

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the
Village of Walton Hills, Ohio held Tuesday
August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the
Village Hall Council Chambers at 7595 Walton Road

Mayor Hurst called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance opens the meeting. Next, we have a moment of silence for our Military men and women serving our nation, and we have one deceased resident, Helen Hanlin. The roll call was then taken by Mr. Vic Nogalo. 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 tax administrator, Mr. Vic Nogalo.

MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2017: Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to receive and file Council Caucus minutes of August 15, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved.

PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL: Mayor Hurst gives the opportunity for any resident who would like to come forward and ask questions of council or myself at this meeting. None are seen.

MAYOR'S COURT REPORT: Mayor Hurst states that for the month of July 2017, we have recorded \$166,571. We had 137 citations in the month of June, and the predominant violation was speeding with 33 citations written followed by 31 citations written for expired plates and 11 arrests for driving under suspension. There were also 5 arrests for the OVIs in the month of July.

Also, Mayor Hurst states that there is Meeting with the Mayor Hurst tomorrow morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the community room across the hallway/across the foyer.

Thursday is a planning commission meeting on September 17 at 6 p.m. Items to be discussed will be new business relocating from Mentor, Ohio; proposal of storage of items located; a wall relocated near the riparian setbacks on South Meadowpark; and more discussion for proposal for overlay zoning for conditional use of the zoning.

We may have another planning commission on August 31, depending on if all parties get their items in before the five-day deadline. That is still out there. We have two different parties interested in planning so we are seeing if they get their prints and their designs in and things.

Mayor Hurst reminds the council that we will be having a special council meeting on September 5. This will be to accept the bids for the project on South Meadowpark. We went out for bids and they will be opened on the end of the month of August. So we will have a special council meeting to accept those bids.

Overall, Mayor Hurst states the community day was a real big hit with the scholarships being presented to the Walton Hills student in pursuit of their higher education. We did win the softball game with the Babes of 1916. We also had some new vendors who provided very safe and very clean jump houses, slides, and other activities. The Women's Club once again greatly appreciated the use of a concession stand. The Lake Club thanked me and Councilman Kolograf for the dunk tank for all the help that was provided. Also, the fireworks were well received by many residents. It was a positive day, and it seemed like everybody enjoyed themselves.

Friday, August 25, 2017, is Flags of Honor at 6 p.m. That is here at the Village Hall. We will take all the help and volunteers that we can get. Set up is at 9 a.m. on Friday. This program will last for three days and will end on Sunday, August 27, 2017. The closing ceremony is at 2 p.m. Then, we need help cleaning up.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilwoman Terlosky comments that she agrees that the Community Day was very nice. The 50+ Club has a booth there and everything was donated, the prizes from the members of the 50+ Club. We collected \$258, which will go toward the benevolent fund here in the Village of Walton Hills.

Councilman Linville states that as he walked around Community Day and met and talked to people, there was a somewhat regular comment that the attendance was down this year. He says this seemed to be the case. He thinks everybody had a good time. It was well organized and well run. Everything went off as advertised. He had a good time and he thought it was one of the better community days with the letter and everything that we had.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2017-12: Councilman Rich introduces for suspension Ordinance 2017-12, an ordinance authorizing and directing the fiscal officer to certify delinquent property maintenance charges to the county auditor for collection and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. Councilman Spitznagel states if we have a list of four names that we are going to get collections on. No further comments or questions. Six ayes approve. Councilman Rich introduces for adoption of ordinance 2017-12, seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Ordinance 2017-13: Councilman Linville introduces for suspension Ordinance 2017-13, an ordinance amending Section 260.18 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Walton Hills titled Wage Rates for Village Employees, making the same effective on August 1, 2017, as here enacted or indicated, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No comments or questions. Six ayes approve. Councilman Linville introduces for adoption of ordinance 2017-13, seconded by Councilman Rich. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2017-18: Councilman Kolograf introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-18, a resolution of appreciation to Kenn Thellmann for the distinguished public service he has provided to the residents of the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No comments or questions. Six ayes approve. At this time, Mayor Hurst asks the council to read this into record what this Resolution is about. Councilmembers take turns reading, "Whereas Kenn Thellmann graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science in 1993 and whereas Kenn Thellmann attended and graduated Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy graduating June 18, 1984 and, whereas Kenn Thellmann was hired by the Walton Hills Police Department on March 15, 1984 as a part-time police officer, upgraded to a full-time police officer on February 17, 1985, and he was promoted to a rank of police sergeant on December 2, 1990. Kenn was then promoted to lieutenant on February 16, 1999 and became police chief on October 5, 2011, and whereas Kenn Thellmann obtained many certifications including but not limited to the following: BAC, Data master operator, Basic jailer training, DARE officer, FBI training, street survival, lead certification, first-line supervision, tactical first responder, basic radar operator, domestic violence, evidence collection, racial profiling, missing children, human diversity, semiautomatic pistol operator to name only a few; and whereas Kenn Thellmann retired from the Walton Hills Police Department with the ranking of police chief on July 31, 2017. He is enjoying spending more time with his wife, Lisa, his grandchildren, and his children. Now therefore be it resolved by the legislative authority of the Village of Walton Hills, state of Ohio, that Section 1 – the Mayor, members of council, and administration of the Village, on behalf of all residents of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, hereby and herein express their sincere appreciation to Kenn Thellmann for the many years of public service he has provided to the residents of the Village of Walton Hills. Section 2 – The clerk of council is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the

