

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: February 9, 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; Bill Mason, Law Director.

Persons Having Business Before Council – Arthur Meda who lives at 17312 Alexander Road states that last year at the council meeting on April 7, 2015, there was a discussion on lawn decoration ordinance and zoning and Mayor Hurst explained at that time that he had received a complaint in writing from a resident on Walton Road about an Alexander resident who has a “Big Boy” statue in her front yard. He stated that the language needed to be put together to control and the limit time for yard decorations. Councilman Rich stressed that the safety issue needed to be addressed. Arthur Meda would like to know if this had gone any further from the April 14, 2015 meeting and whether anything has been resolved. Mayor Hurst explains that we have not resolved that issue yet. He thinks we can revise it and bring back discussion. Safety issue were brought up before and Mr. Meda is bringing it up as a safety issue for himself tonight regarding the parking for the Christmas display as it blocks his driveway many times.

Sara and Ben Blondin who live at 16883 South Meadow Park formally request the Village’s review, resolution, and repair of a 48-diameter storm water drain pipe that they have on their property. Since purchasing the home in 2011, three sinkholes that are anywhere from 3 to 6 feet in length have now been identified on the property along the length of the pipe. They have encouraged the maintenance department, specifically Dan Stucky, and he has engaged Joe Gigliotti at Chagrin Valley Engineering team to review and assess the area. Dan has stated that it is of his opinion that it is the responsibility of the homeowner and the Blondin’s respectfully disagree and want to bring it to the council’s attention. In addition to the review and maintenance, they are asking that three sinkhole areas be contained immediately so safety is not compromised. They have requested documents where it shows the outline of the property and there is an easement for the sewer. There is also a copy of an email from Joe Gigliotti where he states that it appears to fall outside of the easement that is included in the packet of material that they are leaving with the council. Since it is a diameter storm water drain pipe, they are asking for their review and assistance in resolving this matter. Mayor Hurst has explained that he has never heard of this particular issue before now and has requested that they leave their packet of information and he will address the issue. They also caution the Blondin’s that there may be reason that they may not be able to help them, but they will look into it.

Council Comments / Council Committees – Mayor Hurst passed out reports from the departments. He discussed the Zika virus and that it has been found in Cleveland, Ohio, and he wants everyone to be aware of this. He also passed out a copy of the letter that he wrote in January about Northfield Road where the roads are different widths. In a response, from ODOT, they are doing a preventative maintenance and it is not in their scope to widen the road or to blend that in. So, we have no recourse with ODOT to have that done. The resurfacing of Route 8 is not costing our Village any money. If council wants to do something there, a quote could be obtained from the engineers of what it would be cost to be repaired. This has not been done up to this point so he is asking council to give him direction on that. Councilman Linville asks if there are any accident statistics and it is stated as no.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller reads the Recreation Report/Community Living updates for March.

- March 3, 2016 – Trip to Cleveland Botanical Garden Orchid Mania.

- March 8, 2016 – Trip to Das Schnitzel Haus Restaurant in Parma.
- March 12, 2016 – Signups for the Parker Program and baseball in the community room from 10 a.m. to noon. It is also online.
- March 19, 2016 – Adult Easter Egg Flashlight Dash at T.G. Young Park for ages 21 and up. Bring your basket or bag and hunt for plastic eggs to be turned into prizes. Additional big raffle prizes can be won. Music and snacks and lots of fun to be had.
- March 23, 2016 – Trip to the West Side Market.
- March 29, 2016 – Senior lunch in the community room.
- March 31, 2016 – Play at Clague Playhouse, “Miracle on South Division Street.”

Applications for camp counselors and baseball commissioner will be available March 1 through April 4. Applications are in the Recreation department in Village Hall or on the Village website. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller also adds that she attended the speaker that the Bedford Historical Society provided Thursday night on their program about the Cleveland Metroparks, the Emerald Necklace. She states that it was not specific about the Bedford Reservation, but how it started and how they all came into being. She states that it was very interesting and well presented, and that we are one of the few areas in the nation to have such an extensive park district.

