

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: January 5, 2016

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 Brian Spitznagel. Administration present: Katie Iaconis, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Action Taken and/or Recommendations: Councilman Kolograf motioned to excuse Councilman Spitznagel from the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 5, 2016, seconded by Councilman Linville and five ayes approved. Councilman Kolograf motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 1, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky and five ayes approved. Councilman Rich motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 8, 2015, seconded by Councilman Linville. Vote: Ayes – Councilpersons Rich, Terlosky, Kolograf and Linville. Present – Councilwoman Brenner-Miller.

Persons Having Business Before Council – Bill Deak (17076 Egbert Road) stressed that the current C.O.W. and Council meetings are the most pleasant meetings he has attended over the years. He also announced that it was he and his wife's 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Council Comments – Councilman Rich asked if the final budget numbers will be discussed; Mayor Hurst stated that they will be discussed at the next C.O.W meeting. Councilman Kolograf asked for Council to support him as Council President. Councilman Linville nominated Councilman Kolograf for President of Council for 2016, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, and five ayes approved. Councilman Kolograf thanked everyone for their support.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase or sale of land, economic development, personnel and possible litigation, seconded by Councilman Linville, and five ayes approved. Mayor Hurst and Council went into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m. Councilman Linville motioned to reconvene from Executive Session to the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 5, 2016, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, and five ayes approved.

Resolution Accepting Grant for the Dellwood Water Main Replacement Project – Mayor Hurst explained that this resolution accepts the City of Cleveland's grant for this project. He stated that Cleveland is paying to replace the water main and the Village is paying for the asphalt (about \$93,000). He noted that he would like the project to be completed before the start of the Parker Program. He indicated that this issue will be placed on the next C.O.W. and Council meeting agendas.

Resolution for the Resurfacing of Northfield Road - Mayor Hurst explained that ODOT is paying for all of the work on this project, and this resolution approves this through Council. Additional upgrades to the project were discussed, and Mr. Melling stressed that the Village's engineering firm has not yet met with ODOT and a vote on the legislation will be delayed until this has taken place. He also pointed out that the preliminary legislation for this issue was provided by the State of Ohio and he generally does not alter their format. Mayor Hurst indicated that this resolution would be placed on the next Council meeting agenda for First Reading. A brief discussion took place on a grant that was applied for to put up traffic lights and widen Alexander Road by the Ford plant.

Discussion of Ordinance 260 – As discussed in Executive Session, Mayor Hurst explained that legislation would be placed on the next Council meeting agenda to reflect the changes to the positions that were agreed upon and a 2% increase to the wage rates for all positions.

Resolution Reappointing Dan Stucky as Street Commissioner – Mayor Hurst indicated that this resolution would be placed on the next Council meeting agenda and could be further discussed at the next C.O.W. meeting if needed.

Resolution Reappointing Carol Stanoszek as Recreation Director – Mayor Hurst stated that everyone agreed with this reappointment in Executive Session. He explained that this resolution would appear on the next C.O.W. meeting agenda if any further discussion is needed.

Resolution for Annual Internet Sales – Mayor Hurst explained that this legislation has been voted on every year since 2007. He stressed that selling items on the internet has been very successful, especially for old police cars.

Discussion on CRA for Housing Board – Mayor Hurst stated that per Mr. Melling, the Village's CRA agreement needs to be modified to state the abatement period (15 years) and the abatement percentage (50%) for new home construction. He also reviewed the 100% tax abatement for 15 years for improvements to homes 40 years or older. He then discussed his recommendations for the Housing Board which meets once a year and reviews those receiving abatements. He suggested Council appoint Councilpersons Kolograf and Brenner Miller, he would appoint Katie Iaconis and Carol Stanoszek, and he would be the Planning Commission's appointment. He stated that he does not want the appointments to be political. Councilman Linville stressed that if two Village employees are on the Board, they have to be instilled with a great deal of independence and come to their own conclusions. Mayor Hurst pointed out that the measure of a person who has a lot of authority is how they allow others to give their opinion; he stated that he lets everyone speak their mind. He indicated this issue would be further discussed at the next C.O.W. meeting if needed.

Other Business – Mayor Hurst discussed the need to amend a resolution passed in 2015 for additional work to the parking area around the police garage, adding on an additional \$3,125 to the contract. He pointed out that he would prefer this be done by legislation instead of a motion for the auditor's records. He discussed items that will appear on the next C.O.W. agenda.

Councilman Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Linville, and five ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer