel
Marcia Merritt	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Bernice Schreiber, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Mike McClain and Patrol Officer Joshua East.

Mayor Ranallo announced that, on the recommendation of the Chief of Police, he would like to appoint Joshua East as a full-time patrol officer in the police department. Chief DeWitt introduced Patrolman East, who has successfully gone through the department's training as a part-time officer, and who will be a valuable asset as a full-time patrol officer. Mr. Taplin moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, and Mr. Steudel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held August 10, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

**Resolution No. 2015-13** - "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 Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2015-13 adopted

**Resolution No. 2015-14** - “A Resolution accepting the rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer” 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, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Resolution No. 2015-14 adopted

**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 first time. The ordinance was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and public hearings will need to be scheduled for the Commission and for Council.

**Ordinance No. 2015-12** – “An Ordinance to approve the current replacement pages to the Waite Hill Codified 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, Gale, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

Mr. Steudel then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-12, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2015-12 adopted

On behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, Ms. Merritt reported that the current newsletter is going out. Also, the Halloween Party will be October 24.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met before the Council meeting and had reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, discussed a Walmart bond that had been called, requested that Jim Raimondo be invited to the October meeting, discussed the South Lane resurfacing project and other capital expenditures and noted that the Village is entering its budgeting season.

In the absence of Mr. Dery, the Mayor advised Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met in August, and the draft minutes had been distributed. There were no questions.

Mr. Taplin reported that the Police Department’s traffic contacts are up, and so are mutual aid calls. There has been previous discussion of these trends and the Chief is monitoring them. The appointment of Patrolman East to the full-time position will help with the staffing issues that the department has had. There is also a problem with the paint on the Expedition (it is peeling), and there will need to be some action taken (in house or through a vendor) to fix that problem.

Reporting on behalf the Service Committee, Mr. Gale deferred to Mr. McClain. Mr. McClain reported that the Metcalf Road culvert repair is commencing, but the work that has been scheduled should cause only a minimal impact on traffic. Because the culvert is considered a “bridge,” under state law, the project is the responsibility of the Lake County Engineer and will be paid for by Lake County. The Village received two bids for the Metcalf retaining wall work, but they were too high. The Village has obtained a crack sealing machine and will soon be receiving training for it.

Mayor Ranallo asked Mr. Cox to update the Council on the charitable foundation that was created to support the Village. Mr. Cox advised that the foundation is in the quiet phase of the fundraising campaign and it is looking good. Ancora is handling the investment of funds, and that portion of the project is up and running.

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

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

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

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Robert A Ranallo, Mayor

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bernice Schreiber, Clerk-Treasurer