

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: January 2, 2018

Time: 6:01 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 Gloria Terlosky, Mary Brenner-Miller, Jennifer Allen, Don Kolograf, and Denny Linville. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to excuse Councilman Brian Spitznagel from the January 2, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five 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 to Council.

Item C – Persons Having Business Before Council. Bill Deak from 17076 Egbert Road stands and speaks. He wanted to welcome Jennifer and he states that he hopes all goes well with her and the council. No further questions or comments are seen.

Item D – Election of the Council President. Mayor Hurst says that we always have the election of the council president on the first working meeting of the new year. He says that at this time, we need to discuss election of the council president pro temp. Councilman Linville makes a motion that we elect Councilman Don Kolograf again to council president due to his provided good leadership. Most importantly, he works well with our Mayor. This is seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No other nominations are made. Councilman Kolograf says he would except this and he appreciates the kind words. He says that being the council president is only as good as the people you serve with and the people you work with. He welcomes Jennifer on board and he thinks she will be a great addition. He says that his job sometimes is not as easy as people think. He says a lot of things are done over the phone or one-on-one or in passing. He says that in the end, we come to a good compromise. That is what makes it effective. He accepts the nomination. Councilman Kolograf states that he did express his intentions with everyone here, plus Councilman Spitznagel who said that he will support Councilman Kolograf again, but he will send a letter. Councilman Kolograf told Councilman Spitznagel that he did not need to do that and just a verbal is fine, but he states that Councilman Spitznagel did send a letter and would like me to read it into record. He reads this into record. “Dear Mayor and members of council. As you deliberate the position of council president pro temp for 2018, I would like to express my sincere recommendations and support for Councilman Kolograf. Throughout his tenure in this position, he has shown leadership, professionalism, and an openness to communication. These qualities are vital to an effective organization. I am proud to serve with Don as council president.” Councilman Kolograf states he appreciates those kind words from him. No other comments. Five ayes approve. Mayor Hurst congratulates Councilman Kolograf. No questions or comments from the audience.

Item E – Committees. Mayor Hurst explains that there is a sheet in front of everyone that lists the committees. He states that the committees have not changed since 2014. We have some openings on committees. He suggests that everyone look these over and next week, we can go over the committees and they can call Councilman Kolograf on whatever it is they would like to serve on. Then, we pass a resolution on the regular council meeting that confirms the appointments of these committees. Councilman Kolograf reads into record what the committees are. He says email is always another way to contact him regarding this as well. The standing committees are Committee of the Whole, which we are all on; Economic Development, which has an open position of Chair; Finance, which is all of us; Information; Infrastructure; Recreation; Community Life; Safety and Insurance; Planning Commission; American Disability Coordinator; Cuyahoga Regional Council Committees; Storm Water Management Committee; and Sundry Claims

Board. He clarifies that this does not mean that any of these are not open, he said that about the Economic Development because that was chaired by the Councilperson who is no longer here; so, we can switch chairs as well if you do not want to be a chair, but still want to be on the committee. He states that Planning Commission meets once a month on Thursday nights at 6 p.m., or more if needed, depending on the developments. That is an open one. The former councilperson was also on that one as well as Information. No questions or comments from councilmembers. No questions or comments from the audience. Mayor Hurst asks the council to review this and we will go over it next week at our working session and see where everyone is.

