

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: February 2, 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, Don Kolograf, and Brian Spitznagel. Administration present: Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer and Bill Mason, Law Solicitor.

Action Taken and/or Recommendations: Councilman Kolograf motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 5, 2016, seconded by Councilman Linville, and five ayes approved, Councilman Spitznagel abstained. Councilman Spitznagel motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 12, 2016, seconded by Councilwoman Linville, and six ayes approved.

Persons Having Business Before Council – None.

Council Comments – None.

Resolution for the Resurfacing of Northfield Road – Mayor Hurst talked to the village engineer on Monday, who said they could pass this at the next regular Council meeting. It will be for second reading. This is for the approval of the resurfacing for Route 8 and for fixing the issues on Sagamore Road. Councilman Rich asked whether bids went out. The Mayor stated they do not have any authority over this, however bids are supposed to go out in April, and it is to be finalized by June per the memo from September. It has been a process that has taken two years to get on the list. No other questions or comments.

Discussion of the Contract for Walton Hills Lake Club – Mayor Hurst stated every two years the contract has been renewed. Costs or contributions have not increased. Regarding the Lake Club contract, met two weeks ago with Carol Stanoszek and Walt Taylor and went over all dates that the recreation needs it to confirm for the baseball program, hayride, so there is no conflict with the clam bake and other things. There is a list, which Carol put all in writing to confirm. Mayor Hurst would like to renew the contract for the same amount of money (\$20,000), being allowed to use it for Parker Program and also for the senior lunches and other programs. Mayor Hurst will put it on the agenda for suspension at the end of the month. No other comments from the audience on the Walton Hills Lake Club contract.

Senior Lawn Care – Mayor Hurst explained this program has been around for quite a long time. There is a clause in the contract that states if it can be done at the same price, the contract can be renewed. The individual that has the contract right now does not want to do it again at the same price, so this will go out for bids. A resolution is needed from Council to go out for bids so that it can be put in local papers, internet, etc. Dan handles the bids, it is then presented to Council to make recommendation, and then it is approved with the resolution. Mayor Hurst will put this on the Council meeting for suspension for resolution. No other questions from audience.

CRA Board – Mayor Hurst stated they can go with two Council members on the board, as the Council has the authority to appoint two people, or they can go with two residents, but it is the Council's choice. Mayor Hurst suggested two people that were not up for election. Councilman Don Kolograf stated that he and Mary could do it if needed. Mayor Hurst gave details about the how the Board works. Councilpersons discussed choosing residents versus Council members. Mayor Hurst stated he wants to move forward with the Board, as people have already applied and it is going through the process with the County. He would

like to make it very clear with a book that could be passed out at the State of the Village in March. Mayor Hurst suggested a PowerPoint presentation as a visual. Mayor Hurst stated a resolution will be drafted for Councilpersons Don Kolograf and Mary Brenner-Miller to serve on the board. No further comments from the audience.

Poultry Discussion – Mayor Hurst stated he passed out to everyone the modifications that he and Mr. Melling went over and have been discussing since April 2015. Direction is needed because residents have called and asked about chickens, and the residents were told that right now it is in limbo but they are not allowed to have chickens until there is a conclusion. The Mayor asked Council if they want to draft the modifications and apply them or see something else changed. There are some concerns about it. When zoning was passed in 2008 or 2009, it was clear that no chickens were allowed, but there have been issues with some residents going around it. Councilman Paul Rich has major concerns over the proposed ordinance and is not interested in approving it, citing multiple reasons, and stated residents may not be aware of the responsibilities involved. Other councilpersons shared their opinions including health and safety and setbacks for the coops. Some councilpersons are for allowing chickens, others against. Mayor Hurst and councilpersons discussed Item 7 regarding size of the run for the chickens as well as lot size. Mayor Hurst stated that guidelines and rules should control the issue and these must be enforced if violated. All residents must meet the requirements of the ordinance that is passed, even those who currently have chickens. The number and type of chickens allowed were discussed. Mayor Hurst stated to Council to let Mr. Mason draft the new language, to be presented over the month of March for further debate.

Executive Session – The Mayor asked the Council to vote on motion to go into Executive Session to discuss purchase of sale of land and economic development, personnel, and possible litigation. Councilman Rich motioned, Seconded by Councilman Linville, six ayes approved going into Executive Session, 7:04 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m. Councilman Kolograf motioned to reconvene from Executive Session to the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 2, 2016, seconded by Councilman Linville, and six ayes approved.

Discussion of Prosecutor's position – Mayor Hurst explained that this was discussed in Executive Session and with everyone's comments, he will put this on next week's agenda for further discussion with the modifications that agreed upon.

Discussion of Accepting the Donated Property – Mayor Hurst also asked to put this on the agenda for the regular council meeting to accept this through a resolution for the donated property. He explained that this was discussed during Executive Session as well. Everyone is okay with this.

Other Business – Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states to Mayor Hurst that she has been in discussion with Mrs. Jean Kainsinger to take over her responsibilities of maintaining the Walton Hills Historical Society. There is general discussion on the transition and of different ideas of preserving the articles.

Mayor Hurst has a few announcements. He states there is a planning commission on February 11, 2016 at 6 p.m. This is for Fuel Mart, right beside Carr Brothers. They are planning on clearing the back lots and then they also plan to present blue prints later in the year for a new building. This will be on the agenda for the planning commission.

Mayor Hurst explains to the councilmembers that in the month of March, from March 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> he is planning on attending MAC association, along with National League of Cities meeting in Washington D.C., and he would miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> COW for the month of March. The reason he is going to Washington D.C. is that he is very involved with MAC and he is looking for a preliminary planning grant for the Ford property.

At the council meeting this month, we will have the students from Bedford High School student government in attendance. We will have the same program where we have dinner here at 5 p.m. followed

by council meeting at 6 p.m. We will put together information for them to read like we do every year.

Mayor Hurst also announces that we have received our final payment for Sagamore Road from Sagamore Hills of \$218,000 and some change. We closed out the month of January with our first JEDD distribution to Sagamore Hills and after all costs were removed, \$95,000 is what we gave to Sagamore Hills for the four months that we collected.

Councilwoman Terlosky asked if anyone had received the letter from the Board of Education about the focus group about what the school is planning. She states that she hopes to be attending this.

Councilman Spitznagel motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Rich, and six ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer