

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: November 8, 2016

Time: 6:10 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: Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis and Law Director William Mason.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for October 4, 2016: Councilman Kolograf made a motion for Council to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Paul Rich. Mayor Hurst noted no questions or comments from Council. Six ayes approved.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for October 11, 2016: – Councilman Rich made a motion for Council to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2016. Seconded by Councilwoman Mary Brenner-Miller. Mayor Hurst noted no questions or comments from Council. Six ayes approved.

Any Person Having Business Before Council – Mayor Hurst gave Council or residents an opportunity to ask questions; there were none.

Council Comments – Mayor Hurst stated that he gave Council reports from all the staff of each one of the departments. No Councilperson had any questions.

Discussion of Municipal Bridge Inspection Services – Mayor Hurst stated that Mr. Gigliotti was there to answer any questions. Mayor Hurst asked if there were any questions or comments on agreeing to accept the free service from ODOT. It was mentioned that this covers Northfield Bridge as well as Tinkers Creek Bridge. No other questions from Council. Mayor Hurst stated they will put this on next week's regular Council meeting for passage as a resolution.

Route 8 and Alexander – Mayor Hurst discussed the memo. Mr. Gigliotti was available to answer any questions. Councilman Denny Linville asked if any progress was made with the utility companies. Mayor Hurst stated the memo mentions they are waiting on FirstEnergy and that they received \$380,000 of free money, which will probably not be allocated until next year.

Discussion of Note Issuance – Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis stated that in the packets is an example of what would possibly be issued for the purchase of the church and any renovations. There will be four other separate pieces of legislation to pass for the notes being rolled over from last year. Ms. Iaconis discussed the addition of extra money to appropriate renovations for the church next year. Initially, \$1,170,000 would be rolled over, but with the church purchase and renovations it would be \$1,720,000. Mayor Hurst stated there is a new packet regarding the interior and what they would like to do. Ms. Iaconis stated it is a one-year note, able to be refinanced 90 days prior to its maturity, which would be the end of August. Any other projects could be issued notes throughout the year and bundled together to issue a bond if desired. Councilman Spitznagel questioned financing of the note. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller mentioned the house was built in 1900 and re-done in 1956 and stated they could apply for grant money to take care of the house to some extent. Mayor Hurst stated they would concentrate on the larger 12,000 sq. ft. facility first, then the six-car garage, the two-car garage, and the house last. As much of the work as possible would be done in-house with the service department. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky questioned zoning. Mayor Hurst stated he believes they are exempt under zoning. Councilwoman Terlosky mentioned electrical upgrade of the home, which could be taken care of through historical. She questioned the cost for the

utilities for the church and home. Mayor Hurst stated they do not currently know the cost but will try to obtain this information through FirstEnergy. Councilwoman Terlosky discussed the house's roof and water damage in the kitchen and family room, which again could be through historical funding. She questioned the insurance costs for the church and home. Mayor Hurst stated this would be added to their liabilities, as they have through Love Insurance. Councilwoman Terlosky questioned the security system and stated they cannot take possession until December 4th. Mayor Hurst stated they already have it in place to install cameras and get a security system and will find out the cost. Councilwoman Terlosky questioned how soon Chagrin Valley could give a report on their findings. Mayor Hurst stated they would give a preliminary report before next week's Council meeting. Councilman Rich questioned whether the Bishop needs to do a ceremony to officially shut the church down. Mayor Hurst stated the Bishop will be in town for Thanksgiving and did contact him, and the mayor asked Mr. Mason to contact the church through the attorneys so that all the statues, plaques, and baptismal items go to the proper authorities. Later the pews will be sold, pianos, or other items there is no use for. Councilman Kolograf supports the purchase of the church. Resident Mike Hopkins also supports the purchase. Mayor Hurst stated this issue would be put on next week as an ordinance for issuing debt.

Discussion of Appropriations – Mayor Hurst stated this is to move money around in the budget and clean up the year-end budget as the year is closed out. Ms. Iaconis stated there would be more next month at the end of the year. This is to move some money out of the general fund and street into capital to cover some of the current projects. Also, because of not expecting to sell the note and issue new money, will have to add \$450,000 to capital expenditures; it will be added on the revenue side as well, so the two will balance each other and it will not affect the bottom line. Therefore, \$20,000 was removed out of police personnel, \$15,000 out of recreation department personal services, \$20,000 out of the building department, \$5,000 out of legal, \$16,000 out of street construction fund, and \$13,000 out of the state highway. Dan Stucky did not need the extra cash given to him for salt for this year. Under capital improvement, \$450,000 was added. The \$100,000 additional will be allocated for 2017. Councilman Linville questioned whether the \$27,000 plus fees for the note this year would be paid. Ms. Iaconis stated yes, but it would only be about \$8,000 in issuance costs; the interest will be paid next year. Mayor Hurst noted no questions from Council or audience and stated this will be on next week's Council meeting for approval.