Councilman Rich comments on Arthur Meda’s comments regarding the safety on Alexander Road near both of our residences. He wants him to understand the topography of the area and explains this to Mayor Hurst. He states that his immediate solution would be to maybe erect a couple of signs on that road that state “No Parking.”

Councilman Spitznagel reads Mr. Stucky’s memo dated February 9, 2016 stating that they have recently restocked the salt shed with 150 tons of salt. A few building construction alterations have been addressed at the Village Hall. We will be having a free energy audit done on the Village Hall, Community Room, and Service Center buildings this month, provided through a grant from the county. Cold patching streets as needed. Some asphalts and fallen debris on the roadway throughout the Hannan Parkway has been cleaned up. Interviews were conducted last week regarding the open Facility Maintenance position. Several trees and branches have been trimmed from intersections and traffic signs to improve driver’s visibility and safety concerns. The fire department has completed their annual fire safety inspection at the Service Center without any violations noted. All fire extinguishers have been inspected and serviced. Several new traffic control signs and/or posts have been replaced or installed throughout the Village keeping with the new required reflectivity standards in Ohio. They will soon have their new flashing light “Watch for Ice” signs on Egbert Road and Dunham Road.

Councilman Spitznagel also comments regarding Mr. Meda’s situation and states he would be very happy to address this situation and that he likes Councilman Rich’s suggestion for something immediate.

Councilman Spitznagel also address the Blondin’s by saying that they cannot make any promises regarding their situation, but tells them that if Mayor Hurst can do something, he will.

Councilman Linville also speaks and “dittos” Mr. Meda’s concerns and mentions adding a “No Stopping” sign as well as the “No Parking” signs.

Councilman Linville also addressed Christmas decorations on the lawn in February. These should have been picked up before then.

Mayor Hurst has agreed to erect signs on the road that say “No Parking” and also put the reflector ballasts like was done on Dunham Road. He also asks Mr. Mason to look at our ordinance about yard decorations for what is going on there. This will be on the agenda for March to address and we will go from there. If we can get comparison with other communities, this will give us some guidelines. Mayor Hurst also

suggests possibly placing specific language or regulations giving a timeframe for cleaning up decorations after the holidays.

Resolution for the Resurfacing of Northfield Road - Mayor Hurst has requested that this be put under suspension and put on the agenda so we can finalize this.

Resolution for the contract with the Walton Hills Lake Club –This is the same price tag we have paid since 2010 or 2011. We have done it on a two-year period. Recreation has gone over everything with Walt Taylor and the dates were written down and everything is in stone for recreation and Parker programs. Councilman Linville states that this is all volunteer labor, except for lifeguards in which we need to have qualified, Red Cross-certified lifeguards. This will appear on the council meeting.

Resolution to go out for bids for Senior Lawn Care – This will be placed on next week’s council meeting as well.

Resolution to appoint two councilmember boards to CRA – Mayor Hurst states that everyone came to the agreement of Councilman Kolograf and Councilwoman Brenner-Miller to be put on the resolution. The law director has drafted this. It is a three-year term to the board. This will also be on next week’s council meeting’s agenda.

Resolution to approve Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor positions – Mayor Hurst states that after last week’s discussion in Executive Session and everyone being on the same page, the Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor both agreed to what our terms were. This will be on next week’s meeting as well.

Resolution to accept donated property – This was discussed this in Executive Session. Mayor Hurst states that before moving forward with any other direction that was discussed, he wants to have the title to this property before we move forward and have more conversations. The property is zoned residential and approximately three acres.

Other Business – Mayor Hurst explains that the students will be here next week from Bedford Schools from student government. There will be dinner and reports to read.

Mayor Hurst reminds everyone that the Planning Commission Meeting about expanding the parking lot on the Fuel Mart property is on Thursday at 6 p.m. Councilman Rich is on planning and he will be there, and at that time, we will present the draft of a new building that should take place on construction in November.

Mayor Hurst reports that Mr. Nogalo was playing tennis and has ripped his Achilles tendon. He had surgery today and will not be back until at least next week.

Councilwoman Terlosky motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, and six ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer