

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: January 3, 2017

Time: 7:43 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, Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, and Brian Spitznagel. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion to excuse Councilwoman Brenner-Miller from tonight's meeting. Councilman Kolograf makes the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments and five ayes approve. Administration present: Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer and Mr. William Mason, Law Director.

Persons having business before Council – There are none.

Council Comments – Mayor Hurst asks for any comments that the Council may have at this time and election of Council President pro temp. Councilman Spitznagel makes a motion to nominate Don Kolograf as Council President Pro Temp for 2017, seconded by Councilman Rich. There has been a comment made that Councilman Kolograf has been doing a great job with this so far. Councilman Kolograf thanks everyone for their support and says that everyone makes it easy for him to do his job because of their support and working as a team. Five ayes approve.

Item E – Discussion of various proposals. Mayor Hurst reminds of the CIC (from Executive Session). He says that he has two individuals who are interested in being on it – both are retired executives. One is from Lubrizol and one is from property management and real estate. He will put the resumes together for next week to hopefully get a resolution to get those two individuals on board. He still needs two councilmembers and himself on board, and then we can move forward on some of the projects that were talked about. Councilman Spitznagel asks to be considered for the position.

Item F – Discussion on street commissioner contract. Mayor Hurst states that as we talked about personnel on this contract, he will weigh out all of the possibilities that were discussed and he will give the opportunity next week for more detail for the council to consider. Everyone is okay with this. Councilman Linville comments that with respect to people that retire and then we are requested to re-hire them. He states that we really do not have a policy dealing with that issue. He mentions that we need a strict policy that spells out exactly the things that are going to occur. He explains that obviously anyone could retire and be re-hired and just stay forever. Because of the various situations that act on us, most notably the budget, sometimes we have to consider some hard decisions that need to be made. Councilman Spitznagel agrees and states that Councilman Kolograf have spoken for many years on this matter as well. He also mentions that there is no policy either in terms of advancement where it is not really fair to people trying to build a career and expect to move up (not only in pay but in stature, etc.) and if people are just retiring and the whole department is becoming stagnant, there is no incentive for anyone to do a good job, other than their own sense of well-being. He also agrees that there needs to be some addressing of those issues. No other questions or comments. Councilman Kolograf comments that the re-hiring has taken place with a savings for the village and was not something that was not considered as a savings. No other comments from the Council at this time. An audience member stands up and introduces himself as Chuck Victor from 18750 Egbert Road. He comments that when we rehire someone that has been in a position for a long time, there is no new blood into the village. He thinks that if they want to come back after retiring, they should start at the bottom of the totem pole. He thinks we need to get some new blood and new ideas, etc.

Item G – Discussion of Recreation Director's contract that is up. Mayor Hurst states that he supports re-appointing the Recreation Director with the same amount of hours, etc. for another year with no changes. He hopes everyone can support this. No questions or comments. No comments from the audience.

Discussion on Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor contract – Mayor Hurst shared this with the Councilmembers in Executive Session and talked about the position and his direction for the Village of Walton Hills for 2017, and everyone voiced their opinions. He is asking if anyone had any comments or concerns on the contract, or if everyone supports what was discussed earlier. No comments from the Council. An audience member stands up and introduces himself as Chuck Victor from 18750 Egbert Road. He comments that we do not give any facts or any information about what the contract consists of, what the pay is, and he states there is no way for the audience to make any type of decision on whether it is good for the Village or bad for the Village. Mayor Hurst clarifies that the Council has all the paperwork with pay scale, etc. and they have the authority to make this decision.

Discussion on the Village Engineer contract. Mayor Hurst states that he shared this in the month of December about the memo from the Engineers. We reviewed everything in Executive Session under contract. Mayor Hurst supports renewing the contract and everyone else is under the same language that he has been stating. He asks if there are any people who would like to make any comments publicly about this contract. No comments from the audience.

Resolution for annual internet sales – Mayor Hurst addresses the council and states that we have passed this every year. Mayor Hurst would like to put this on the agenda for the council meeting at the end of the month.

Item J - Other Business – Mayor Hurst states that there will be a discussion next week with our engineers here – their contract, if there are any questions or comments. There will also be the drainage issue on South Meadowpark on discussion next week. All of these other items will be back on the agenda for next week, if there are any questions or comments. He thinks we are going to be busy with some updates for some simple ordinances for traffic and for misdemeanor crimes in the Village. As soon as we get those, we will put these on the agenda as well. We will also have the Board of Election next week to vote on to put on the ballot.

Councilwoman Terlosky motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kolograf, and five ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer