

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

April 9, 2012

Pursuant to a notice duly given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, held a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2011-14 at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012. Mayor Robert A. Ranallo opened the public hearing. No one spoke. Mayor Ranallo closed the hearing.

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:01 a.m., on Monday, April 9, 2012, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Ryan Cox	Karl Scheucher
Ken Dery	Richard Steudel
Marcia Merritt	Courtenay Taplin

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Mulh, Law Director Stephen Byron, Police Chief Keith DeWitt, Service Director Gary Earl, David B. Hartt, planning consultant to the Village, residents Arthur D. Baldwin II and Dr. Sidney Stone, and Patrol Officer Candidate Erik D. Quintillo and his family.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held March 12, 2012, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Dery moved that the minutes be approved, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Mayor Ranallo then announced his intention to appoint Erik Quintillo as a part-time patrol officer. Chief DeWitt described Mr. Quintillo's training and experience, including significant IT training and experience, including network design. Chief DeWitt reported that all of the officers with whom Mr. Quintillo had ridden had reported positively on their interaction with him. Mr. Steudel moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Erik Quintillo as a part-time police officer, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Chief DeWitt reported on the status of the Village Hall. Roof work on the flat roof has been completed, and \$3,100 has been paid for that repair. Augere agreed that it was responsible for that work, and its payment will be reduced by that amount. Reports of RCU being out of business are premature. RCU is owed almost \$21,000, until possible setoffs are considered. The HVAC balancing report has been completed, and it is believed that the ducts are now properly connected to cold air returns, as designed. The long duct work connecting one of the furnaces to the Council chamber is not optimal, and there may be additional work performed. The landscaping plan is being developed, and the intention is to make the landscaping of the Village Hall elegant and low maintenance. In addition to the furnace issue, there is also an in-ground light that illuminates the flag pole that may not have been properly designed.

Resolution No. 2012-8 “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, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2012-8 adopted

Ordinance No. 2012-5 – “An Ordinance establishing the compensation for members of the Police Department of the Village of Waite Hill, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule that requires ordinances to be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Taplin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-5, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2012-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2012-6 – “An Ordinance establishing the compensation for members of the Department of Public Service of the Village of Waite Hill, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule that requires ordinances to be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Cox moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2012-6 adopted

Ordinance No. 2012-7 – “An Ordinance establishing the compensation for the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Waite Hill, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule that requires ordinances to be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2012-7 adopted

Ordinance No. 2012-8 – “An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read

for the first time. Mr. Cox moved to suspend the rule that requires ordinances to be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-8, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2012-8 adopted

Ordinance No. 2011-14 – “An Ordinance amending Titles Three and Five of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, amending the Village’s zoning maps and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the third time. Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-14, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2011-14 adopted

Mr. Scheucher reported that the month had been difficult, with expenses exceeding revenues and the projection of future revenues being down.

Mr. Dery noted that the minutes for the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had been distributed. Work is being done on various projects in the Village, and there was a brief discussion regarding same.

Mr. Taplin noted that there was little to report from the Safety Committee. The Village has its new car, and former Chief Stanko has been hired as the police chief in Middlefield, Ohio.

There was no report from the Service Committee.

The Mayor reported that the utility payments for the construction of the Village Hall will be paid by Augere, pursuant to the contract. Also, there will be seeding and planting occurring in the Village this spring. The Village has concluded that it is not paying sales tax on its purchases with the credit cards, and Clerk-Treasurer Mulh is putting together a “how-to” manual for the Village’s financing. Village data will be saved on thumb drives and stored off-site.

Ms. Merritt presented some information regarding the creation of a community organization.

Mr. Dery moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of public officials and to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried
Council adjourned into
Executive Session at 9:39 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

There was a discussion regarding the negative impact that the repeal of the estate tax and the reduction of the local government fund will have on the Village’s finances. While alternatives for funding the deficit, or reducing spending, were discussed, no decision was reached.

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

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

April 9, 2012

Minutes

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APPROVED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer