

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

March 9, 2015

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met at the Waite Hill Village Hall at 8:35 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, 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, Service Director Mike McClain and Joshua East, candidate to be a Village Police Officer.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held February 9, 2015, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Steudel moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Chief DeWitt then introduced Joshua East as a prospective part-time police officer, and the Mayor stated his intention to appoint Mr. East to the position. Mr. Taplin moved to confirm the Mayor's confirmation of Joshua East as a part-time police officer, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Appointment confirmed

Resolution No. 2015-5 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2015-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2015-4 – “An Ordinance amending Subsection 1141.15(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to modify the permitted side yard setback for detached accessory buildings in the R-3 Single Family Residence District” was read for the third time. The Ordinance had been referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation and the Commission had not been able to meet since the prior meeting of Council. Public hearings will be scheduled for both the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council, then Council will be in a position to enact the Ordinance at its April Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 2015-6 – “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation to develop a land reutilization program within the Village, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Cox moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: Scheucher

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Thereupon Ms. Merritt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Dery, Gale, Merritt, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: Scheucher

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2015-6 adopted

Mrs. Merritt, on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee, reported that newsletter articles were due March 24. There was a brief discussion regarding reverse 911, and the matter is under further investigation. Mr. Scheucher reported that the Lake County General Health District’s mailing was received.

Mr. Scheucher reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that the Committee had met and discussed the cash balance of the Village, on a year-to-date basis, and noted that there was no investment activity to report for the month. The Committee had also discussed the bond refunding options and the costs of trash collection and recycling were being studied. Mr. Cox reported that the Waite Hill Foundation was now in existence and able to receive funding.

Mr. Dery stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not met in January or February.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, Mr. Taplin and Chief DeWitt reported that the burglar alarm issue is being tracked and the Village is hoping for improvement as some of the most egregious residences are transferring ownership.

Mr. Gale and Mr. McClain, on behalf of the Service Committee and the Service Department, respectively, reported that the Village had used over six hundred (600) tons of salt in the last year and the Village had about one hundred fifty (150) to two hundred (200) tons remaining. There was also a discussion regarding the water main breaks that had occurred in the Village and the efforts to map the Village's infrastructure. The Village will be addressing the issues being created by the recycling contractor.

It was noted that the cell tower negotiations are proceeding and the approval of the tower will need to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council before it is erected.

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 9:30 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____
 Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer