

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the
Village of Walton Hills, Ohio held Tuesday
January 16, 2018 at 6:13 p.m. in the
Village Hall Council Chambers at 7595 Walton Road

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance is spoken. Mayor Hurst also asks for a moment of silence for our Military men and women. Mayor Hurst asks Katie to read off the list of residents who are deceased since our last regular council meeting. Katie reads Earl Miller, Patricia Pidala, and Linda Sleeman. A moment of silence is taken for these deceased residents. Councilwoman Jennifer Allen adds in for the passage of Mr. Weeden's mother. The roll call was then taken by Katie Iaconis. Councilpersons present were Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Jennifer Allen, Gloria Terlosky, and Don Kolograf. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion to excuse Brian Spitznagel until he arrives at the meeting tonight. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to excuse Brian Spitznagel from the regular council meeting of January 16, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Mayor Hurst also asks for the record to show that Law Solicitor Bill Mason is present, as well as fiscal officer and clerk of council, Katie Iaconis.

Item E: Motion to receive and file Council Caucus minutes from tonight's meeting, January 16, 2018. Councilman Linville makes a motion to receive and file Council Caucus minutes from January 16, 2018. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve.

Item F: Persons having business before council. No questions or comments from the audience.

Item G: Mayor's Report. In the month of December, for Mayor's court, there were 103 citations written for the Village of Walton Hills, 20 citations for speeding, 6 citations written for expired plates, and 4 citations for traffic control lights. There were also two arrests for OVIs for the month of December for the Village of Walton Hills. In 2017 year, we close out our court system at \$273,561. Last year, at this same time, we were at \$277,439. That is a difference of about \$3300.

Mayor Hurst announces that in the month of April, there will be a Military resource fair at Broadview Heights Community Center on Broadview Road. The city of Broadview Heights and Chamber of Commerce is featuring this event for our Military. Attendees should bring their DD214 or their NGB22 discharge papers. If discharge papers are not available, please bring your Social Security Number and your Military Personnel card, and this will help. There will be a number and this will be posted on our webpage. There is plenty of time in the month of April, so we want to broadcast as much as we can do for our Military.

Mayor Hurst reminds that there are exercise classes for several nights on the calendar, tomorrow and also on Thursday. Then, we also have the Hard Rock trip for our residents at 9:45 a.m. from 2 p.m. leaving from the Community Building on Alexander Road. We also have more programs in the middle of the day called Senior Staying Vertical programs. These are exercise programs for our senior citizens. There are also some exercise classes at night for our female residents. This is a women's fitness class. This is on Wednesday nights at the new community building.

Mayor Hurst also wanted everyone who is interested to be aware that there is a community open house at Cuyahoga Heights High School on January 28, a Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. They should have received this in the mail. They are looking for a tuition program for our residents of Walton Hills and other communities. I will be attending that.

Mayor Hurst also reminds the council that they have a list of all of their committees for 2018. Councilman Kolograf is aware of this.

Item H: Council Comments. No comments from Councilman Linville. No comments from Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. Councilwoman Allen said that she had a few questions. She talked to Councilman Kolograf earlier today about a couple of the resolutions and some of the reservations that she had and some concerns that she spoke with Don about. She states that she thinks we have the opportunity to save a little bit of money. She says she understands that Carol asked for an increase in her salary. She understands the financial times that we have. She thinks that was something that we could have looked at and possibly addressed. Certainly, she hopes we can do it in the future for her. Carol has a whole new building now that she is taking care of. She also thinks that Rob is a huge asset to the village, but we are maxing him out at the top of the salary. That only leaves him 37 cents for the next 25 years that he will stay. She thinks we had an opportunity to save a little bit of money, especially when there are concerns. She says that Councilwoman Terlosky pointed out last week that \$1,000 is a lot of money for a mailing to go out.