residents of Kenn Thellmann. Section 3 – This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health peace, safety, and welfare for the reasons stated in the Preamble hereof and provided that we receive an affirmative vote of 5 or more members of the legislative authority and signature of the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.” Mayor congratulates Kenn and applause ensues.

Resolution 2017-19: Councilwoman Terlosky introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-19, a resolution awarding police chief Kenn Thellmann his service weapon and badge upon his retirement from the Walton Hills Police Department and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Rich. No comments or questions. Six ayes approve. Councilwoman Terlosky introduces for adoption of Resolution 2017-19, seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve. Mayor Hurst asks that this be read into record now. The councilmembers take turns reading the following: “Whereas Kenn Thellmann has faithfully served the Village of Walton Hills for over 40 years and whereas in addition to the proclamation of appreciation, the Village wishes to further honor his faithful service by awarding his service weapon and badge to him. Now, therefore be it resolved by the council of the Village of Walton Hills, state of Ohio; Section 1 – That the service weapon is Sig Sauer P266 40-caliber, serial number UU791990 is hereby awarded to police chief Kenn Thellmann upon his retirement for his faithful service to the Village of Walton Hills. Section 2 – That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, wherefore this resolution should take effect and be in force upon receiving the affirmative vote of 2/3 of all members elected to council; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law. Mayor Hurst gives Kenn his badge and weapon. Mayor Hurst states it is with great honor to give Kenn his badge and weapon and thanks him for his service. Applause ensues. Mayor Hurst wants to thank Kenn for the 40 years he served the Village, his family not only his father but he himself has made a lot of sacrifices to the Village of Walton Hills. It is greatly appreciated. Mayor Hurst states that he has only worked under me for seven years and helped me in many ways. It is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Resolution 2017-20: Councilwoman Brenner-Miller introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-20, a resolution approving the lot split of PPN 793-22-001 confirming the action of the Village Planning Commission on June 28, 2017, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller introduces for adoption of Resolution 2017-20, seconded by Councilman Linville. No comments or questions. Mayor Hurst makes one comment and states that he asked them in COW to have this donated to the CIC, but we will have to wait and do this in another month because I do not have a parcel number. We have to do the split and then wait 30 days and then we will have a parcel number. That is why it is not on the agenda tonight. Six ayes approved.

Resolution 2017-21: Councilman Spitznagel introduces for suspension Resolution 2017-21, a resolution confirming the appointment of Stan Jaworski as interim police chief for the Village of Walton Hills, making the same effective on August 1, 2017, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No further questions or comments. Six ayes approved. Councilman Spitznagel introduces for adoption of Resolution 2017-21, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No comments or questions. Six ayes approved.

ITEM L: OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Hurst asks the council if there is any old business. None is seen.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Hurst asks the council if there is any new business. None is seen. Mayor Hurst wanted to reiterate to everyone about Honor Flags and if we can get everyone to come. Mayor Hurst states that Councilman Linville and Councilwoman Terlosky will be off work tomorrow. He states that if they could come in the morning to the Mayor’s Meeting at 9 a.m.; we get about 65 people who come; and they can get a good opportunity to speak face-to-face to the people who have questions and they can answer these questions. They can see the interaction that we have. Councilwoman Terlosky has been coming since this started. The Mayor

encourages Councilman Linville to try and come so he can get a first grasp of the questions that residents like to ask. He knows the rest of the council work. The Honor Flags is the most important thing. He asks them to drive safely. The students will be back in school soon. He thinks Cuyahoga Heights starts tomorrow and he thinks that Bedford starts next week. The next big holiday is Labor Day. Then, we will have the next COW meeting on September 5, 2017.

Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of August 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rich. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Iaconis
Fiscal Officer