

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the
Village of Walton Hills, Ohio held Tuesday
May 16, 2017 in the
Village Hall Council Chambers at 7595 Walton Road

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. Mayor Hurst starts the Pledge of Allegiance. This is followed by a moment of silence for our Military men and women and our deceased residents of the Village of Walton Hills. Ms. Iaconis read the name of Richard Yelenoski as a deceased resident. The roll call was then taken by Ms. Iaconis. Councilpersons present were Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, and Brian Spitznagel. Mayor Hurst also asks for the record to show that Law Solicitor Bill Mason is present as well as Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council Katie Iaconis.

ITEM E: APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2017:
Councilman Kolograf makes a motion for approval of the Regular Council meeting minutes of April 18, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Councilman Linville was not present at the April 18, 2017, Regular council meeting. Five ayes approved.

ITEM F: MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2017:
Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to receive and file Council Caucus minutes of May 16, 2017, seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved.

ITEM G: PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL: Mr. Hurst gives the opportunity for any resident who has a concern or question to come forward and given their name and address, and we will try to absorb and answer their question as best we can. Dave Washtock, 7080 Hickory Drive, would like to see the house that was included in the buy to be sold, especially since the other thing got turned down. We do not need any more overhead, and he cannot see an adequate use for that. Maybe we can get over \$100,000 for it, and he thinks we need to knock that cost down the best we can. Unless we have a very good reason to keep it on the books, that is his concern. Hubert Renau, 7067 Kral Drive. Mr. Renau's commentary was regarding the outcome of the levy. Mayor Hurst replied that Council is engaging lots of conversations and looking at several different options, and he is sure the whole Village will see a change in our operations as well as see the change in what we are able to offer our residents. We are discussing it. We have not made any decisions. We look to discuss it in the month of June and pass everything, and hopefully by the end of June if we need to by legislation. Josephine Wartl, 17850 Egbert Rd., in regard to what Mayor Hurst was just discussing, are these options going to be an open meeting that the residents can attend and maybe have some feedback into what the options are going to be. She does not like to see things torn about bit by bit. Like she mentioned at the COW meeting last week, the school is never defeated. They always go back for another levy, so she thinks to keep the continuity of this community the way it has been, and that would help keep the prices on the houses up, is to figure out how we could approach our residents in such a way that we could pass a levy. The schools, if they fail, they keep going. Ms. Wartl thinks that after a time they will start realizing that we do need the money, that we are very frugal in what you spend it on and there is a purpose for everything, but she hates to see everything broken up. Denny Harkai, 7120 Hickory Dr., stated he was a big supporter of the levy. Mr. Harkai is trying to get funding to get the racetrack repaired or paved so it is suitable for the activity we want to use it for. He has received four bids, one as high as \$13,000, another one around \$9,200, and another one he just got from Sirna for about \$8,800. He asked the bidder who was bidding \$9,200 if they could come our way a little bit under the circumstances if we were willing to cooperate with them by letting them put up advertising for their business on the fence. One of the companies really came our way, in his opinion, by taking \$4,250 off the price, bringing it down to only \$5,000. Mr. Harkai realizes \$5,000 is still a considerable amount of money. One of the first lessons Mr. Harkai learned in salesman school is why some people buy things. One of the biggest reasons some people have a "propensity to consume" is a bargain. There is no doubt that getting something for half price is a bargain and would encourage you to consider taking advantage of a bargain. Another reason people consume is for pride or ego satisfaction. Right now, if went down to that park and take a look at what is the center of our

Village recreation, to quote one of our councilmen, it looks like something you would see in the inner city. It is not necessarily something that anybody would be proud of, and Mr. Harkai encourages consideration of working on it because it is a bargain and because it is something that would help the looks of the Village. If anyone wants to know how many people use that facility, Mr. Harkai has email addresses for 48 people. These are not all the people who use it. These are the people in his database that he sends messages to inform of race times. Nine of them are residents of the Village. Mr. Harkai has some sponsorship coming from Kyosho, who is one of the biggest manufacturers of radio controlled airplanes, boats, cars, drones, and so forth. He does not know the amount of the sponsorship yet, but it is something that would count toward that. Mr. Harkai personally makes a commitment to be in for \$1,000. If Council is willing to move forward and make this happen, Mr. Harkai will bring the cost down himself by another \$1,000, bringing it down to \$4,000. Mr. Harkai also has some suggestions regarding working on the budget and looking for creative ways to do things. There was a recreational budget approved for 200-some thousand dollars. Perhaps we could look for ways to take certain funds from certain things and shift them around. Mr. Harkai personally would not miss the fireworks display at Community Day if that meant we could take some of those funds and use them toward the Recreation Department. Mr. Harkai would like to know as soon as possible what the plan is. No further questions or comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT: For the month of April, we had 138 citations written for the month. The predominant violation was speeding, 41 citations written, followed by 19 citations written for expired plates, 5 citations written for no operator's license, and there were also 4 arrests for OVI in the month of April. Our total revenue for the month of April is \$96,569. This time last year, we were at \$100,738, so we are short approximately \$4,200 from last year. For Miscellaneous, Mayor Hurst does not have much to say. We have two baseball teams for the Recreation Department this year. One is manager's pitch and one is T-ball. We have Parker Program, and we are at 84 children as of right now, but the Parker Program has not started. As that starts, we usually get close to 100 kids when the season starts. People do come in at the last minute. We do have a lot of the counselors interviewed and put in place for the recreation. We will be having fire extinguisher training for all employees on Wednesday, May 31st, at Walton Hills Lake. At that same time, the Fire Department will teach some CPR and fundamentals and will be filling the lake at the same time. Also, all the Parker Program counselors will receive their training next Saturday at the park for CPR for their certifications and things of that nature. These are things that we have been doing for the last five to six years so we can get their certificates and help our insurance and also provide safety for the children.

ITEM I: COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Linville has nothing to comment on. Councilwoman Benner-Miller has nothing to comment on. Councilman Rich comments for the gentleman who had asked what expenses we were going to be cutting as a result of our discussion last week, it is all on public record. The Mayor came up with 13 or 14 ways to cut the budget, and there were other suggestions. It is in the notes to see what the suggestions were, although we have not gone anywhere with it. This way you at least have something to fall back on. In regard to Mr. Harkai's comments, Councilman Rich knows that three years ago this Council supported a \$5,000 grant to support the racetrack. He does see that there is some major decay going on at the basketball court, and the tennis court is pretty much nonexistent. Nobody uses them. If he were to be asked if he would support Mr. Harkai's \$5,000, he would, considering the fact that he started at \$13,000 and he was able to negotiate to \$5,000. Councilwoman Terlosky comments regarding training for the people for the Parker Program for CPR. When she was working, they offered that training to anyone in the community or employees because in your own family you might need to do that. Maybe something could be open to the public to have that training also. Councilman Kolograf has nothing to comment on. Councilman Spitznagel comments regarding the gentleman with the question about what we are talking about. The Mayor has come up with several things looking at the budget, and there have been some other things bantered about that we will be talking about next month. As far he is concerned, the residents told us loud and clear that they want us to work within the revenues we are receiving. Can we, as Ms. Wartl said, go back to the people? We probably could, but that takes time, and we have to act. The time has come to do something before the funds run to such a low amount that we do not have any cushion. Something always happens every year, a pump station breaks or a culvert needs to be fixed, and that is \$80,000 to \$100,000 just like that. We have to keep that fund balance up.

We had four Town Hall meetings, and we put it in the Journal and the other newspaper. People had plenty of opportunity to read the facts, and they did, and they gave us their answer. We will be working on it throughout the summer. We hope to get things moving along towards the end of the summer. As far as Mr. Harkai's statement, Councilman Spitznagel went down there and looked at everything, and he thinks we can find some creative ways to, as Mr. Harkai stated, with maybe getting some sort of advertisement down, maybe some of our local business or non-local businesses that would like to participate. The Councilman is willing to do some legwork.

Councilman Kolograf wanted to make one comment which was mentioned in the COW meeting last week. He does not want it to seem like this falls on the Mayor and Council. The Mayor already tasked his departments to come up with savings. The Councilman feel very strongly they should have the largest input. If they cannot make those cuts, then of course we might have to give them suggestions or help them do it, but it is definitely their decisions that we have to work with. They know their departments the best. They should be able to tell us what we can cut in their departments with the least amount of impact. It is also their responsibility along with us and the Mayor to make those. That is a very important piece. We have to work together. They have to tell us if we cut that, what is the impact of that cut. It is a money thing plus it has an impact. Our goal is to make the biggest cut with the smallest impact, which is not always easy to do. That is what our goal should be to try to save the most money and affect the residents in the Village the most. Sometimes those two do not equal, but that is what your goal should be. Mayor Hurst states he has put together several proposals. It will be on the front page of the Journal. Between the Mayor's proposals from the administration side and the Safety Director, Council will weigh these options out. We will discuss these and debate them at the two COW meetings, and hopefully by July 1st we will have some things in place.

ITEM J: LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2017-9: Councilman Kolograf introduces for suspension Ordinance 2017-9, an ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances providing for adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances, repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve. Councilman Kolograf introduces for approval Ordinance 2017-9, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2017-13: Councilman Linville introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-13, a resolution repealing Resolution 2016-28 which adopted a 12-month moratorium on the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for the cultivation, processing, and retail sale of medical marijuana in the Village of Walton Hills, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. One nay; five ayes approve. Councilman Linville introduces for approval Resolution 2017-13, seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. One nay; five ayes approve.

ITEM K – MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Hurst calls for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss purchase and/or sale of land, economic development, personnel, and/or litigation. Councilman Kolograf makes the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss purchase and/or sale of land, economic development, personnel, and litigation, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments being noted. Six ayes approved. Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. We will come back out afterwards to reconvene and then adjourn the meeting.

ITEM L - RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Linville makes the motion to reconvene from Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Rich. No questions or comments being noted. Six ayes approved. Reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Hurst addressed Council stating after taking notes and everything that we talked about, they are pretty well informed about what he is going to do in the next couple days. Mayor Hurst asked for any old or new business at this time. No questions or comments.

ITEM N - MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Linville makes a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of May 16, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved. Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Iaconis
Fiscal Officer