

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the
Village of Walton Hills, Ohio held Tuesday
October 17, 2017 at 6:05 p.m. in the
Village Hall Council Chambers at 7595 Walton Road

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance is spoken. Mayor Hurst also asks for a moment of silence for our Military men and women and for the one resident who has passed since our last meeting, Frances Law. The roll call was then taken by Katie 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 the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 20, 2017. Councilman Linville makes a motion to ask for approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 20, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Rich. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Six ayes approve.

Item F: Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 15, 2017. Councilman Rich makes a motion to ask for approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 15, 2017. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Six ayes approve.

Item G: Motion to receive and file Council Caucus minutes of October 17, 2017. Councilwoman Terlosky makes a motion to receive and file the Council Caucus minutes from October 17, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Rich. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Six ayes approve.

Mayor Hurst asks for motions to approve the items talked about in the Council Caucus minutes of October 17, 2017.

Councilman Spitznagel makes a motion to accept the contract of the senior snow plowing with the same contractor at the same price as last year. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Mayor Hurst states that this is nothing unusual. We have had about five contracts in the last ten years, and every year it seems that we renew it the second year before we go out for bids because it is a fair price and the bid process has always worked and it saved our residents a lot of money. Six ayes approve.

Councilman Linville makes a motion that we cancel the COW meeting of November 7, 2017, because of the Election Day activities. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Six ayes approve.

Item H: Persons having business before council. Mayor Hurst explains that we give the opportunity for our residents to come forward and ask any questions or concerns that they may have.

Dave Washtock from 7080 Hickory approaches the microphone and introduces himself. He was going to ask why the cancelation of the November meeting was not going to be rescheduled. He was then informed by the council that this was for the COW meeting and it does not have to be rescheduled.

No other questions or comments from the audience.

Item I: Mayor's Report. Mayor's court receipts for the month of September at \$213,6920.00. That is \$4,000 more than we were this time last year. So, we have already surpassed last year's amount. We had 126 citations for the month of September. The predominant violations were speeding with 39 citations written followed by

13 citations written with expired plates, 8 citations for driving under suspension, and we had 4 arrests for OVIs in the month of December. Also, with the report, Mayor Hurst wanted to bring to everyone's attention that in our safety fund that we added to the court costs, we have \$17,000 and some change so far this year as compared to this time last year, we only had \$9,000. For the auxiliary police, we have \$3,805, as of last year we only had \$470.00. We did not have this process in place where we charge \$5 for every court case for the auxiliary police. So, in effect, that \$3,800.00 actually will cover their participation in the court every week for the year at \$12/hour. If you do the math, it covers all the costs. So, the court effectively pays for safety equipment and also pays for auxiliary, something we have not had in the past.

Also, Mayor Hurst reminds everyone that tomorrow morning is Meeting with the Mayor Hurst. He has invited all candidates that are running for council to please come to the meeting so they have the opportunity to ask any questions or to clarify any false statements, and to try and bring light to the continued false statements that are made within the Village. We usually have around 45 to 65 people that come. Everyone is welcome to come. It is open to the public. We have coffee and sometimes some pastries. Mayor Hurst states that we have Mapleside Farm events on Thursday of this week. They are leaving the community center on Alexander Road at 10 a.m. and going to Brunswick to Mapleside farms. There is a list that Carol has. If you are interested, please contact Carol at the Community Building. Art class is October 24. Also, on October 24, we have a play that is leaving the Community Building at 6:30 p.m. down at Palace Theater. A lot of these events are booked up already. She has a few tickets left. Mayor Hurst says that the Halloween party is on Sunday October 29. That is at the Community Center as well. We wanted everyone to be aware of that. Senior lunch is on October 30 at the Community Center. Also, on that same evening, on October 30, we have Carol's Bookworms. Mayor Hurst wanted to get these events clarified before the next meeting because we have so many different events going on. Also, we have canceled our public COW meeting on November 5th, it is election day. Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11th. We will still have a program here at 11 a.m. The Women's Club will host a pancake breakfast. The Village pays for all the pancake mix and all the supplies, and then in return, all Veterans get to eat for free. All they have to do is show some type of Veteran's ID, and they get to eat for free. It has always been a nice program, and we usually serve close to 100 people every time.

Item J: Council comments. Councilman Linville speaks and states that he got a report from a neighbor and he witnessed it as well. A resident has 6 or 7 garages and he parks his cars on the front lawn of his property. The neighbor commented that it sort of looks like the Bedford Auto Mart over there. He wanted to report this in case there is anything that can be done about it. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller has no comments at this time. Councilman Rich asks one question. He states he was approached by a resident who has Spectrum Cable and has a bundle. Their bundle went from \$100 to \$200 in two years. Where the location is on Alexander Road, there is no provision for an AT&T wireless network. He does not know how many other residents are affected by this, but you are sort of locked into Spectrum's bundle and cannot get good prices on a bundle for all three services that they provide because they just keep ratcheting it up each year after your anniversary date. So, he is wondering if the information committee is possibly able to look into something like this and offer the residents a little more information about what is available; not necessarily negotiate pricing, but what else is available in our area. He says this is on Alexander Road specifically because apparently the bridge does not reach far enough to bring a good signal down. Mayor Hurst says that the fiberoptic is still in the process. It is on Sonny Drive, it is on Sagamore Road in some areas, and it is on Egbert Road. So, some of our residents are experiencing fiberoptic and getting AT&T GigaPower. The process is to have that within the whole community within the next year and a half. They have paid for their underground fees to trench everything underground. Mayor Hurst says that this ordinance has been on our books since 1994 for any type of underground boring. We had never collected on it until Rob Kalman came along and we collected \$10,000 last year. These are simple ordinances that have always been there. So, it is not available at this date, but it should be available hopefully within a year.

Councilwoman Terlosky states that Spectrum went to digital in the beginning of October. Because old TVs will not work with that digital, you can get a free box. You go to Garfield Heights, which is the closest place. She

says it was like a food line of people winding around to turn in there to get their box. She says that is only for one year. Councilman Kolograf has no comments. Councilman Spitznagel speaks and states that he is glad to hear that they are finally getting the fiberoptics because he remembers speaking with one of their representatives a few years ago and they basically told him that they can run one fiber optic line to an apartment in Bedford and get more service and more customers than they would in Walton Hills. He is glad they are putting it out here, albeit slowly. Councilman Spitznagel said that he called Spectrum a few weeks ago and they told him he was grandfathered until the old Time-Warner. He put him on hold and then he came back and said that if he changed over to Spectrum now, I can give the same package you have now and it would be \$20 more. He said that is not too good of a deal. He said just to stay grandfathered under Time-Warner. Dish Network is an option, but if there is a cloud in the sky... He put up with this also, but he is glad we are getting a few more options. He states that also AT&T has tried to get us to go to their all-inclusive package with DSL service for years. He says that he lives on Spanghurst, and they will tell you that he is capable of getting DSL service, which is not a lie, but he is so far away from their junction box that it would be like regular dial-up service. So, it is useless. He simply says that people have to be careful of what you have. He says that maybe sometime in the future we can put together something with options and things like that so people have it in one place.

Mayor Hurst says that the reason the fiber optic is moving forward is that the county was forcing all of our 9-1-1 systems to become fiber optic, and because when we dispatch to Oakwood, that made us eligible for the investment to come Oakwood and Broadway to come this way. This is one of the reasons why it has sped up. He says this has been an ongoing issue since he started on council in 2004. It is still a slow progress because we do not have a monopoly in this system. He says we have gotten fiber optic into a lot of our businesses now, and that has been a real struggle. That comes from Forbes Road. It does not come right off of Northfield Road or Alexander. Mayor Hurst states that they have been aggressive to get all the business owners to sign on Creek Road, and we have it all the way to Valtris, which is old Ferro Chemical, they have fiber optic. When it goes around to Bedford, it stops at Hukill Chemical. That is because that is Bedford city and it is a different ruling. He does not know why it stopped there and he does not know if maybe they could not get everyone on the same signature line or something, but he does know that we have upgraded in our industrial area because they are our bread and butter. Mayor Hurst says that keeping the lines of communication open is key. No other questions or comments.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2017-25: Councilman Rich introduces Resolution 2017-25 for suspension, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant and/or loan for the funding of capital infrastructure and improvement projects in the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Six ayes approve. Councilman Rich introduces for approval Resolution 2017-25. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments from councilmembers. Six ayes approve.

Item K: Enter Executive Session. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase or sale of land, economic development, personnel, and litigation. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Mayor Hurst does state that they will go into Executive Session and then will come back out. They will then not vote on anything other than to adjourn the meeting. He says this is basically simply preparing us for the budget and preparing us for the next step in the next couple of months. He says they have some economic development that they will be discussing, and they have some personnel issues. So, it has nothing to do on the bearing of this month's operations. Six ayes approve. Enter Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

Item L: Reconvene from Executive Session. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to reconvene from Executive Session on October 17, 2017, at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Linville. Councilwoman

Brenner-Miller comments and says that she will not be able to attend the November 24 council meeting. She will be out of town. Mayor Hurst thanks her. No other questions or comments from the council. Six ayes approve.

Old and New Business: Mayor Hurst said that they already pretty much went over all the old and new business. No questions or comments on old or new business.

Councilman Linville makes a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of October 17, 2017, at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Iaconis
Fiscal Officer