Item F – Discussion on Street Commissioner’s Contract. Mayor Hurst says that the council has a draft of the previous street commissioner’s contract in front of them. He just wanted to give them an example of what it looks like. We are not changing any compensation. He is going to make a recommendation next week. He is reviewing all of the job reviews from each department, and he is recommending Rob Kalman as our next service director. He says we discussed this last year in extensiveness and if anyone would like to see any information about this individual, if we want to have Executive Session to talk about the personnel in private, we can do this. This is the council’s call. This is who he is recommending for street commissioner for 2018. Councilman Linville says he would like to have an Executive Session on this. He would like to invite Mr. Kalman as well. Mayor Hurst says that this is fine and his plan was to have a special council meeting next week. He says we are not there yet, but this was to talk about the traffic cameras and pass a resolution to go with that contract. He says that tonight the council has it in front of them so we would talk about that at the special council meeting and pass it, hopefully, if everyone is on the same page. Councilman Kolograf states that we could also have the special council meeting after the COW meeting so we can discuss any of these things at the next COW meeting as well. He says we have to do the Executive Session out of a council meeting, so we would have to have a special council meeting, but if we need to do it, we would do it after. So, we could have all of this discussion and then feel we could go into a special meeting. Councilman Kolograf would also like to have Councilman Spitznagel in involved in this as well. Councilman Linville says it is fine with him also if we hold the Executive Session off until the regular meeting. Mayor Hurst says that he was planning on having a special council meeting next week so that will give us the opportunity to discuss anything we want. So, at the special council meeting, we can pass that legislation so on January 31, Mr. Kalman can take over. Otherwise, we have to have a special council meeting before the 31st because the contract expires. Councilman Kolograf said we would not pass the contract, we would just have him there to discuss in Executive Session. No further comments or questions from the council. No questions or comment from the audience. That will appear next week on the regular working session, and we will put Executive Session on the special council meeting so we can go into Executive Session and discuss any details.

Item G – Resolution to Recognize Dan Stucky. Mayor Hurst says that he asked Councilman Kolograf if it would be alright if we put this on here. This would be to recognize him for his 40 years of service to the Village of Walton Hills. Mr. Stuckey and the Mayor talked this morning and Mr. Stuckey is drafting the council a letter thanking them for all of the years, and we are putting together a resolution and he would like to pass that at the regular council meeting. All council members are okay with this. Councilman Kolograf says that he has done a great job, and Rob has some big shoes to fill. No questions or comments from the audience.

Item H – Discussion on Recreation Director Contract. Mayor Hurst says that he also has given out a sample to the council so we could pass this at their regular council meeting. He says we could also put this on Executive Session next week if anyone has any questions about that. That is under personnel. Carol has been our recreation director since he became Mayor in 2011. She has served this village as assistant for many years. We have always supported this, so he has no problem supporting her to be the recreation director for 2018. No comments or questions from the council. No comments or questions from the audience.

Item I – Discussion on Law Director’s Contract. Mr. Mason has asked for no increases. It is the same contract that we have passed before. It is a two-year contract. It is the same exact contract that the council agreed to before. No increases. Councilman Linville has personal recommendations by a person who used to work for Parma. It is his daughter’s mother-in-law. She said he is one of the nicest gentlemen she has ever met. Councilwoman Terlosky states that she thinks Mr. Mason has been a very good asset to the village. He has brought a lot of information that we were able to change a lot of things moving forward, and our future is much brighter because he is here. Councilman Linville says he knows his stuff. Councilman Kolograf says he thinks the same thing, and he certainly makes the council president’s job easier. No further questions or comments from the council. Mayor Hurst says this will appear next week on the regular COW working session and it also could be discussed in Executive Session if anyone has the desire to do so. No questions or comments from the audience.

Item J – Discussion on Village Engineer’s Contract. There are no increases. This is the same contract that we have had, it simply expires. Everything is the same. No increases. Mayor Hurst recommends keeping Shagrin Valley Engineering. They have done very well for us. We have a very good working relationship. They seem very knowledgeable, and they are in several communities, which helps us as well as far as gathering information. No comments or questions from the council on this contract. No questions or comments from the audience. That will also be on next week’s working session for everyone to consider.

Item K – Resolution for annual internet sales. Mayor Hurst says that this is a resolution that we pass every year that gives us permission to sell our items from the police department as well as items of old equipment on the internet. We have been passing this since 2006. Councilman Linville introduced this in 2006 because we never had that in our portfolio. We have been very successful and have raised a lot of money selling our equipment over the internet. Councilman Kolograf asks if there are any items of note that we should know about. Mayor Hurst says we sold a lot of the church items when we bought the church. We also sold some old police cars, the Crown Victoria’s that had a lot of miles on them. Mayor Hurst says there is nothing on the top of his head for 2018, but he is looking at maybe if we get a new police car because we had the court fund, we may sell another car with 100,000 miles. We just have to be careful to make sure we have enough for transportation costs and things. Crown Victoria’s are much easier for our residents to get in and out of than those Tauruses. That is what they like. No further questions or comments from the councilmembers on this. No questions or comments from the audience.

Item L – Traffic camera contract. Mayor Hurst says this is Gatso. We interviewed a couple of different companies. We did some homework on the RFQs that everyone received. One of the telltale signs is that we saw which companies are being sued or challenged a lot in the court system. He is not only talking about the Supreme Court, he is talking about with the way they operate. He says there have been some scams in other states. We want to stay clear of those types of companies. We threw those completely out of the mix. We interviewed Gatso twice. We interviewed another company. We asked communities who had the traffic cameras. Gatso got the highest marks for professionalism. It is the same one that they are using in Newburgh Heights and the same one they are using in Lindale. He says we were able to negotiate the contract to \$33 per ticket. In the RFQ, it was \$37 a ticket. If our police officers use a handheld camera-holding device, it was \$30 per ticket. We will get a complete layout once we go forward with this contract. The contract is attached to the agenda. It gives them the opportunity to see where we are going to locate all of the traffic cameras and things like that. We are looking a lot on our Egbert Road, Dunham Road, Alexander Road, part of Walton Road, and probably Sagamore Road because Sagamore Road is very bad with violations over there. Then, we would see how we have to do with the other areas. He says it is a good start for us. The other reason why is their turnaround. He says we should be up and running by the end of February. If we sign this contract, they will take off on Wednesday and order all of the products, etc. This is no cost to the Village of Walton Hills. This is strictly for us giving them permission. They handle all the software and they handle all of the process and everything else. Councilman Kolograf touches base and educates everyone on the fact that we have had numerous COW meetings on this. In fact, we had Mr. DePiero here to talk. He is the law solicitor in Aurora and Cuyahoga Heights. Cuyahoga

Heights is actually using this company right now. He talked to us about it and told us his experience with them.

Councilman Kolograf states that he thinks that Aurora is not using it, but they are looking to use it. So, Mr. DePiero told us that this company is very reputable. He has given us a first-hand experience, which helps. Councilman Kolograf explains that he thinks it is important to touch base with the residents about where the speed would be so people do not think we are trying to gouge them. We are simply trying to make it very safe on some of these roads. In fact, when the Mayor talks about it and says that 90% of his tickets in Walton Hills are given out for over 55 miles an hour, we start to think no matter who it is, they deserve that if they are going over 55 miles an hour. Our cameras are probably going to be set at that amount.

Mayor Hurst speaks and says that the ordinance that we passed is 15 miles, and anyone who is going over 15 miles over will get a ticket. We did not structure it for 10 miles, we did not structure it for 5 miles; we structured it for 15 miles an hour over so no one could come in and argue. That is what our radars are set at on our police cars. We are still getting approximately 180 tickets every month and the majority of them are for speed, as we have said publicly. This whole process is to try and bring compliance and to try our best to manage with the manpower that we had. We had lay off two police officers and we brought back part time because the union allowed us to. We now have 10 full time. With the union agreement and everything else, we were able to bring back part time to cover the shifts, especially the holidays, with all of the things that take place. This whole process is to try our best to give safety to our police officers, to bring down compliance, and to make it safer for Walton Hills. That is the bottom line. The flashing traffic lights have been demonstrated to show a great number of speeders over the last three years that we have had them. So, the study has already been done. We have 18,000 cars a day coming through Walton Hills. That study was done in 2016. Council paid for that. That is what qualified us for the grant money for the corner on Route 8 and Alexander for all new traffic lights and new poles. That is what First Energy is working on. We have been talking about this since the casino came in in 2013. Now we are at this stage. We have ten full-time police officers and we have had to restructure our operations, eliminate a captain's position, and eliminate a lieutenant's position. Now we have only sergeants and patrolmen. This is an avenue to hopefully fund our police department and hopefully offset our cost of operations. It is not to be a money grab. It is not to cause a bad taste in Walton Hills' mouth. When a police officer pulls someone over, we generally have another police officer back that person up, so there are two gentlemen out of operation for 15 to 30 minutes because of the process of writing a ticket and going through the lead system.

This is a civil violation with no points applied to it. This will take a picture and automatically process it. Then, it is reviewed by our police officers. Once it is approved by our police officers that they have a true violation, then the letter will go out to that individual that the violated the law. There has just been a Supreme Court case that came down about 3-1/2 to 4 weeks ago with the red light cameras. That got thrown out. You are allowed to do that; it is called home rule. We are not having red light cameras. He just wanted the council to know that these have been challenged at the Supreme Court level by our state legislators and home communities have won. With that being said, we started talking about this in the month of August when the ruling came down. Council was fully aware of this. There was a whole package on it. We have had 4-1/2 months of open public dialogue about this whole thing. We are still going to have a town hall meeting and bring in someone to discuss this, so we can educate as many of our residents as possible. A lot of times our residents do not read the journal and they still do not grasp all of the things that are taking place. We are going to do our best to promote it, just like we tried our best to promote the police levy that did not seem to be understood. Councilwoman Allen verifies that when they are given citations, there are no points and it does not go through court or anything. Mayor Hurst verifies that this is correct and that there is a referee if they want to come in and challenge. We were going to appoint Mr. DePiero because he came here and explained it all because he is doing Newburgh Heights and Cuyahoga Heights and has a lot of knowledge of it. That is why we brought him here to go through the details. This has nothing to do with the court system as far as he runs the Mayor's court. Councilwoman Allen asks if we know how many cameras we were talking about because it was not in the contract. Mayor

Hurst says that we can put as many as we want and there is no additional costs. He says we are looking at 4 or 5 because we have a lot of hills in our village and we have to see where those locations would be. We would bring in professionals and the police chief and the Mayor would go over that as the safety director to talk with professionals and choose the locations. We definitely know about our service garage on Dunham Road would probably be one. They pay for all the signage. They pay for all of the information, all the promotions, and everything is handled through their software. So, if someone would have a question, it would be on the internet system to give them all of the details.

Councilman Kolograf states that the ticket actually goes to the owner of the car because they are looking at the license plate. If someone borrowed your car or a family member, then you can appeal that and they would resent that out to that person. You have a right to appeal it. That is why it is a civil matter because you would actually have to have a police officer to prove who is driving the car. Mayor Hurst says that if you do not comply and you do not pay your ticket, you would get several warnings and then you cannot renew your license plates. This is not in solid concrete right now, but that is what they are looking at because it is considered a parking ticket, a civil matter, and that is the way they are serving it. Our fee is \$100. Most communities are \$150. We passed the legislation at a \$100 charge.

Councilman Linville verifies that this is Gatso contract and says that we could not relocate these cameras. Mayor Hurst says that if it is damaged or if we found a different location, we could bring it in and talk about it. It is called negotiating. There would not be a charge for us. We would just have to justify where we would want to put it. Many of these operations offer trailers. That is why we like this operation because not only do they offer trailers, they offer fixed to a pole coming down. Because if you have it in a trailer, sometimes two cars can side-by-side and run a block. Councilman Linville says that another problematic thing is that if the owner is not driving the vehicle at the time of the camera work, and we do actually locate the individual who was driving the car at the time and asks if there is any great recourse. Normally police takes the name of an offender. Councilman Kolograf says that we do not try to locate the person. We simply cite the owner of the car and then that is their responsibility. If the owner of the car is not happy with that, then they have the opportunity to file an affidavit and provide the person who was driving the car. Councilman Linville says that the way he reads it, it is almost non-cancellable. That is a little problematic.

Mr. Mason speaks and says that he read it and the term of the contract is that if the legislature bans it or the Supreme Court rules it illegal, there is no contract. Then, if both parties agree that they want to cease the operation, then we can. Also, the city can get out of the contract right away by giving them a 30-day notice, but then they will be held to a fee for the month that are existent. That is an area that he would like to talk to those folks and see if we cannot maybe get a little different language for that part. Councilman Linville asks about the area where it says "termination for the village for convenience." They could say everything is for convenience if we try to terminate. The cancelation fees are pretty steep. Councilwoman Terlosky asks if we can lower the term. Mayor Hurst says that they offered us five years with no increase, and then it would be every two years after that. So, effectively, you have a nine-year with no increase at a fixed rate. He says he tried to negotiate the term contract and he could not get it less than five years. The only thing he could get was from \$37 to \$33 because that is what they had Newburgh Heights at. They offered Newburgh Heights \$32 for the handhelds and they gave it to us for \$30. Councilman Kolograf makes a comment about the location. He says that in talking to other council people in different locations, if the cameras are not effective, this company does not make money, just like us. It is to their advantage to get them in the best location. They are only saying that we cannot just all of a sudden move them around. They are in the same agreement. If it is not working, they are not making money. They are doing it to make money.

Councilman Linville speaks and says there were a couple of more thing that were not time certain, and he would like to see those things be time certain. For example, 5.1.1 and 5.1.2. He likes to see time certainty such as "this has to be done within 48 hours..." or "this has to be done within 5 days..." etc. Mr. Mason

says he thinks we are addressing the indemnification clause. To him, at a quick read, he thinks it looks like they have to indemnify us pursuant to this language as long as these things are operating, not any time shorter or otherwise. He says he will look at it and see if there is anything there he needs to consider. Councilwoman Allen asks if there is a timeframe period from when the picture is taken, reviewed by our police office, and then it is sent out. Mayor Hurst says that the way it was explained to him is that they would take the picture and he thinks that within 24 hours, it would be in digital form to where we would be able to review it. They have no problem having them coming in here and explaining it to the council. For examples, from the traffic flow that we have, Newburgh Heights has 300 tickets a day and Lindale has over 300 tickets a day. We are going to spend the first 30 days as warnings to everyone who does get a ticket. Then, after that, we are going to try our best to limit it. We are not trying to get 1000 tickets a month. We are trying to put some kind of cap on it so we can keep ourselves under control. This happened in Maple Heights where they have it at 25 miles an hour and they got 1000 tickets in one day. Then, all of a sudden, it became a big uproar of the community. After going to the vote of the people because the vote of council was not unanimous, and then they removed all traffic cameras from their town. They did make \$1.7 million in two months, but they cut their own throat and turned it into a big fight that did not need to happen. Our goal here is to put limits and not to gouge anyone, and to try and stay within a moderate number. He said that he is sure after 30 days, we will have a better fixed number and can provide the council with reports. It is a lot of electronic data. That is why this contract is here. The other company that we did interview and talk to after we went through the RFQs, they could not get up and running until after April. As everyone knows, we have financial issues, and we want to try and get compliant, and we want to try and be able to have some type of hard number so when we pass our budget in March for the year, we know exactly where we are for the projections. The council understands this. Mayor Hurst says they are on 24 hours, always on. No further questions or comments from the councilmembers.

Mayor Hurst asks for questions and comments from the audience. Virginia Mone from 18749 Carmony Drive, Walton Hills approaches the microphone and asks if the 15 miles over is the norm for a residential area because she thinks it seems kind of high. Mayor Hurst says the reason we came up with our number is that we talked with our prosecutor and we are not talking about 25 mile an hour areas. We are talking about areas like Alexander where they are passing on double yellow lines. They are doing 50 miles an hour. We are talking about Egbert Road where they are going around the curves and crossing over. So, we talked to our prosecutor and our police department, and they felt very comfortable with 15 miles over. At any given time, we can revisit that as council and lower that number. We wanted to make it crystal clear to our residents and everyone that we have a fixed number. She states she thinks it is an excellent idea to send out the warnings to let people know. Councilman Kolograf speaks and says that the cameras have to be calibrated, and this gives plenty of room for error. Councilman Linville also points out that this also calls for Gatso to establish in the zone that someone is coming into that they have to educate the motorist that this is set up so they better be aware.

Milan Vrzic from 14036 Swan Lake Blvd. in North Royalton stands and approaches the microphone. He says he spends a lot of time in the village and states it was mentioned several times that the ticket gets reviewed. He was just wondering what qualities are being reviewed when that determination is being made on whether it is valid or if it is going to get thrown out. Mayor Hurst says that the process is that an officer sworn by the court of law will review the ticket and validate that ticket. If you can read the license plate, etc. There are a couple of other things. He has no authority to do it. It has to be a police officer. In Newburgh Heights and Cuyahoga heights, it is the police chief. We will do the same exact protocol here now unless he appoints someone else. Because of our ability to hire police, we would probably just continue with the police chief doing that. There is a process where they would look at it, review it, mark it on whether it is acceptable or not. When a person comes in and wants to challenge the ticket, there is an actual video and software provided by the camera company that will show them what they were doing and when they were doing it, and all of the details. We show the picture and the license plate clearly. Councilman Linville says that he can speak for the advanced technology.

Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road speaks. She states that she does not understand; to prove that a person is speeding, is this a motion picture that they are taking? How do they prove that that person is speeding and can a person defend themselves that they were not speeding. Mayor Hurst says that it would be very difficult to defend yourself if you are going 15 miles an hour over. He says they have a radar system just like our police cars have, and it clocks a vehicle 600 yards and as it gets closer within a 300-foot radius is when it takes its picture. It has already been clocking you for quite a while. It is a radar bouncing off and tells the speed. Josephine asks if we are going to post it in the village like we post speed limit signs that we have cameras. Mayor Hurst says yes, that is our intention. Josephine asks if we really need it besides the fact that it could be profitable for us. She is asking if we have that many people who seem to get by speeding and having traffic violations that our police do not seem to catch? Mayor Hurst says that we have received several complaints on Alexander, on Egbert Road, on Route 8. We have received many accidents. He says we will post it. We want to educate as many residents who want to be educated, and we want to bring in safety and compliance and bring our village back to what it used to be. Josephine asks if posting the cameras are going to educate people and make them responsible that they are still going to do the same thing.

Councilman Kolograf speaks and says that an important point is that it is different now than it was when a lot of us grew up when there were two policeman in a car. There is one policeman in a car so when he or she pulls someone over, they have to wait for backup, especially if it is at night or is a bit suspicious. Now, if we have two patrolman on the road and they are at the end of the village by Alexander and Route 8, one pulls over and is waiting for another one, let's say something happens at the other end at the Gospel House. A minute or so response time could be a big thing. There is no doubt that this is technology that is being used in some states where it is being looked at and making it mandatory for the state. We are not on the cutting edge here. A lot of communities are already using it. Josephine asks if it has proven in the communities that have it that it has reduced speeding and traffic violations, other than the fact that we have something else up there watching you? Mayor Hurst says that the gentleman from the camera company says he can provide facts. It has reduced accidents in Akron tremendously.

Mary Alice Moran from 7500 Linda Lane stands and approaches the microphone and states that she had a question after listening to all of this. She is wondering if they can even answer this; if the police department, the police chief, are in favor of this. Does it make it a little safer for them because they are not having to confront as many people. She was thinking then that maybe that is their job and they want to do it. She is wondering if they have any inkling of how they feel about it. Mayor Hurst says that we have the full support of all of the police officers. We discussed this long before this went public. That is why the police chief has been in on the interviews and the comments and the questions. They will accept it and they like it. Councilman Kolograf says that this is why we have a camera for them as well. Councilman Linville states that when a stop is made in our village, the police officers are not allowed to sit there by himself. There has to be another officer that comes up in support of him. Councilwoman Terlosky speaks and states that she thinks the last police report they had for the month of November, there were 181 citations issued. That is not just speeding. That is driving without a license. That is driving with a suspended license. Before the Rocksino came, there were 4000 cars go through the village. Now we have 18,000 cars go through the village. The people who are probably speeding don't live in this village. There are going to be signs up, and after they get that first one, she thinks they are going to slow down. They would rather spend \$100 at the casino than pay it at the magistrate.

Jean Deak from 17076 Egbert Road speaks. She is all for this and this is fine. She just wants to know if the village can get out of the contract ever or if it is something that is going to be completely permanent. Mayor Hurst says there are always escape clauses. We always put indemnifications in there. We always put opportunities to leave all of our contracts. Councilman Linville wanted stronger language on that, and Mr. Mason is going to review it and give us a summary of it next week to tell us what language needs to be addressed. Mayor Hurst says it is a 5-year deal with no increases, unless the courts state that we cannot do it, then it is null and void. No further questions or comments from the audience. Mayor Hurst states that

next week, he would like to have a special council meeting, if everyone has an opportunity to review this, and he could answer questions throughout the week. We will have this on next week's special council meeting, and we can have this after our COW meeting in case there are any questions about this. We will talk about personnel that anyone would like to talk about in Executive Session next week. Hopefully, he will have a couple of economic development agreements because are working on the draft agreements on those as well that we have been talking about since October. No further questions or comments.

Other Business. Mayor Hurst states that he posted in the Walton Hills Journal that he would be having Mayor's Meeting next Monday night. He actually has some aforementioned procedures and he will not be in the village at all on Monday. He will be at University Hospital for a few things, and he will be back on Tuesday. That meeting will be canceled in the evening for Meeting with the Mayor. We will try and repost it for the following Monday if we can. We will also post it on our digital sign. If not, then we will do it in February. He is trying to get another evening for the Village of Walton Hills residents to ask him any questions they have or speak of any concerns that they may have.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller speaks and states that last year, before we got into the legislation that needed to be passed before the end of the year, she had discussed with the Mayor and with Council President Kolograf her thoughts about looking into possibly having our zip code changed. She was in touch with a banker and she is actually in touch with the same banker again, and once you give anyone your zip code, the first thing they say is, "Oh you live in Bedford." Well the home values go down and the insurance rates go up. She is going to have to have her house appraised once again. She told the banker and they would have to find someone, an appraiser, who knows the difference between a Bedford home and a Walton Hills home with not only the acreage but that it is a different community, etc. She is looking into to see if this is actually feasible. It is not easy to do. We do not have a building. She believes only one community in the state has managed to do it. If she does not look into it, we will not know. She hopes to get some information together and present it to council and to everyone else to see if we have an opportunity. We may have to join with another community, maybe somewhere like Northfield with 44067, but we need to look into this because she is personally getting very frustrated to be lumped into those communities and to see her insurance rates go up and her property values go down. Mayor Hurst thanks her for this.

Councilwoman Allen has no other questions or comments.

Councilwoman Terlosky has no other questions or comments.

Councilman Kolograf speaks and comments about the zip code issue above by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. He thinks it is an excellent idea, and we all know how we feel about that, because it does affect a lot of legal things when you have the same zip code and your village does not mirror the same as the other community. It does present difficulties especially with loans and insurance and things like that. He thinks it is an excellent idea. Other than that, he just thanks everyone tonight for the election of Council President.

Councilman Linville has a couple of comments. He would also like to welcome Councilwoman Allen to the council, and he thinks she will do great for the village because she loves the village so much, like the rest of us. The other thing is that he counted 14 or 15 people here in the audience tonight. He wants them to invite more people to come to these meetings.

No further questions or comments.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of January 2, 2018 at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. Five ayes approved.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer