

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: November 14, 2017

Time: 6:09 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Council Chambers

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer. Present: Councilpersons Mary Brenner-Miller, Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, Denny Linville, and Councilman Spitznagel. Six ayes approve. Mayor Hurst also wants the record to reflect that our law solicitor William Mason and Katie Iaconis as our Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council.

Item C – Persons Having Business Before Council. None are seen.

Item D – Discussion of Cuyahoga County Sewer Maintenance Agreement. Mayor Hurst states that we started discussing this in the month of September, and then we did have a presentation by Mr. Don Sheehy in the month of October. He thinks a lot of the council's questions were answered. Mayor Hurst states that if there are any other questions or comments, he will make sure we can follow up with our Village Engineers or maybe Mr. Mason to answer these questions as well. Mayor Hurst tells Councilman Spitznagel that he asked Mr. Sheehy to put in writing what the assumed assessment might be. He said he thought it was about \$135 to \$150, but he will put it in writing and check with the council, and the Mayor said he will have this for him before next week. Mayor Hurst says that he just had a meeting with him and he was aware of that. Most of the council was at that meeting and that is what was discussed. Councilman Spitznagel said it is in there and it breaks it down by different municipalities and it is around that figure.

Mayor Hurst says that they are already in our community in the industrial area because the industrial area is owned by the County and the sewer maintenance and the storm water. That is where the name Treat Road came from. Councilman Kolograf confirms that this is per year. Mayor Hurst confirms this. This will probably come into effect in January. Councilman Kolograf says that, with our infrastructure, this will give us a savings of about \$125,000 to \$150,000. Mayor Hurst confirms this and states that is causing us a lot of problems are the pump stations where Dunham Road and Tinker's Creek and also on Egbert Road, and also the one down on Egbert by Kral Drive. Those three are getting antiquated, and we have to rebuild them ourselves, but we are talking about close to \$150,000 for each unit. Mayor Hurst says that we did replace most of the pump station on Dunham Road when we redid that road the houses on Dunham Road going into Maple Heights were still on septic tanks. We changed all this in 2004 when most of you were not on council, but he knows there were some of us there. This was part of this debt that we rolled over. Mayor Hurst asks to put this on next week's regular council meeting. Council is in agreement with this. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for questions or comments. Raymond Weeden from 19346 Rashell Drive speaks. He is stating that he was not here in the month of October and he wanted to hear a little bit more about what this all included and the maintenance agreement with the pump station. Mayor Hurst explains that because we have three pump stations in our town, the county has agreed to maintenance those stations and rebuild them. We have a lot of ongoing storm water and sewage issues on Alexander Road with calcifying on the pipes that almost looks like Limestone on the pipes. There is a way of jetting them out and cleaning them up, but it does not clean them 100%. The jetting system and camera system for this village is close to \$100,000 a year to map out the village. We have not done it in this village for almost 15 years. We are supposed to do it every 5 to 6 years. Mayor Hurst knows that he works for the sewer district so he has more knowledge than I do, so he understands what the Mayor is talking about. So, we have always paid dollar one in this village to maintain all the sewers and all the storm waters because all the residential on Alexander and all the side streets belong to the Village of Walton Hills. The industrial area, which was here before the village was developed, is all county sewer pipes like in front of the Ford plant and that area. The sewer pipes are right now being assessed by those businesses and they are being

maintained right now, or in the process of, with the county program. So, this was recommended by Shagrin Valley Engineering. We weighed out the options and listened to the reasons of why or why not, so we are putting it on the agenda to vote on it to go into an agreement. Raymond asks what the term and the cost of the agreement is. Mayor Hurst says he will have to look it up, but he thinks the term was ten years, and he thinks the cost agreement was going to be assessed by address, not by the frontage, because some of the lots are larger than other lots. It would be a fixed price of between \$1.35 and \$1.50. Mayor Hurst can get the details to him. Mayor states that it would be per year and would be on the county taxes. Mayor explains that we could not get our millage passed or get anything done, so we have to pass this cost off to our residents as we can no longer continue to maintain the process. Raymond then asks that on the pump stations, if the pump stations need to be rebuilt, no matter what the cost, if it runs up to \$250,000 a piece, the county will cover that – and that will also be rolled over with an assessment to the residents? Mayor Hurst says he does not think it is going to be as big of an impact because we have the commercial area. He says it is a bank account and we now have over \$300,000 in that bank account. So, we already have a savings going into this because of all the assessments in the industrial area. So, from what the Mayor understands, if we do this, that money will go into the account to help us with our pump stations to where there will be no more cost to the residents other than the final assessment. That is why we are looking at this option because we are not trying to gauge anyone or cause any major cost, so we looked at the best options for us and when we found out that we had over \$300,000 into that budgeted account, that would pay for a lot of the sewer maintenance and everything. Councilman Kolograf brings up that there is an exit agreement in there as well. Mayor Hurst confirms this and states that all of our contracts have an indemnification and exit clause. So, we do have an option if it does not go our way, we can back out. Councilman Spitznagel states that obviously we are in a financial position where we cannot do all these things. He brings with him the presentation and there are 8 types of things that they do maintenance wise. All of the cleaning, smoke and dye testing, digital video inspection, and all those things are a lot more than we can do. They have the scale to be able to do that efficiently and more cost effectively than we could ever. So, just on that alone, I think it is a good deal as far as being able to maintain our infrastructure better than what we have been doing paying it on our own piecemeal. Mayor Hurst states that our sewer system started at around 1983. He states that in 2004, we finally made our final hookups in the Village of Walton Hills and that was by Maple Heights. We actually had residents in 2004 still living on well water and septic tanks. We cleaned up a lot of those areas in 2004, and that actually brought the property value up on those homes on Dunham Road going into Maple Heights. They had brown water and had terrible water and it was a bad system. So, to cut to the chase, the Village of Walton Hills sewer system is not very old and we have always maintenance and when something happens, we fixed it. We have not had an ongoing fixed maintenance program. He says that we need a continuous maintenance program to keep everything functioning correctly. So, we are getting into that stage of our equipment where it is breaking down and costing us a lot of money. So, that is why we have decided to go this route. We are looking for ways to trim the budget so we have a proposed budget for next year, and this is one to the avenues we are looking at. No more questions or concerns. Mayor Hurst wants to put that on next week for the council meeting.

Item E – Discussion of Overlay Zoning. Mayor Hurst states this is another process that we started in the month of May. It went through floor planning commission meetings and it went through three of our COW meetings. He knows that Mr. [Smarigen] did come in here and explain a lot of this to us. He wants to put this also on next week for the council's consideration. He states that this is where we would have a conditional use to our residential area that would have 15 acres or more. It is specifically spelled out in that language. Also, the way this is designed is that there would be buffer zones to residents and it would not be impacting residents. We would make sure that we would retain the property values of those residents around these developed properties. Mayor Hurst states that he can tell them that investors have called. He has shared with the council some of the investors names of some large parcels. This was clearly thought of when we found out about the First Energy 87 acres being available, then we found out about Ms. Joan Wilds' property of 23 acres, and then we found out about Gospel House as having 50 acres. Those are some of the prime locations as well as the 16 acres we have on Walton Road. This is where all this came from. Mayor Hurst is pretty much re-hashing what the council already knows, but he is also saying it so

the residents know the facts as well. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor for questions or comments. Mayor would like to put this on next week for consideration at the regular council meeting. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller had already requested to be out of town and Mayor Hurst asks her to give her opinion publicly about this. She speaks and states that this is a good idea and has been fully vetted and would be for the best interest of the community. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states that if she were here next week, she certainly would vote for that. She states that to her, it is a no-brainer because we can keep the integrity of the Village and yet we can take in all options when it comes to potential development. So, she would say a definite yes. No other comments or questions from the council. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience. No questions or comments. Council approves to put it on next week's regular council meeting for consideration.

Item F – Discussion on Traffic Cameras. Mayor Hurst is, once again, re-hashing. He states we are once again going out for bids with the council's approval. He states there is a memo that tells the council all the director's reports. There is a recreation, safety, and service department under this report. He references this report because on the very last pages is the National Insurance Institute and Recovery data. It is a list of all the communities in the state of Ohio who have traffic cameras right now in operation. There are 16. From what the Mayor understands with conversations with other Mayors, there are 23 other communities considering it at this time. This was something that was very controversial at one time. We want to educate our residents. We would set the speed limit at 15 miles over the speed limit, which means you would be doing 50 miles per hour before you would get a ticket. The tickets do not cause points. This is to slow down traffic and to bring safety back into the grasp of Walton Hills. Most of our tickets that we have are 51 or more; some are 60 and 70; going down Alexander Road, so this is another device to slow down the traffic. For three years now, we have had the flashing lights on our roads to prepare our residents for this process. There is a counter on there with the light that kicks on in the middle. That has kicked on over 10,000 times in the last three years. That 10,000 times means you are going 12 miles over the speed limit. Mayor Hurst states that this is nothing that has not been thought out. The council has been informed of all of this. This has all been public. We would like to bring in some professionals to explain the details to us and give us the lay of the program and see if we can bring safety back into the grasp of Village of Walton Hills. Councilman Spitznagel speaks and states that we are not targeting our residents. We are not targeting the residents in Walton Hills. We are targeting those who traverse through Walton Hills. If we do this and put cameras at the major throughways through Walton Hills, we will certainly advertise multiple times most likely where those cameras are for our residents, and if you choose to speed over that and we have put that information out... Again, we do not want to lie burdens on our residents. We are very cognizant of this. We do have a lot of people, as the Mayor said, traversing Walton Hills going many miles per hour over the speed limit and we do have full-time officers on the roads but we don't have them covering every road all the time. If they are over there, they cannot be covering Alexander or Northfield. He thinks it is a good idea and is for it. He still has to listen to the professionals and all that and get our proposals back, but he thinks it is a good idea. Councilman Kolograf states that he knows the Mayor mentioned at one time that there is a state mandate and the whole state has it. Mayor Hurst states that he thinks Illinois is the whole state and he thinks it is in the packet he gave them. Mayor Hurst would like to put it on next week for first reading, with council's approval. He wants to put it on as first reading so it is another public meeting and we can speak about it. He is not passing it next week because we want to wait for proposals and look at it. We may find proposals and something we are not happy with. And we will either table it or drop it off.

Item G – Discussion of Rubbish Collection Agreement. Mayor Hurst states that we discussed this ever since the levy failed for the safety that we can no longer sustain this. This was under your consideration of passing this on to our residents, which will be going through their property tax. It is estimated at \$15 per month for their trash collections. This will save us close to \$170,000. This is another way of reducing our expenditures. Mayor wants to get it on for first reading for next week so we can all hear what we have to say. It is a process. It has to go through the county and it has to go through the auditors for the taxes and things. Mayor Hurst opens the floor to the councilmembers for questions and comments. Councilman

Linville asks if this is going to be written up in our journal so the residents can be exposed to what is happening? Mayor Hurst says that he can definitely do an item on that. Councilman Kolograf states that he thinks the most important thing is the agreement itself, to have an exit clause, the length, and things like that. Mayor Hurst says that we have two more years with Kimble, and this won't affect our price because we are still keeping the commitment of the consortium. Bedford is already doing this and has been doing this for two years now. He says we are the only community in that consortium that is not doing this, and we are the only community absorbing that cost. Mayor Hurst thinks that if we go to the county and there are 59 communities and there are only about 6 that pay their resident's rubbish, and we are one of the six. However, we are still the lowest taxes. No more questions or comments from the council. Mayor Hurst opens it up to the audience for questions or comments. Raymond Weeden from 19346 Rashell Drive speaks and says this is the first time he is hearing on this as well. He asks if it is \$15 or so per month? Mayor Hurst says yes. Raymond states he does not think that will necessary break the bank for any of our residents. However, in addition to an assessment for sewer maintenance and now adding on an assessment for rubbish, which we can control some of that, he says that perhaps with now finding a potential new revenue source with the speed cameras, could we perhaps wait and see what the reality is of the speed camera revenue before this new assessment for the residents? He says it is just seems like a double whammy and if there is any way to not do that, he thinks it would be prudent. Mayor Hurst says he appreciates him saying this and states to Raymond that we did mention this when we did the levy, and many residents said do what you want, but I am not paying no more taxes. We did downsize our police by part time and full time. We did make a lot of cuts in our operations. Our employees pay 20% of their healthcare. I know residents did not understand those cuts or reductions, but he asks Raymond to please believe that people do not read things or grasp what is going on. He says we are not talking about inside millage here that would really impact the residents. Mayor Hurst says that he thinks we have chosen the lesser of evils that we have of options. They could roll back tax credit of where we work like Macedonia did and other communities have, and only give you 75% credit, and that would generate some money. So, then, we have the working folks paying for it. This is the fairest way across the board without putting it on the property tax. He says he does not think that any of the residents felt any hardship when we had to downsize our police or anything else. I think this is a wake-up call to let them know that we cannot continue to sustain at 0.3 mils, which gives a \$200,000 house \$18 a year to the Village of Walton Hills. That does not even cover one month of trash. Mayor Hurst says he has been very creative and has created a lot of jobs. He does not see any other way to do it but to follow suit with what other communities are doing. He has done a lot of things that have benefitted this village. Raymond speaks and says that there has been a lot of creativity brought to the table under the Mayor's leadership as it relates to maintaining the level of service and the potential economic development in the area. He was happy to see the landscape change with the tower being gone. Raymond says that, in his opinion, it may cause a more negative view of the Mayor and council with a 1-2 hit. Raymond says that he will pay his \$15 and he will write a check at one time and be done with it. He is looking at it from the public perception of the action and not necessarily the action itself. Mayor Hurst says he understands that. Councilman Kolograf speaks and says that the council has kind of an idea of what the camera could generate with the amount of violators we have from our other things, and we are not looking at this as a money generator, but we are looking at it from a safety standpoint. Even so, let's say we waited and got the max from that, it is not enough to balance our budget or come close. So, even with that, that is why we have to look at these other things. Even if we came in with \$200,000 or \$300,000, which I doubt that would even be close, we are still off from balancing our budget. So, it is almost as if we have to do these things anyway. Councilman Kolograf says he would feel the same way because he is a resident too and he pays these issues too and we want to make this community attractive. He agrees with Raymond in the fact that there is no popularity contest in these times anymore. We have to make tough decisions even if they don't want to pay them. He does not like it, but if he did not vote for it, he would be voting for my own personal agenda and not what is best for the village. That is where we are right now. It is tough. It boils down to exactly what the Mayor said. Our expenditures are exceeding our revenue. We have cut that budget, and we are getting down to the bare bones. There are things that are the most concerning to the council such as the exit clause and that there is some way out of it if the revenue things get better and we can relieve the residents of some of these costs.

Mayor Hurst says that we are hoping, with the language that we put in each one of these agreements, that we can back out if things do come to pass as we project. That is our goal. Our goal is to take the burden off of our residents. Our goal is to create more jobs and more money. We think that with the overlay zoning and we think that with some other creativity ideas, we will see some better years. I think sooner rather than later. Mayor Hurst gives him an example. When he started the police budget, it was \$2.3 million. This year's budget that he is projecting for 2018 is \$1.87 million. So that is \$500,000 that he personally removed from the police department. The village has the same safety and perspective that we have had since they moved here. Mayor Hurst says that we have trimmed the budget by \$1.8 million and no one is making recognition of that and no one wants to get on board and help us. Instead, they are saying, "Don't charge me. You just keep shuffling the cards." Mayor Hurst says that the projection is that hopefully within the next couple of years we can remove some of these Band-Aids there right now. Councilman Linville states that he would hope that the avenue of reevaluation is open to us too as we go forward with our various programs. We can always revisit them. He states that being flushed with \$14 million in cash like we had before made us spoiled and lazy. That is why we are having such difficulty today. So, he would think that reevaluation is an option to us if we are open to it. [Hubert _____ from _____] states that his problem with the garbage collection fee is that many of the senior residents maybe put their garbage out once a month. Other residents have piles of garbage that do not fit into the two cans that they have. He thinks that an across-the-board, uniform fee is somewhat unfair to a large portion of the residents of Walton Hills. Mayor Hurst says he understands and thanks him. Councilman Spitznagel speaks and addresses Hubert states that his point is very well taken by him and from all of us. He states that we just got the latest budget numbers from Katie this evening, and he states they are going to pour over those numbers and try to come up with the best way of balancing that budget with giving the residents the least amount of burden that we possibly can. Like we have said tonight, we are residents too. So, we want to try to figure out a way of doing that. The sad part of this is that we are down with our income tax collections by several hundred thousand dollars from this time last year. So, we have to not only make up what we had to make up last year, we have to make up this also. We have to do that quickly. We have to balance those income and expense numbers this year. Otherwise, we are going to run out of money. This is where the rubber meets the road, and we are going to do that as best as we can without impacting the residents as much as we can possibly stathe that off. Councilwoman Terlosky speaks and addresses Mr. Wheaton, who has left. She states that the levy was defeated 60/40, but the residents said that nothing happened. They found the money. We still get our chipping. We still get our branching. Everything is still going. The only ones who got hurt are the employees of the village. We laid off two of our police. We did not hire one of the men that left our service department. They have to pay 20% of their hospitalization now. They are peering you now. These employees that you see every day out chipping the wood and everything out there are the ones that got hurt. She personally did not think it was fair that they are the group that works very hard in the village every single one of them were the one who took the brunt of this. She states we have to do something. She uses the analogy that if your washing machine breaks, you have to get a new one. She states that if you look around, we have not spent a lot of money in this village. We just don't have the resources. The plan has not developed yet. It will be. If the levy would have passed, we could have taken this off at any point in time. We hope to do this with what we are doing now with the trash and different things. So, we have to find a way to increase our revenue without going and raising the taxes again for the people who are working. We want people to move to this village. We want to keep it a nice-looking village. She is hoping that they understand that everyone is trying their best and they have the best of the village at heart. She recognizes that the Mayor has done an outstanding job at keeping us afloat through his economic development. There are little things that are going on, but that is the golden goose up there and we just have to wait. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller says that it all boiled down to that levy. The people decided and they didn't want it. It comes down to the fact that you were going to pay now or later. The later has come. As Gloria has said, seeing nothing has happened. That is what everyone assumed because things are going on like normal. We all have to pay this. It is not the best of times and we have a lot of work ahead of us. We are all working very hard and trying our best. We all pay along with everyone else. So, it was the truth. Those meetings and the information was all factual.

Now, we have to pay until we can turn it around and get that economic development in, which will occur. Mayor Hurst says he will put this on for first reading next week.

Item H – Other business. Mayor Hurst asks Councilwoman Brenner-Miller to read the recreation report. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states reads this as follows:

November 11 – Veterans pancake and breakfast and program at the Village Hall Community Room. We served 28 veterans at this breakfast and also had attendance of 48 people at the veteran's ceremony. Overall of the women's club and the Village of Walton Hills sponsored the pancake breakfast, which served approximately 130 people.

November 20 – Wine and painting at the Community Center. She states she will not be here for that.

November 27 – Senior lunch.

November 27 – Book club.

December 3 – Tree lighting at the Community Center.

December 4 – Gift drop-off for Santa Delivery.

December 9 – Santa delivery.

Mayor Hurst asks Councilman Rich to talk about the Planning Commission. Councilman Rich states that last Thursday, the Planning Commission met and we discussed two items. The first item was a company who wants to store vehicles in a building next to the center on Alexander and Northfield Road area. They came to us with a plan. It was very nice architectural plan. They will probably employ 10 to 15 employees. They have not purchased the property yet. They simply wanted to meet with the planning commission and make sure it is okay. This is not an overlay zoning issue by all means. This is all strictly business development that met all criteria to regional zoning. They met all of our stipulations with landscaping and the type and size of the building. They will store vehicles. Some of the vehicles will be inside and some of the vehicles will be in the rear of the building. The second issue that we talked about is that we have been discussing the development of some property that we are going to be selling. It is 7 acres that is in the industrial section of the village. We shared that with everyone on planning. We discussed the 7 acres, and everyone liked the agenda to develop and sell and actively lock in a company for these 7 acres. Mayor Hurst said that next week, he would like to put on resolution to follow the recommendation of the planning commission to allow this lot split of our property that we own through the county so we can develop one parcel number. Right now, it is about 4 or 5 different numbers of lots. So, we had Shagrin Valley Engineer do a survey and outlay the lot and everything. It is our old service garage on West Creek Road. It looks like we may have an agreement soon to be an announcement that we could probably do something before the end of the year with another investment in our village with more employment and more business. All council is okay with putting this on the agenda for resolution.

Mayor Hurst talks about a couple of other things under Other Business. He states that we got our rates back for Medical Mutual Healthcare for our employees for VSP, vision, and Always Care for dental. We had a 12% increase for medical, 10% increase for dental, and we had no increase for vision. We did go out for bids. We did search other avenues, and this was the best deal we could come up with. We did do a formal bid process. The contract that we have currently with our Medical Mutual just needs to be an agreement to be re-approved. We are just going to continue with that service, the same program. With that being said, there is an option for a reduction of 15% for all the employees on contribution. That is predicated on the vote of the union with the police department and if that is a fact, we will show that in our budget for next year with the cost of all employees paying 15% instead of 20%, because our police are only

paying 10%. So, they give the leverage to go up to 15%. That brings down everyone else on the other level.

Mayor Hurst states that we had a bad storm that everyone knows about. It was pretty substantial in Sagamore Hills and other communities. Walton Hills escaped a lot of the problems. Sagamore Hills trustees called me on Wednesday of last week and asked if they could use our chippers and maybe some of our manpower. So, on Thursday, we sent two of our manpower over there and a dumptruck and a chipper. We charged them \$500 per day for the equipment and \$400 for the two men working. They don't make \$25/hour, but that is the rate we charge of the equipment and everything. So, it is \$900 a day. Then, on Friday, we sent them equipment and four guys. We charged them \$1300. Then, on Monday, yesterday, the township requested all of this in invoice, and then they read it into record at their meeting last night. So, they are giving us \$3100 as soon as everything has been finalized with the Sagamore Hills trustees. Basically, the reason why I am reading this into record is they had to hire three outside systems of tree services to come in there and chip up all of those trees. Anyone who has driven on Boyden Road or Howton Road or several different areas.. Macedonia could not help them because they were overwhelmed and everyone is in bad shape. Twinsburg could not help anyone. So, we regionalized and helped each other. In fact, Oakwood went over and helped as well. This is just another building of relationship and they are the ones who insist on paying us. So, there is no cost to the village other than time, but he just wanted everyone to be aware of that.

Mayor Hurst wants everyone to reference the traffic camera issues and information. It is in their packets of information for the Village of Walton Hills.

Mayor Hurst goes over next week's agenda for the council meeting. He states we will have the Cuyahoga County Sewer Maintenance Agreement on the agenda, the overlay zoning on the agenda, discussion on traffic cameras first reading, discussion on rubbish and collection agreement first reading, and we will also have a resolution to do the lot split for the property on West Creek Road.

Mayor Hurst asks the council members to see what their schedule provides the week after Thanksgiving. He would like to take that week to devote to working on the budget. That is the week between 11/27 and 12/1. We have no meetings scheduled. If you could make yourself available, then we will devote that to the proposed next year's agenda of budget.

Mayor Hurst is currently in discussion with the Village of Oakwood for the fire contract. Hopefully, I will have this for the first COW meeting for everyone to see what we are trying to propose. Before that meeting, he will probably meet with the safety chairman also and the council president and possibly with Councilman Spitznagel, who is also on the safety committee, to go over these items one by one individually to make sure we are all on the same page before we present it to the whole crowd. We are currently in discussion with the FOP/police department contract. The three members of the safety committee are fully aware of all the details and hopefully we will be able to discuss that next week under Executive Session to see if everyone is on the same page. Then, if that is the case, then in the month of December, Mayor Hurst would like to pass that. It is a three-year contract. It looks promising to the Village of Walton Hills.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states she will be coming home on 11/28, which is a Tuesday later in the afternoon so, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday she is available. Mayor Hurst wants everyone to check their schedules. He says they have a draft of a budget, but we still have some more numbers to patch in. He states we can pass out a draft of next year's budget so the council can get an idea of where we are going. Conservative numbers – nothing is fixed. He states it is a little bit different than what we had. Katie says that this is an actual budget for 2018 numbers. The 2017 actual is current through the end of October. Mayor Hurst asks that they look at it, review it, and makes notes. Then, when we have our public meeting, we can answer the council's questions and hopefully find a resolve to a lot of things. Mayor Hurst states that our projection next year of the police department is \$1.7 million. That is \$500,000 that we have

trimmed out of the budget. He says that we used to get money from the state, but this has been completely cut off. Councilman Terlosky states that on November 9, she nondistended Councilman Linville went down to Dublin, Ohio. They carried with them a proclamation. The proclamation was for Holly [Costler] who lives in our village. Heidi was a captain in the Army. Because of a vehicle accident that she was in where the vehicle flipped over, she is paralyzed from the waist down. Because she was an inductee in the Veterans Hall of Fame. So, we gave her a proclamation because of this. Gloria met Holly seven years ago when she was here for Veterans Day. Councilwoman Terlosky was enthralled with this young lady. She was 50 years old at the time. Gloria asked her to have lunch with me. She took Holly to lunch and they talked. Councilwoman Terlosky wrote an article about it titled "One of Our Own" seven years ago. So, in January, I am going to do an update and put what happened in the last seven years with Holly. Councilman Linville was there with Gloria and she said to him, "Denny, we have done nothing with our life. When you see what these Veterans have accomplished after they got out of the Military and what they did, it is astounding." Every year, they nominate 20 veterans for the Hall of Fame. This year, there were 17. There was one gentleman there who received the Silver Star and three Medals of Valor. He was shot four times. President Obama gave him the medals. He came back and kept coming back and serving. He sent the two crybabies down as Gloria states. She wants to say that it was an honor to go and give that proclamation to Holly. Like I said, I am going to write that update. When you read what this young lady who is now 57 years old has accomplished, it is something else. God Bless America and those men and women who serve us.

Councilman Spitznagel brings up a question on one of the memos that they were given dated October 3. It is about the drainage issue on Walton Road by 7295. ORSD was going to come in and look at the culvert. He is wondering if this has happened. Mayor Hurst says that yes, they ran a camera in there and he has a followup report. He says that it does not look like they are going to do very much at all with that. Mayor Hurst says that he will give the council a copy of that report. It is electronic, but he will put a hard copy in their mailbox. He says it was like they rated it fair, good, etc. and it was still all rated very well. Councilman Spitznagel states that it still floods. Mayor Hurst says that it floods, but on the other side of the creek by Mr. T's, they are talking about doing something to that bank, but that all has to go through the Northeast Ohio Sewer District. Mayor Hurst says that everything is finished on the house on South Meadowpark. He says that it turned out very well. He says that he thinks we will have to wait until the spring for finished plantings and whatever, but they do have a lot of straw and grass planted. The Mayor says that he has heard nothing negative, so they must be very happy with it. He says we will get some pictures of it and send them to them electronically so they all have it. Mayor Hurst says that we are doing a study on South Meadowpark that he commissioned the engineers to do on about 7 residents over there. They are all getting flooding there and we are probably going to cut that road and put in a bigger pipe. Now, that is ours so that is not Northeast Ohio's creek, so we would use our storm water money to that. This is probably a project that we will look at in 2018. We do have to pass some type of legislation that is called preliminary legislation that we agree with the reimbursement, or the cost-sharing agreements. We do not have all this in place so we need to put that into our ordinance.

No other questions or comments.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of November 14, 2017, seconded by Councilman Linville. Six ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.