

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

February 11, 2013

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, February 11, 2013, 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 and Service Director Gary Earl.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held January 14, 2013, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Dery moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Mayor Ranallo announced his appointment of Mr. Tom Ruple to fill the unexpired term created by the death of Mr. Peter O'Donnell, which term ends December 31, 2013. He also announced his appointments of the following persons to the 2013 Charter Review Commission: Dennis DiPalma, Lauren Gardner, Chris Legros, Ralph Lustri, Denise Merritt, Clara Sherwin, and Richard Steudel. Mr. Taplin moved to confirm all of the Mayor's appointments, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Appointments confirmed

Council next discussed the status of the Village Hall, which had previously been discussed in the Finance Committee because of the need to alter the roofing system over the break room. No payment has been made to Augere. Mr. Norm Casini had sent further correspondence disputing the Village's position that there were design issues that resulted in

the Village incurring additional costs on the project. The Village has not changed its position on its view that the architect is, in part, responsible for the problems of the Village Hall.

Resolution No. 2013-3 - “A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums” was read. After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

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

Motion carried
Resolution No. 2013-3 adopted

Ordinance No. 2012-16 (AS AMENDED) – “An Ordinance amending certain sections of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to amend the procedures for amending the Zoning Code and repealing certain ordinances” was read for the first time. This ordinance was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. A public hearing will be set for this ordinance in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission at the time of the Commission’s March meeting.

Ordinance No. 2013-5 – “An Ordinance providing appropriations for expenditures and other expenses for the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio for fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, repealing certain ordinances, and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to suspend the rule which requires that ordinances 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

After discussion, Mr. Steudel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-5, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2013-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2013-6 – “An Ordinance repealing certain sections of Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, to eliminate certain employee benefits, 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. Steudel.

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

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Dery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2013-6 adopted

Ms. Merritt reported the activities of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee. The newsletter is scheduled to be sent this week. There will be another wine tasting, which has been very popular. There is a Historic Society that will be forming. Council discussed the public interest in the Historic Society and residents who would be important to the success of such an entity. A Garden Club will likely be forming as well. Mr. Scheucher reported that the website is being coordinated with Village Departments and activities.

Mr. Scheucher reported that the Finance Committee had met, reviewed and approved the Treasurer’s report, ratified investments in bonds and other instruments. The Mayor reported that the Compensation Committee will be meeting to discuss 2013 salaries and benefits.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Dery reported that the Commission had not met in January.

Chief DeWitt reported that Mike Sevel had become eligible to join the Willoughby Police Department and will be leaving the Village’s employment to join Willoughby P.D. Erik Quintillo will be offered the full-time position.

Mr. Earl reported that the Village had to order more salt.

Mayor Ranallo advised Council that the Governor’s proposed budget had proposed that local government funds be continued at current levels. He also advised Council that private donations had been made to the Village, for the purpose of supplementing employee compensation, in the amount of \$31,475. Council then discussed the Village’s membership in the Chagrin River Watershed Partners that costs \$1,638. CRWP has been helpful consulting on ordinances and on projects, and it was determined that the Village should maintain its membership. There will also be correspondence going to the residents that discusses the Village’s finances, the Citizens Committee will be meeting to discuss the issues, and there will be town halls to provide information to residents.

Mr. Scheucher moved to adjourn the meeting into an executive session in order to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees, which motion was seconded by Mr. Dery.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Mayor Ranallo reconvened the meeting at 9:34 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. Cox.

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

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2013

ATTEST: _____
Janet Mulh, Clerk-Treasurer