Councilwoman Terlosky states that as the Vice President of the 50+ Club, she wants to thank the Mayor because yesterday, he spoke in front of our group. She thinks that everyone appreciated learning a bit more personally about the Mayor. She thanks him again for speaking to the group. Mayor Hurst says it was an honor and a pleasure. Councilman Kolograf speaks and says that he has no problem voting on anything here because he feels we have great employees in this village. He states we have been fortunate to have good contractors too. When he says this, he means Don Sheehy and Mr. Mason. He says that he and Jennifer did talk, and he has talked to the other council members, and they have talked about Mr. Stucky's position as well as Mr. Kalman's position for a year to a year and a half because we were on notice. We knew Dan was going to be retiring. Rob has been in that Assistant Street Commissioner position for about three years. We wanted to see that progression. Dan has worked with him especially hard over the last six months to kind of help Rob transition into that position. As council, we are going to probably not fill the assistant position. So, Mr. Kalman will be operating as the Street Commissioner without an assistant, different than Dan did with his salary. So, that is why he has no problem. The Mayor appoints these positions and the council confirms it. The Mayor suggested that he started with that position. That was his reasoning to me – that he was going to be in a position of Dan, plus more, because he is not going to have that assistant and some of the other employees in that department that are going to have to do some duties that they did not do before. That is just how they come together. So, he and Councilwoman Allen talked about that and discussed different things along with the other council members. He wanted to make this point. He is also our building inspector and our zoning inspector, which we get a stipend for that. He has those certifications that are different from Dan. Dan is simply the street commissioner. In this resolution we are passing tonight, that is separate from those positions. This is strictly the street commissioner's position. Councilman Kolograf thought about this, and he knows he mentioned it to everyone. He does not think he would like to be in Mr. Kalman's role, different from Mr. Stucky's role, over the years. We have had that building inspector job contracted out. When you have a building inspector, it is not a very popular position. Sometimes they are popular if they allow you to put something where you want. Sometimes they are not very popular if they say no. The important thing about that position is they hold to the law and they treat everybody the same. It is very black and white. If you have a question, you go to our law solicitor or our engineer. That luxury is not there for Mr. Kalman. It is a lot easier for Councilman Kolograf to say he was the engineer on that piece, I simply did this, but when you have to incorporate it all, you wear that hat and you are responsible for it all. You are not very popular at times. He and Rob have talked about this, and he said that he told Rob the only advice he could give him would be to be consistent. It is no different than us up here on council. We have to be consistent on how we make our vote, how we look at things, and we have to follow the law and be consistent. He says that our savings is going to be not replacing the Assistant Street Commissioner. He states we will see quite a bit of savings there. How long it will work? We don't know. We have taken that department from quite a few employees down to a skeleton crew. We feel we are effective and at other times, we feel we are not effective.

Councilman Kolograf also states that we all, as workers, are reviewed. He asks how we would like every year to have to come up and worry about your job being voted on. It would not be an easy thing. Someone brought

that up to him. Some communities may not do it every year; they give a two or three-year contract. It is a tough role because the people who maybe you cannot always make happy are the same people who are influencing the people who vote for that person. It is a tough role. He gives Dan credit for that and good luck to Mr. Kalman. He did it and did a great job for almost four years doing that.

Councilwoman Terlosky speaks and says that she echoes what Don said. Dan Stucky was a great Street Commissioner. If you needed something done, it got done. Councilman Kolograf said "with a smile." Councilwoman Terlosky says there were no complaints, he just did it. We will miss him. He was a good man and there are good shoes to fill. However, she thinks we have a good man and she thinks he can put his feet in those shoes. Mr. Kalman, during the years he has been here, has achieved many credentials and certifications. If you are in the trades of electrical or plumbing, you have to know that. So, we can tell Mr. Kalman that he has to fix the light or change the wiring over there, and he can do it like that because he is certified to do that. Dan was a good guy, but Dan did not have those credentials. He only had an Associate's Degree, but he was here for many years. He did the job. We do have a man who has those credentials to do many things, which saves money there. To her, that is a plus. The more people we can have who have the training and know how to do things, the more money that we save. If you can do it in-house and he has worked over at the church, that was Mr. Kalman's work. She says we have a good man to fill Dan's shoes. She wishes Dan well. He was great for this community.

Councilman Linville asks if there was a separate stipend for zoning at one time. Mayor Hurst says that there is a stipend now and at one time, there was a stipend for an assistant building department. Mr. Stucky used to get that. It was \$2,000. We wiped that out. In 2011, when we changed administration, and anyone who has read the journal or anyone who has investigated, we have trimmed \$1.8 million out of the budget. We have trimmed, trimmed, and trimmed. Building inspector department, we did away with the building department manager. We did away with the building inspector. We offered a stipend to any of our employees to learn how to do zoning and engage and figure those things out. We had two employees that stepped up for that. Mr. Kalman was the first. We also offered our employees a stipend for the building department of \$14,000. That caused us to save money in our SafeBuilt contract. We have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by all of these moves that we have done over the last seven years. Now we are going to start over again to trim, trim, and trim. We have already removed \$1.8 million from the budget that has never been done before. We have downsized everything. Mr. Stucky was an asset and he brought a lot of knowledge to our facility, and as the Mayor, I embraced him and gave him employment. The same with all the employees. I offered everyone to go to classes for electrical, everyone to go to classes for plumbing, and everyone to go learn how weld. We still have employees who will not embrace this. There is no forcing of it. So, we did trim our outside contracts from hundreds of thousands of dollars. We used to pay someone to adjust the furnace. We used to pay someone to change lights. When I became Mayor, there were holes in the walls of his office. The switches were broken. There was a hammer broken into my switch. There were all kinds of things done. We had to pay a contractor to come in and fix all of that because the previous administration had aggression and they took it out. There was a note on my desk that says "Go straight to Hell." He has a picture of it. That was on January 3, 2011. There was nothing to be hid there. We had to pay someone. I actually did some of the drywall work. The point was that we saved money by finding in-house services and bringing in facility maintenance. That is why we have facility maintenance now in our Ordinance 260. We never had these things before. So, from our police department to our service department to our administration. Lisa Canzoni wears five hats and there is nothing about her here. Katie wears three or four hats. Everyone wears many hats, as the Mayor has to wear many hats. That is the lean, mean machine that we have tried to broadcast to our residents.

The Mayor got an email today from the Bedford School Board Superintendent. They are considering the levy. Last year, it was broadcast that the levy was going to be last year. Of course it was not, we said it was not, but they are looking at maybe May or November of next year. With these things being said, I said no, we have the same tax base from 1951. We simply reduced and we came up with other avenues. She wrote back and said she wishes she could do that. Maybe I should come work for the school system. All of the other communities

in the school system raise taxes. The records exist. All we did was ask our residents to pay for trash and we took the maintenance of our sewers off our hands. That was all part of the administration helping us to reduce our costs and our operations. We are still far ahead. Mayor Hurst says that he supports everything on here. We have talked about these publicly and he hopes tonight that we get suspension because we need five votes for suspension, and we can pass this legislation tonight and everyone is on the same page. No further comments.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2018-1: Councilman Linville introduces Ordinance 2018-1 for suspension, an ordinance to amend Chapter 891 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Walton Hills regarding municipal income tax, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilman Linville asks for adoption of Ordinance 2018-1. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-1: Councilwoman Brenner-Miller introduces Resolution 2018-1 for suspension, a resolution providing for the sale of personal property by internet auction and with the terms and conditions thereof in 2018, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-1. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-2: Councilwoman Terlosky introduces Resolution 2018-2 for suspension, a resolution reappointing Don Sheehy as the village engineer, fixing the duties and compensation for said position, providing for other municipal engineering services for the Village of Walton Hills from the Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Kolograf. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilwoman Terlosky asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-2. Seconded by Councilman Kolograf. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-3: Councilwoman Brenner-Miller introduces Resolution 2018-3 for suspension, a resolution confirming the appointment of Carol Stanoszek as the part-time recreation director of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, for the period beginning February 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-3. Seconded by Councilman Kolograf. No questions or comments. Three ayes approve. One nay. One abstain vote, which goes with the majority. Four ayes approve. Carol is approved.

Resolution 2018-4: Councilman Kolograf introduces Resolution 2018-4 for suspension, a resolution confirming the appointment of Robert Kalman as the street commissioner for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, for the period beginning February 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilman Kolograf asks for approval of Resolution 2018-4. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Four ayes approve. One abstain vote, which goes with the majority. This is approved.

Resolution 2018-6: Councilwoman Allen introduces Resolution 2018-6 for suspension, a resolution authorizing and providing for the employment of the solicitor for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, fixing the term, duties, and compensation from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilwoman Allen asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-6. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-7: Councilman Kolograf introduces Resolution 2018-7 for suspension, a resolution of appreciation of Daniel W. Stucky for the distinguished public service he has provided to the residents of the

Village of Walton Hills, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Councilman Kolograf asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-7. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approve.

Item I: Old Business: No old business.

Item J: New Business: Mayor Hurst passes out a memo tonight with information that we were given today after having our meetings about the grants that we are trying to pursue. Basically what this memo says is our first grant we are trying to pursue is to purchase a 22-passenger bus with the capability of two wheelchair with a lift inside the bus. The grant is a 20/80%. What that means is we will not be awarded the grant or know the final until July 2018. The approximate cost of the bus is about \$92,000 as we have right now. So, 20% would be the \$18,400 commitment to the village. We do not have to make a commitment to pay for this, but we have to have your cooperation with the grant because we will be passing out a resolution next month saying you support this. This is due on February 1. This is being done in house by our employees. We do have a letter coming from UH that supports this because we do transport our seniors and our disabled to UH, and that is part of the clarification with this grant. This is all through recreation, