

The Village of Walton Hills
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
Working Session for 2018 Budget

Date: December 5, 2017

Time: 6:00 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 Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, Denny Linville, and Brian Spitznagel.

Mayor Hurst states he received a phone call from Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. Councilman Kolograf states that Mary had a family matter that she needed to take care of, and she asked us to excuse her. I told her the Mayor or myself would catch up with her to get her opinion on a few things so she is aware of the temporary budget and is in agreement with that. She hopes to be here tomorrow or she might be late, as she has a seminar at work. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to excuse Councilwoman Brenner-Miller from the December 4, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting. Seconded by Councilman Linville. Five ayes approve.

Discussion and Review of the proposed Village of Walton Hills Annual Operational Budget for 2018.

Mayor Hurst says that he did not have a conversation with the entire council, but he did have a conversation with the council President and he gave him some direction as to what everyone was wanting to do as far as the first quarter budget and gave everyone an opportunity to digest this and also to see how the traffic cameras work and also see how some other things work throughout the first quarter of the year. We have a proposed quarter budget. One thing that is different now than what was proposed last week is the Mayor did not know that there was not money in the budget for service. He asked Mr. Kolograf if he supported me hiring another person full-time when Dan Stucky leaves, but not until Dan Stucky leaves. The reason I am explaining this is if we have someone who has to snow plow, we have five people with snow plows. We do two people to a shift. We have one person who has restrictions and cannot plow at night. We cannot continue to put a burden on our employees. We are simply understaffed.

The Mayor asked to give a consideration of a full-time person after Mr. Stucky retires in the month of February. That reflects in this budget. If things pan out, he would like to go with a part-time person for summer help with cutting grass and things of that nature. That would be in the spring, and we would still have time to review that and add that to the budget at that time. That is not something he would need the first four months of the year because weather is restricting us from doing any kind of yard work and things. He does want council to know that he is in conversation with Sagamore Hill's trustees about a service contract. Councilman Kolograf is not aware of this because the Mayor just had this conversation. They do not provide their residents with brush chipping and leaf pickup as we do, and anyone who drives over there, from this storm, you could see all the brush that is on the road and everywhere. We are looking at maybe coming to an agreement. He does not have a solidified agreement at this time. It is just another conversation. He would like to see for our village to pick up a service contract to have two of our guys committed to doing brush chipping once or month or once a week or something of that nature. We would make sure council is involved in this contract. We are looking at \$120,000 per year for a contract. That would cover two employees. That is the whole idea. They only have three employees in their service garage. That is a township and they have 11,000 residents. Councilman Kolograf is asking if we would be committed to so many hours. Mayor Hurst says that is the way we are looking at it. He says that he is looking at not putting this as a factor of our equipment. Right now, we have someone who maintains our equipment and everything else, but they do not have the equipment and that is what we are looking at as far

as the chipper, the dump truck, and things like that. He will keep council informed and hopefully he will have something by January if they agree to it. They are working on their budget for next year.

Councilman Rich says that this will be his last budget obviously. He knows we have been talking about taking fiscal responsibility very seriously and we control all of our expenses, discretionary and general fund types of expenses, but to the point about Sagamore, we are probably going to need a new chipper. We have nothing in the budget for a new chipper. Mayor Hurst says we have no capital. Councilman Rich says that we have an HVAC system that is really bad. So, we have talked to a few people about how we want to entertain fixing the system, per se. We have spent a lot of times talking about roads. I know we have had Mr. Sheehy here a number of times about having an aggressive road project. It has been pretty much nonaggressive for obvious reasons. Those are a few things that he wanted everyone to think about. Our capital infrastructure program is really tied to the HVAC system. We have done some beautification and he thinks that is very important to continue thinking about. We have done all of this without a tax increase. We have just sent some expenses out there that we are going to vote on this month that are going to help soften our expenses going into next year. Last, but not least, he feels the Mayor needs a new vehicle, or a used vehicle, of some sort. He has not had one since he has been Mayor. He thinks that is important. These are a few things that are not in excess at all and are things that are just part of maintaining this community. These are some of the things that are going to pop up from time to time for the rest of council to worry about.

Councilman Kolograf states he has it in front of him and is asking what is separating and what is the quarterly budget. He thinks this is what we should be looking at if this is what we are going to pass this month.

Katie goes over this quarterly budget line-by-line. Most expenses are fairly stable and we are able to simply show 3 months' worth of expenditures. That would be regarding payroll, pensions, and things of that nature. Everything else she either scaled back to zero because the expense is not going to be incurred until later in the year. For instance, Community Day is not considered in here. The lake contract, the project at the intersection, the police car because she thinks council said we could wait until spring or later in the year to order that if we decide to go ahead with it, and the debt issuances. So, this is a pretty basic working budget that will get us through what we need to pay for the first three months of the year. One thing that could not be scaled back is that she does have to pay our Worker's Compensation premium at the beginning of January. That has to be accounted for completely in this first payment. Otherwise, the amounts did not change. A lot of them will be exactly one-quarter of what was in the budget that she presented last week except she made a few amendments to the service department as the Mayor requested to have an additional full-time person. She did not include the part-time person as that would be more of a seasonal employee toward the spring. This is what we were anticipating. As an example, on the very last page, she did scale back the year-to-date revenues as an estimate for the first quarter, so it does show that there may be a surplus, but the revenues are a lot more difficult to estimate on a month-to-month basis.

Councilman Spitznagel asks about the roadwork at the corner of Alexander and Northfield. He knows we have to do that and we are locked into doing it. He is wondering about a timeline that we have to do it. Is there a timeline where we have to either start the project or we have to have it finished or semi-finished? Mayor Hurst states that the way he understands it from the engineers; they will be here tomorrow if council wants to ask them a question about it; if there is something catastrophic that is beyond our control, it can probably be pushed off a little further back, but with the relationship of FirstEnergy doing all their work and the reasoning that we did not get stuck with it this year because they had the hurricanes and they were out of our country and they were in South Florida and Texas and that is why they are still not finished. Now the asphalt plants are all closing. There is not a way we could do a lot of excavating of the road and everything. With this four-month period, we can hold off on ordering our poles that the electric and traffic lights go through, but those have a window of nine weeks or more when we have to order them and get them in. We have to get an invoice for them when we get them. Those are things we have to pay for. He

explains that we can see what our responsibility is. We have to finish it as soon as it our opportunity to get it finished because we have been held hostage by FirstEnergy.

Councilman Spitznagel states that they have had their reasons why they have delayed their implementation of their part of the program here. He is wondering if we could take \$200,000 out of that \$500,000 and move it to 2019. That would help us out tremendously in this budget, if they would be in agreement with this. He does not know why not. Mayor Hurst says that if you can see by the battery place, they still have not put those poles up and they have not gone down toward Birchwood because it is going from Mason and going down and moving further off because they are putting in a turning lane there. The thing with utilities is that they can work through the winter, but we cannot do excavating and asphalt and things like that because of the weather and the ground. Mayor Hurst thinks it would be better tomorrow when the engineer is here to get a better feel for that. What he was telling Mr. Kolograf was that there are two variables that are not in this budget. There are several variables in the budget, but he gives two variables that are not in the budget. One is the agreement that we have with our service garage and Mr. Mason is working on the agreement there. That is \$200,000+ to our village. The other is that house that council has allowed us to separate, and that could be another \$100,000 if not more. The only thing the Mayor is asking is that when we get to that point, that everyone looks at all of the options because we would like to put a six-foot fence between the house and the building, just like we did at Dellwood with those homes, so there is separation and we do not have to worry about those issues. That would be on a property line so we can probably erect it so we can make sure we control what is done and how it is done before we sell it.

Also, that garage that we park our buses in, if we get ourselves in a position, he would like to get a new roof on that building and he would like to put bigger doors because right now they are small 10-foot doors and our bus barely fits in there. He would like to put 16-foot doors, which will take some modifications to the building. By no way are we changing the footprint or the footers. The roof is not great. Hopefully, we will get through the winter and will not have an issue. That is another thing the Mayor wants to attack after. As he told Councilman Kolograf, give us the three months, let's look at the budget for January and February and see if we solidify the deal with the service garage. Let's see if we can get the house on the market. Let's see what the traffic cameras bring in, and let's see what we have to do. Our budget right now that we present to you is reflective of the county agreement that we have already said we are in agreement to and reflection because we are backing that out of the budget. The rubbish removal is being backed out of the budget. The traffic cameras. And then also reflecting in the budget is the police contract of 0% increase, the fire contract of 2%, and the dispatch \$35,000 increase in revenue to us. Those are the things that we want to be sure that everybody is on the same page with. That will change the budget. Right now, what we presented to you last week would be a \$270,000 deficit, \$274,000, so if you take those two factors that he just told them; that is not even the equation of the new business that is coming into our old service garage because we did not want to put that in the budget, and we only put \$100,000 in the budget for the cameras, which we have reflection numbers that show that it is far greater than that, but we want to be conservative in our numbers and we wanted everyone on the same page.

Mayor Hurst thinks Mr. Mason can back that up. He says that even if the state law changes, we have 10 months of collections here. So, we should be in good shape. Mayor Hurst thinks that a quarterly budget will give us a better idea to see a better footprint for the first of the year and see where we are at. He said we will not be doing that corner in the first quarter. Then, we will have a better feel on whether we need to order those things and if we need to use some of this money to order some equipment, or if we can hold them off and order them and they could be an open PO for next year. We have to look at the variable on that. Mayor Hurst says that he is not sure if anyone noticed that the fire hydrant in front of Western Reserve Battery was hit. The insurance company is paying for it from that auto accident and we are trying our best to get it moved into the flowerbed now. Before, it was just out there in the middle and we could not move it. It was like a \$12,000 expense on our behalf, and the Mayor did not want to spend that money, so we left them there. This is going to be moved into the flower bed. It looks like we will get that because now we have someone to pay for it, the insurance. It is just a matter of moving the pipes a little further. We are not moving the location, we are simply moving it closer into the flower bed. This is where that

woman drove into it. Her insurance is paying for everything. He thinks it is a \$9,000 expense. We did not settle the case. We continued it until we get our money from the insurance because we do not want to close that case out until we get everything satisfied. Councilwoman Terlosky states that on the traffic cameras, what is the status of the police officer having to be there. Mayor Hurst says that we are finding out if we can use our one auxiliary officer, which is Mr. Licker, who is a retired police officer. They do have to be able to cite the codes and everything. They do not have to have a weapon. They just have to know and understand the codes of the traffic violations and things. That is why we were going to do it on a court date before court because the chief is already here for court. So, he could sit in. We are looking at two different options and plans for that. The chief is on vacation so Melissa sat in for court last week. Melissa is sitting in for court this week. We are looking into all the options. It does need to be a sworn officer of the court to be able to sit in on the traffic camera things. We have a meeting on Wednesday at 1 p.m. with one of the companies for the RFP, and we are going to try and see if we can get them to get here for the next COW. They are out of state. We will get them to come here and give us the pros and cons of what can be done and what our options are.

Councilman Kolograf asks what we have for contractual services. In expenditures, under Administrative and Finance, there is \$3,900. This would just be Sandy for her salary. Then, some of the other contractals we can move around, but we have them under 349 – Professional and Technical Services. That is where we pay Tom Jordan who receives \$2,000 a month. Then, Katie thinks she still has in there for the Impact Group, but that is still up for debate. Mayor Hurst said that we never signed an agreement. We had a six-month contract, but we never signed that. They would be under 349. That was also \$4,000 per month. This is already in there. Councilman Rich asks about the salary for the recreation department. He knows the last time we met there was a pay raise included in that. He is asking if this is still included in this. Mayor Hurst states that we did not change it, but this did not go into effect. We had Executive Session and talked about the individuals. He would hate to give a pay increase and then at the end of the quarter have to rescind it. Personally, he would want to have it left out and that way when we are doing the final budget, if we decide to increase that, we can do it at that time. That is not a statement at all against the people in the recreation department.

While we are talking about recreation, Councilman Spitznagel did take on recreation here a little bit today in his review of this. He thinks that we have things like trips and baseball. For trips, from what I see, there is a deficit of \$1,500 with a revenue of \$1,500 and expenses of \$3,000 in the yearly budget. He knows we always do a deficit there and a deficit in the baseball. He would like to see those increased to make them \$0 for the village; increase the fees. He is not going to be the hero of the seniors or the Parker program, but he sees entry fees for the Parker program of \$13,000 and expenses of \$12,000 so that is good, but the seasonal counselors are \$36,000. So, this is roughly \$35,000 right here if we have to come up with some money. The senior services, there is a net difference of \$4,500. He may be nickel-and-diming this. Also, the recreational program's transportation, with the transportation salary of \$15,000, there is a deficit of \$11,500. That is \$51,000 right there that if we need that money. He is afraid that if these things do not pan out or whatever, we are going to have to do business in a different way to balance this budget. We have \$62,000 a year for the recreation department plus \$13,100 for OPERS. If we have to cut out some of these services, he would imagine we would cut out some of the time, not all of it, but some of the time that these people would be working. He hates to say it, but he has to say it. This is what he came up with today, just for thoughts.

Councilman Kolograf states that he is not sure if it is still true or not, but we know the Parker program is a great program. A lot of the kids were non-residents. If we could increase the fees on non-residents... Mayor Hurst said we increased them in 2014 and that was the last time we increased them. We are due for an increase on those levels. That may be something. Mayor Hurst talks to the council about increases on the fees for the building department and all those things to reflect. He wants to change the language in the ordinance, and he probably would do it in January, to raise the fees for planning commission to reflect Mr. Sheehy being there or if we hire Mr. Smerigan or Mr. Mason to sit in on those meetings for this overlay

development so we have professionals in the room. Everyone who is on the planning commission is 100% behind that, but he wanted to make sure. He thinks it would go up like \$200. That is what Mr. Smerigan charges per hour. That would be what we would charge and that would be like if someone comes in with a plan, we would give them a preliminary reading and tell them what they needed, and then from there, we would bring in a professional. Then that fee would reflect that. So, it is no cost to our village. That is something the Mayor is going to bring to the council in January since that is a whole other ballgame, but since we opened this overlay zoning, we are getting interested individuals, and he wants to make sure that our planning language reflects those rates to increase. Like he said the building department could probably be increased. Recreation could probably be increased as far as fees to reflect some savings and some balancing of the books. So, we will have to look at those numbers. With the council giving us a quarterly budget, that is an opportunity for us to do this. Tomorrow is our COW and we will present this to the council again tomorrow and we will back out those raises so there is no reflection of raises until the council has an opportunity to review their contracts, so everyone is on the same page. Then, we will go from there. We do not have the Lake Club in this quarterly because we do not ever pay that until April. That is also something that is on the table for discussion as well. Councilman Kolograf passed out their financials. They always share it with us. They also give us a copy of their insurance. They are very open with their books, but we do have a contract with them as well. Those are some options we can look at.

Councilman Rich asks a couple of questions. On the front page, on 1000, 1010, 1090, on the police salary part-timers, he knows there was a concerted effort for additional, and he is not sure if this is consideration in the first quarter with that number. Mayor Hurst says this is reflecting four part-time police officers to carry us for those four months. We did back out from overtime and this is where most of that comes from. We are trying to keep that on the set with the part time. It is not something the Mayor wants to broadcast publicly, but we are back at 2 and then a split-shift for the third one, which is usually a part-time. So, they come in at a different hour. They are not all coming in at 7 and leaving at 3. We have one guy that comes in at 7 a.m. We have another guy who does a shift change at 8 or 9. They rotate it. All our officers do it by quarters. They serve day shift, then they serve second shift, then they serve midnight, and then they come back. So every quarter there is a different time. We are trying to rotate those around to be sure that at peak times, we have three police officers on the floor. In the morning hours, our chief comes in at 7 a.m.; not that he is always doing traffic, but he is available, especially when the buses are here. Then, when the buses go through, we have the auxiliary follow the buses. That is critical in the Mayor's opinion especially on Sagamore Road. That is where they run around the bus. Councilman Rich's next question has to do with Repair and Maintenance of Motor Vehicles. He thinks that this is kind of light. He says this is one fender-bender or one tie-rod going. Katie verifies that that is just for the quarter. Councilman Rich says that looks a little light. That is one tie-rod going on a cruiser. Katie says this is just for service vehicles. The police have their own line item for this. They have \$3,750 in the police budget as well for repairs and maintenance of police vehicles. Councilman Rich confirms that the police have a \$12,000 budget for repairs and Katie says yes. Councilman Rich is good with that. Councilman Kolograf states that the actual 2017 as of this is \$21,000. So that is what we spent this year so far, through November. Katie points out that as Councilman Rich pointed out, we do have a lot of older equipment that is having to be repaired often. The chipper has been off the road fairly frequently being repaired, and some of our plows as well have had some repairs last year and probably will again.

Councilman Kolograf asks to go over the intention with Mr. Stucky's retirement and then moving a person up to his position and then not replacing that position. Mayor Hurst wants to propose to the council; he was going to propose it when the contract is due to move Mr. Rob Kalman up as the service director after Mr. Stucky leaves, but no longer have an assistant service director. Then, Mr. Kalman has the authority to appoint who is available when he is not around to be in charge that day. He does not think our village is big enough to have so many different positions. Just like in the police force, how we have eliminated the positions that we have eliminated. So, he wants to eliminate the service director assistant and simply have a full-time service director and then there. The reason why he is saying this is that they had Brad, the gentleman was ill and quit on us. He did facility maintenance. He was the guy who did the furnace. He

did the electrical and did things – what Rob did. Then, we had Tony Canzoni leave and we never replaced him since January of last year. So, we have not replaced him and we have saved money on that line item all year long. That is where he wanted to have at least one more full time and then come back with a part time in the spring where when we have to start cutting grass, we have somebody to keep up with cutting the grass and things, and we don't have to give them the \$26/hour. That is what a full-time person makes. That is the structure of that department and sometimes we had some top-heavy numbers and we are trying to get back to the \$18 and \$19/hour jobs.

Councilman Kolograf clarifies that we would be eliminating a full-time assistant and then half of an FTE personnel, because we had Brad and Tony Canzoni leave, but we are going to replace one full time and one part time. So we would be saving an assistant and a half FTE in the regular personnel. That is what the Mayor Hurst is proposing. Mayor Hurst also clarifies that no one is getting a raise and everyone is paying 15% of their healthcare. We have saved money in this department. If the council would go back and reflect in 2009, 2010, or 2011, they would find that we spent close to \$600,000 to \$700,000 in the service garage. We have trimmed and trimmed but also kept our services. Mayor Hurst agrees with him regarding the equipment and the fact that we do have equipment that is getting pretty old. We have not bought anything new since 2012 when we bought the new leaf sucker. The dump truck was 20 years old when we replaced it. Mayor Hurst said that almost five years ago we replaced one dump truck and a pickup truck. This is because we maintain everything. We spend the money on the other end. Mayor Hurst said that we have done our own work with changing the beds. He even thought about putting in a flat aluminum bed so we would not have to worry about the salt. He thinks that George fixed three of the trucks for \$11,000 and the trucks were \$26,000 new, so we saved money. That is what George is still driving. We do as much as we possibly can in that department. We have a few Taurus' that will eventually go through the cycle, and we are going to continue to keep the SUVs because we had a lot of problems with the Taurus' and they have the Eco-Boost. None of our SUVs have the Eco-Boost. They have the same size motor, a 6 cylinder, but they have the police inceptors, which is a bit different.

As far as the police car, we have money in the budget; it is not reflected in the quarter budget; but with the courts, we will have close to \$32,000 by August of next year and then we can order the car before the year is out to get the pricing, and then we will get another SUV for the police department. Then, we are back in that cycle. Councilwoman Terlosky asks if we can increase our court costs. She said she knows we did that last year, but we are still below... Mayor Hurst says that we are still below Garfield, but he wants to be cautious because we were informed by Garfield that they are talking about building a new court system and a new police station and everything. They talked about maybe possibly getting a bond and asking each one of the communities to take over some of the responsibility. That is where we would use some of our court money to do that. If they raise their court fees, then we will do the same to reflect it. If they raise their court fees, we will do the same to reflect it, but we may have to dedicate some of that court money for that bond. So that is the big thing he wants to be sure of. He says we are in the air for it because they are talking about it. They have a very old system over there, and they are actually talking about doing it over by the City View where all of those buildings sunk because there is still money on that property bonded or whatever. That is what they are talking about and he is not sure if it is going to work out, but that is why he is not encouraging any increased court fees or anything until we find out what is going on in Garfield Heights. It is not just Walton Hills. It is all of the communities we serve. Mayor Hurst states that he did not share this because it is still up in the air.

Councilman Spitznagel clarifies that the court clerk is currently full time. Mayor Hurst says yes, it is full time. Councilman Spitznagel asks if there is any way we could take that down to part time. Mayor Hurst would like to see how the traffic cameras go because she is going to have more of a workload. Instead of hiring another part time to help her, he thinks she can handle it. The communities that I have talked to, including Newburgh Heights, they have one person who handles both – the Mayor's Court and the Traffic Court with the cameras. They have two different types of magistrates over there too. That is where the reflection is and where we are getting our information from, where it is successful in other communities.

Speaking of magistrates, Councilman Spitznagel states that if we have a different person come in here and do that camera stuff, our budgets do not reflect paying that person as of yet. Mayor Hurst and Katie verify that no, they do not. Mayor Hurst says he would come back to council once that is established. We plan on having this in place and hopefully in the month of January or February, we would do one month of warnings, so we would not need a magistrate for those two months. That is where everyone is going to get letters and tell them it is happening. We will give them fair warning – 30 days – then after that, we will go from there.

He also thinks there is a traffic study that needs to be done, which will be done in the month of January. That is all done through the camera system. We have already had a traffic study, so maybe they will be able to use our traffic study, but he thinks that, by law, they may have to do their own. That is no cost to us. Everything is done through the service. That is not a cost to us. Councilwoman Terlosky says that maybe we could get a discount from one of the companies because if they can use our traffic study, then they do not have to do it again. Mayor Hurst says he will find out that detail, because he thinks our traffic study is 2016, so not very old. It was done by a professional. I would hope they would help us. We did that through the grants. The council approved it in 2015 and it was finalized in 2016. Councilwoman Terlosky verifies it was 18,000 cars and then asks what it was before. Mayor Hurst says that it was 4,000 and then we went to 18,000 on Route 8, according to this. It fluctuated and peaks. It was not counting for concerts or anything. They are estimating 21,000 during concerts and things. It depends on what is going on at that time. The volume picks up during these times.

Councilman Linville goes back to the service and asks if the budget can absorb two part-time instead of one additional part-time in the summer if we need it? Mayor Hurst said no, it is not reflected here. Councilman Linville asks if the final budget could absorb another part-time. Mayor Hurst says that he would wait and see what the traffic cameras do, and he would also wait and see if he can solidify the deal with Krick Road and if he can start the process of selling the house and some of the other programs. He thinks we could establish that, and we would have a better grasp by February. He thinks we are going to move very fast. This is a quarterly budget because Councilman Kolograf and I talked about it and everyone is agreeing with this since I have not heard anyone say anything different. This reflects the fire contract, this reflects the dispatching, this reflects the police contract, this reflects all those contracts that are important to us, this reflects the program for the sanitary and sewers, and this also reflects rubbish pickup. That is what is in here. If we falter and don't do those things, then we will have a different number to work with. It is as simple as that. This is what we are trying to do is pursue a balanced budget.

Mayor Hurst is very confident that we will have a better year. We did not have too bad of a year this year, but we want to be sure we pursue a balanced budget as much as we can. Mr. Nogalo is leaving in May and we are going to reflect in our new final budget a part-time person in that area. Everyone is in agreement with this. By April, we hope to have someone else in here to train and take over when he walks away so it will be a single thing that we would have to accommodate probably two weeks in April of a paycheck of a part time person to train. Councilwoman Terlosky asks what part time is now. Mayor Hurst and Katie verify that it is 30 hours or less. The government has never changed the healthcare. Councilman Kolograf states that on the capital improvement funds, in pro services, there is \$26,000 in there, and he wants to know what that all includes. Katie states that this is for engineering fees. We spend a minimum of \$100,000 + a year on engineering. Everything we ask them to do we are billed hourly for. Councilman Kolograf asks what the difference is between that line and 346, which is directly above it. Katie says it looks a bit different on our accounting system than it does on the spreadsheet. These two are essentially the same. Councilman Kolograf states that this quarterly budget is really down to the minimum. There is nothing here. Mayor Hurst states that there are no expenditures, mostly just paychecks and standard expenditures. We estimate that we are not going to do anything until we have a final year's budget. This does not reflect the Route 8 and Alexander. Mayor Hurst states that when we do pass the rubbish collection, that will go through the water department like we had mentioned, and there is a fee to that. That fee is about \$2 per address. We will probably push it off to quarterly so it is just a one-time fee each

quarter. So, the \$15 is going to cover that cost, so we are not absorbing that cost. Then, we can always adjust it once it goes onto the lien on the taxes, we can always roll that back to \$12 or \$13 or something. We just want to be sure that we do not absorb that additional fee. For 1000 homes, at \$2, that is \$2000. That is where all of those numbers are coming from.

Mayor Hurst says we can revisit this tomorrow night as well. He had planned on having this on every meeting. There is always a reflection of that.

Councilman Linville states that everything he had stated regarding the police contract, the fire contract, and all the lists he went down through, he is in agreement with and he will vote for, seeing those numbers. He thinks the Mayor did a great job with the police, fire, and dispatch.

Mayor Hurst is going to put this on tomorrow for discussion just to say that we discussed this publicly and everything. He asks if the council would want Clay Morris here to go over anything or would you rather to do an Executive Session. It is not on the agenda, but he called me and he is giving me a breakdown and summary of the whole thing. The council will have that tomorrow night. He said he would come to the meeting tomorrow or he would come next week. The Mayor asks the council to look at the summary and if they want him to be here next week, he will be here and he will explain all of the details of what we started with the contract and where we are with savings and everything else. Mayor Hurst talked to him this morning and Clay said he would give it to him by tomorrow. The Mayor told him the he would not come to the meeting until he has the council's approval. Tomorrow night, we have the engineer, we have the county, we have the gentleman that wants to talk about the advertising billboard, and then we have a couple of other items on the agenda such as the police, the fire, the dispatch, and the rubbish. There are a lot of things on the agenda. He does not want to have five guys who he has to pay to sit out in the audience. We can make them come to the meeting when we need them. Councilman Kolograf said that he does not think we need to have Clay come here. He thinks the contract is fine. Mayor Hurst thinks everyone is confident with what we have done. He will have the summary for them tomorrow night. Next week, he will have the director's reports and all of those things.

Other Business: When Mayor Hurst first became a councilmember, we put together books for everybody coming on council so they have details of how a memo is and how our reports are. Now, we have a new election. He put together the report from the auditor's office from the ethics committee and he put together a report from Sunshine Law, a 3-ring binder, and he is going to give it out to everyone tomorrow. Then, when the new person comes in, they will get it as well. It is basically just the council's authority and everything. The stuff that Councilman Rich was given was stuff he had put together and was probably stuff from 2007. So he wants to make sure the new one has this. There were job descriptions as well. Everything under the authority of a statutory village. It is crystal clear. Councilman Linville asks if the Mayor did the summary of the FOP. Mayor Hurst says yes, he did. He figured Clay could give us a report too.

Councilman Spitznagel thinks this is good. He says that we have gotten ourselves into situations before with the previous administration with passing some sort of quarterly budget and by the time that quarter is halfway through or whatever, we were stuck with the over-expenditures of things that were baked into that quarterly budget that were already paid so we could not back them out. He wants to be sure this does not do that. Mayor Hurst says no, we were very generic. This is the first quarterly budget that we have passed since he has been Mayor. Councilman Kolograf states it is just a reflection on what is on our plate and where the village is and where the times are. It is not a matter of not taking the time or not looking. Before, we knew things were not going to change whether we passed it in December or if we passed it in January, February, or March. It was the same thing. Here, we have some things that are going to change so passing a quarterly budget makes sense, where before it would not have mattered. So, it is better for us to pass it as early as possible. We are simply in a different situation.

Mayor Hurst states he will make the announcement tomorrow night that we are going to put it in the journal about the opening on the zoning board with Mr. Cumming's retirement. Anybody interested, in the month of January, it will be in the journal and then we will start interviewing. He will share the resumes with everyone and then he will make his recommendation. Councilman Kolograf asked how many years Mike has been with us. It has been a long time, maybe close to 12 years. Councilwoman Terlosky asked if we ever got that other position filled, the tax board. Mayor Hurst said no. We have not had anyone challenge us on our taxes, but he just wants to make sure it is in place if we have it. He said we can cross that bridge and then we can get one together.

Mayor Hurst states that he thinks everything is moving forward with the West Krick Road and he has a showing tomorrow at 1 p.m. He also has a meeting tomorrow with GiGi Benjamin about TIF's. It is a county program Tax Increment Financing. It is against new developments and things. He likes to keep himself on top of things. It is at 9 a.m. On Wednesday is when we have the traffic cameras coming here at 1 p.m. The Mayor's meeting with Dave Joyce was canceled because they were called back to Washington. Councilman Linville was going to attend that meeting. Mr. Joyce did say that as soon as this is solidified, he will catch us before Christmas. We have a whole package of information. He will make sure that they get a copy of it. It is information about the race track, Ford plant, our school issue, and there is an infrastructure bill. This is what this is mostly about. It is to find money to help us if we did something with the First Energy property or some other area of the village. It is kind of coincidental that Twinsburg is on the same list. They want on that infrastructure bill. They are his offices in Twinsburg. They want to know how I found out.

Councilman Kolograf states that he knows we talked last week about the JEDD a little bit. He asks Katie if we collected for the last quarter yet. The last quarter will not be posted until January. We can try to get it up by December, but we have 30 days after the close of the quarter to pay it. The collection numbers for December are not in there yet. This is just through November. Mayor Hurst said the audit did come back good. He will get them a copy of the printout as he just did not bring it today. Councilwoman Terlosky asks if they are doing any more extensions on the JEDD. Mayor Hurst says no and the state has said that they have no future plans, but if you were to drive over there, you would see where they did clear all the property. That is another conversation that I am trying to have is that would be a perfect place for a VA Hospital or VA Rehabilitation or something of that nature. Not everyone shares the same vision that I have, but it is something that he wants to push at the federal level. They will command the state to do something. Interestingly enough, we may have to wait until the new governor comes in. Both candidates on the Republican side have already approached me for conversations.

Councilwoman Terlosky asks the Mayor to tell how many people were at the Christmas party. Mayor Hurst says there were 170 people at the Christmas party for the tree lighting, and we have records of 54 that sat on Santa's lap and they estimated close to 68. This is what Carol said in our staff meeting today. He is sure this will be in her report. Nothing but positive. We will see how Santa delivery goes on Saturday.

No other comments.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Terlosky makes a motion to adjourn the Special COW Budget Meeting of December 4, 2017, seconded by Councilman Kolograf. Five ayes approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.