Discussion of Court Increases – Mayor Hurst discussed raising court by \$15 to make it \$115 and adding \$10 of the \$15 to the police cars, which makes \$20 for police cars for every court case. The remaining \$5 would be a special item line for operation of auxiliary. Mayor Hurst stated that in years past, there used to be police officers in the court system and overtime was paid. Auxiliaries are now paid at \$12/hour with no overtime. Funding is needed to help offset costs and let the court pay for it. Mayor Hurst noted no questions or comments and stated this will be on next week's agenda and will go into effect January 1st.

Other Business – Mayor Hurst discussed police SUVs. Memos were distributed last week showing the cost from Nick Mayer Ford on Rt. 91, who gave a quote of \$28,000 per car, which does not include all the police equipment. The new price is \$32,000. There was a memo to the Chief of Police. Councilman Linville was invited to sit down with the chief or ask questions. All of Councilman Linville's questions were put in writing and given to the police chief, and he did respond. Mayor Hurst stated they would like to order the vehicles and go with a PO number. This will change the budget. Mayor Hurst stated it takes three to four months, so the Ford Explorers may not be received until March or April. Mayor Hurst suggested putting it on the agenda for next week to allow the purchase of the cars and put it into the budget and start the process. Councilman Linville asked whether it would go on this year's budget, which Mayor Hurst stated the PO number would. Ms. Iaconis stated that if the vehicles were ordered this year, it would affect this year's budget, but they would be paid for next year with 2016 funds. Councilman Linville discussed the number of vehicles currently in use as well as the new purchases and whether any would be sold. Mayor Hurst stated the chief wrote in his memo that the vehicles with EcoBoost will be sold. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky questioned the average life span of a police car, which Mayor Hurst stated was approximately three years. Councilman Brian Spitznagel discussed whether mileage limits could be

increased. Mayor Hurst stated that 100,000 miles is per the insurance plan, and the plan after obtaining the three police cars is to then have money accumulated in the bank from the increase in court costs to enable purchase of one new car every year. The insurance company could be contacted to see if some kind of rider can be obtained.

Mayor Hurst stated there are two companies doing some expansion, Cummins as well as Smith and Oby.

Ms. Iaconis discussed the budget report, which shows each fund and projections for 2017, as well as a separate sheet that shows line by line the expenditures, all revenues, and a breakout of what is going into capital. This includes a 2% increase for everyone, which can be cut if necessary. Regarding health insurance, broker Aaron Marinelli was able to negotiate a 7% increase rather than 14%. The budget report also has capital projects of the \$100,000 renovations to the church, \$25,000 for miscellaneous beautification at gateways throughout the year, \$380,000 for the Northfield and Alexander project, and \$150,000 of which a bulk goes to Chagrin Valley Engineering and then miscellaneous professional services used throughout the year. Ms. Iaconis stated there is a deficit. Money is not being received from Ford any longer, and half way through the year, no more money was received from Arhaus, which was a huge hit to the budget. Taxes are the only true revenue source. Mayor Hurst stated this budget report is a draft, which he would like to review line by line the first week in December. Next week is the last Council meeting for November. Councilman Kolograf suggested focusing the next C.O.W. meeting on finances.

Mayor Hurst announced that this Friday is the Flags of Honor, and he would like everyone to be available. Tomorrow night, the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 in the Community Room for a rehearsal of the process. The host will be there to explain the details and routines.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller discussed solicitors and identification, possibly use of a lanyard. Mayor Hurst suggested a refundable deposit for lanyards, which could have an expiration date. Councilman Kolograf suggested that solicitors temporarily turn in their driver's license in order to get a lanyard. Councilman Rich suggested advertising public awareness in the Journal.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller discussed that FirstEnergy has terminated their contract with NOPEC.

Councilwoman Terlosky discussed work being done at the hospital, payroll taxes.

Mayor Hurst discussed next week's agenda is to include the resolution agreement for the municipal bridge inspections with Don Sheehy's recommendation, discussion on note issuance, appropriations to move money around, discussion to increase court costs, two block grants, and Lights Out for Hunger resolution.

Mayor Hurst noted no questions or comments from Council or audience.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting of, seconded by Councilman Rich, and six ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer