

# The Village of Walton Hills

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: September 8, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Council Chambers

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Katie Iaconis. Present: Councilpersons Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, and Don Kolograf. Absent: Councilman Spitznagel. Administration present: Katie Iaconis, Assistant Fiscal Officer; Blair Melling, Law Solicitor.

Action Taken and/or Recommendations: Councilman Kolograf indicated that Councilman Spitznagel will be arriving at the meeting between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Persons Having Business Before Council – None

Council Comments – Councilman Linville reported that he will be attending a public meeting in Macedonia on September 10<sup>th</sup> regarding noise levels of ATVs and will give a report at next week's Council meeting. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller announced that the Bedford Historical Society will be having a program on September 10<sup>th</sup> entitled "The Letters from the Civil War." Councilman Rich stated that he would like to attend the Ohio Department of Natural Resources wetlands meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Terlosky noted that September 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reservations for the benevolent fundraiser on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Melling and Mayor Hurst commented on road projects/closures on Egbert Road and Alexander Road.

Senior Service Contract with Social Worker Mayor Hurst explained that the social worker would work under the direction of Carol through the Community Life program. He stressed that this is an as-needed program to help seniors stay in their homes as long as they can and the expenses for a year would not exceed \$5,000.

*Mayor Hurst recognized Mr. Spitznagel's arrival at 6:09 p.m.*

A discussion followed on this proposed program. Most Council members were in favor of trying out this program, at least for the remainder of this year. However, Councilman Linville stressed that programs at the state and county level should be explored. Mayor Hurst indicated that legislation would be placed on next week's Council meeting agenda, and Council could place it on First Reading if they choose.

Discussion on Scavenging Ordinance – Mayor Hurst stated that this issue would be discussed in October.

Legislation on Bed Tax – Mayor Hurst indicated that he would like to have the excise tax on lodging in place in case the need would arise and asked that it be placed on the next Council meeting agenda. Ms. Iaconis explained why it would be beneficial for the village and not the county to collect the lodging tax.

Annual Tax Rate Resolution – Ms. Iaconis explained that this annual resolution will show the county that the village has a tax rate of .3 mills which then goes into the Police Pension Fund. Mayor Hurst stressed this is not a new tax; it has been in place since 1951. He indicated that this resolution would be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Ordinance Amending the Village of Walton Hills Board of Tax Review – Mayor Hurst explained that the Board of Tax Review must be amended in 2016 as a result of the new tax laws that have been passed by the state. He noted that the terms of the Board of Tax Review members have expired, and Council has the authority to appoint two members and the mayor appoints one member.

Resolution Confirming Council's Appointment of Two Members to the Board of Tax Review - Mayor Hurst announced that Mary Alice Moran and Art Ward agreed to be reappointed to the Board of Tax Review. He stated that if Council does not agree with this selection, they have the authority to appoint whomever they want, but they must make sure they want to accept the position. He reported that he will appoint Lloyd Wareham. He stressed that there are tax issues that may be challenged, so the Board must be in place. He noted this resolution would be placed on the next Council meeting agenda. Council supported the selection of Ms. Moran and Mr. Ward.

Resolution to Finalize the Alexander Road Project – Mayor Hurst reported that the cost of the project is \$362,173.37, which was rounded not to exceed \$370,000. He explained that drainage problem must be fixed before work is started on the curbs and the catch basins. He discussed the financing of the project and indicated that this resolution would be place on the next Council meeting agenda.

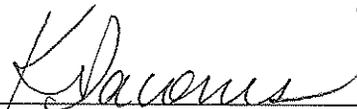
Resolution to Repair the Lower Parking Lot – Mayor Hurst reported that the quote from Toaz Construction was the lower of the two quotes received. He asked Council for permission to go over the \$25,000 spending limit. He noted that this resolution would be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Possible Litigation, Personnel and Purchase or Sale of Property – Councilman Kolograf motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, personnel and purchase or sale of property, seconded by Councilman Linville, and six ayes approved. Mayor Hurst and Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and returned at 8:09 p.m.

Motion to Reconvene after Executive Session – Councilman Rich motioned to reconvene the regular C.O.W. meeting, seconded by Councilman Linville, and six ayes approved.

Other Business – Mayor Hurst discussed the property appraisals that the county just completed. He announced that the open house for the North Coast Behavioral Health Care facility will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and the tailgate party for the new superintendent of the Bedford Schools is on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He provided Council with public records of the JEDD. He reviewed the items on the next Council meeting agenda.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky and six ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



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Katie Iaconis, Assistant Fiscal Officer