

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the  
Village of Walton Hills, Ohio held Tuesday  
February 21, 2017 at 6:11 p.m. in the  
Village Hall Council Chambers at 7595 Walton Road

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. The student government is asked to come up to the microphone and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for deceased residents Delores Lerchbacher, Charlene Silvestro, William Collins, Stanley Haw, Bill Anett, Elizabeth Kanjuka, Joanne Dlugo, and Glen Fleischer and the military men and women serving our nation. The roll call was taken by Ms. Iaconis. Councilpersons present were Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, and Brian Spitznagel. Also present were Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer, and Bill Mason, Solicitor.

Councilman Kolograf motioned to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of January 17, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky, and six ayes approved.

ITEM F: Motion to receive and file Council Caucus minutes of February 21, 2017. Councilman Kolograf makes the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, and six ayes approved. Mayor Hurst explains to the students present what just happened – that they approved the minutes from the last meeting.

PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL: Peter Chaky from 7454 North Meadowpark comes to the microphone. He is wondering if there is any course of action about 7460 North Meadowpark, a house that was purchased a year ago and it has been left wide open. Several animals have taken home in it and we cannot get any answer from the Village on what is happening. Mayor Hurst states that, for the record, we have cited that family and we have zoning records that show and reflect that we are on top of this. He will follow up with Rob Kalman and find out where we are with that. This is the first time that the Mayor has heard of this issue. Mayor Hurst said that he will look into it himself tomorrow and will have an answer for Peter tomorrow. Peter thanks the Mayor. No other residents have concerns at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Hurst asks Autumn to read his January Mayor's Court report. She states that for the month of January of 2017, the Walton Hills Police Department issued 148 citations. The predominant violation was speeding with 49 citations written, followed by 19 citations written for expired plates. There were 12 citations written for driving under suspension. The total collection for the month of January of 2017 was \$17,990 and lastly, there was 1 OVI arrest in the month of January of 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor Hurst asks that all the reports that are being prepared tonight to be read by the police chief and the service director. Carol, recreational director, will read them as well. Rolan reads the Finance Department report. He reads that the Village of Walton Hills will begin its 11<sup>th</sup> year of house income tax collections. The Village of Walton Hills continues to pride itself on customer service. The proximity of having tax offers in the Village is an added benefit where the municipal income tax return can be referred at no cost by the member of the finance department. The Village has specifically tailored its tax returns and forms for its residents and employers. Forms can be downloaded at the Village's website. The website's new feature, Individual Auto-Calc Return allow the tax preparer to enter income tax information onto its electronic form that will automatically and accurately calculate one's return. Once finished, the return can be printed out and sent to the Village. For individuals under 18 years of age, income is not taxable by its Village or for most communities. If local taxes are withheld by an employer while under 18, the local taxes should be refunded by its municipality that received the local tax.

The following report on training is on behalf of the Walton Hills Police Department. On February 2, 2017 through February 3, 2017, Sergeant Walsh and Officer Miller attended a Criminal Patrol Baseline Awareness training. Dispatcher supervision Carter and Dispatcher Mason both have completed training for the Ohio Notary Commissions. All officers are continuing to complete their monthly EOPOTA online courses. Also, three new 2017 Ford Explorers have been delivered and are now in the process of being outfitted for police use. The police department is in the process of setting up an advanced senior citizen's police academy for those cadets, which have been previously graduated from one of our past four senior citizen's police academies and would like to learn a little bit more in depth about the police work and procedures.

The following report is coming from the Recreation and Committee Life Department updates. On February 8, 2017, a morning meeting was held with the Mayor Hurst. On February 16, a restaurant trip to Joe's Deli was held. On Thursday, February 24, there will be a play called "Wait Until Dark" at the Hannah Theater. On February 27, there will be a senior lunch. Also on February 27, there will be Bookworms. On February 28, a Town Hall meeting will be held and counselor applications will be accepted March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Baseball and T-ball signups will take place on March 11 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Recreation Center, also available online. Registration closes on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The following report from the Service Department reads as follows. With all of the changing weather conditions, we stay very busy with the coal-patching streets on a weekly basis as needed to ensure safe driving conditions throughout the winter. Several road areas on Dunham Road were repaired based on safety concerns of low shoulders along the road edge. Two of our employees are signed up to attend a forestry conference next month in Kirtland, Ohio. We have completed and mailed our annual residential recycling report to Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for 2016. Cook-up safety hood tests have been completed for the kitchens in the community room in the new banquet hall. An alarm and level control float issue in our Dunham Road Sanitary Sewer Pump station has been repaired. We restocked our salt storage bin with another 200 tons of salt last week. We must purchase a minimum of 1000 tons of salt by the end of March based on the ODOT contract. Several equipment repairs were completed by our mechanic and all winter equipment is now back in good order. Potholes and wash-out areas in our gravel lanes have been filled for safety reasons in case of any emergency situations that may arise in these three private lanes. We continue to make good progress in the interior restoration work at the Recreation Center.

No other reports.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** At this time, Mayor Hurst gives the opportunity for any councilmember to have any comments about tonight's agenda or if they want to hold their comments until the legislation comes up.

Councilman Linville only comments that he knows there were some service people out today looking out for the litter, particularly on Northfield and Alexander Road and they did a very nice job because our Village has become quite epidemic with respect to people throwing litter out.

Councilman Rich stated that he would like to recognize Father Dan Begin, the pastor of St. Mary's Bedford, who passed away on Saturday after a battle with esophagus cancer. Although he was not a member of his parish, he was responsible for resurrecting that church that was closed for several years and he just wanted to let us know that his family lives here on Egbert Road.

Councilwoman Terlosky states that yesterday they had the 50+ Club meeting and the speaker was Mike Reed who runs the Marathon station on the corner. He spoke for over an hour. It was nothing but questions and answers. He is a very delightful person and such an upbeat individual. He truly serves this Village with the service that he does with having a pump with full-service. If you cannot get out of the car for whatever reason, they will come out and pump the gas for you. If you go there and have your car repaired, they will take you home and repair your car while you are home, and then they will come pick you up. She thinks he should be

recognized and she thinks he would be an excellent person for the Thread on the back of the Journal. Councilman Linville will vouch for him as well.

Councilman Kolograf talks about the Village residents who have passed and acknowledge the members of the community. He also states that there was a CIC meeting that went very well and he will be sharing this with council as well as that moves forward.

No more questions or comments.

Mayor Hurst asks for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of land, economic development, personnel, or litigation. Councilman Kolograf makes the motion to go into Executive Session for the February 21, 2017 Council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky, and six ayes approved. Executive Session begins at 6:29 p.m. Executive Session reconvenes at 6:55 p.m. Councilman Kolograf makes the motion to reconvene from Executive Session of the February 21, 2017 Council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky, and six ayes approved.

#### LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2017-3: Councilman Kolograf introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-3, a resolution confirming the appointment of Daniel W. Stucky as street commissioner for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio for the period beginning February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Rich and Councilwoman Terlosky. Six ayes approved. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion for approval of Resolution 2017-3, seconded by Councilman Spitznagel, and one nay and five ayes approved. Councilman Linville wants it very clear that this vote that he voted this evening is merely on a person who has been retired for nine years. He has a distinguished career and it is hard to find anything bad to say about him. In fact, he has said nothing bad about Mr. Stucky. He thinks his management style is exemplary, but he wants to vote no to let Mr. Stucky know that he has been retired for nine years and this money would look awfully good on a huge deficit that we are facing in 2017. Councilman Kolograf makes a comment for the record. He said that there was a lot of discussion that went into that and Mr. Linville to make a comment to throw in there that it is a money issue. This council looks at all issues. We have one employee that left us at a very good salary. We have not replaced that employee. We have another employee out on medical leave right now. So, the difference there in our savings throughout the year would be about the same as if we did not renew that contract and move somebody else. Because we have two people out, we need that role and also, he feels that we need a transition period between managers, especially when you have somebody who is good and has a lot of knowledge. Councilman Linville comments that when we got the budget this year, we quickly pounced on a \$500,000 deficit and how are we going to cut this budget? This is why he based his vote on the way he voted it. Mayor Hurst states that he thinks everyone should reflect that we all manage the budget and we do a good job as we do it as a group effort.

Resolution 2017-7: Councilwoman Brenner-Miller introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-7, a resolution of appreciation for Student Government day and declaring it an emergency, seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments, and six ayes approve. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller requested adoption of Resolution 2017-7, seconded by Councilman Rich. Mayor Hurst noted there were no questions or comments and six ayes approved.

Mayor Hurst invites the students to come up and read this resolution into record for the next order of business.

Councilmembers go to the respective student government representatives and show them what they are going to be reading.

Resolution 2017-7, a resolution of appreciation for Student Government day; each student takes a turn reading.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Spitznagel says thank you to the students and the instructors for coming tonight. It is a pleasure having them and they look forward to these days when they are here. He asks the students to please use the council as they go through your school career, high school and college. He gives the website of [www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov](http://www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov) and they can call or email them. Councilman Rich also thanks the students and he commends their leader. He says he thinks this is the best group they have seen so far. Councilwoman Terlosky thanks them as well. Councilman Kolograf thanks them as well. He says that the Right to Vote and voicing their opinion is so important. Difference in opinions are good and this is how we come to a compromise. Be involved. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller thanks them and tells them they are doing a great job. Mayor Hurst thanks them for coming tonight as well. He thanks the teacher as well. The teacher and Mayor Hurst did have a discussion regarding community service hours, probably in the spring, with maybe a Saturday trash day or something of that nature.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky, and six ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Iaconis  
Fiscal Officer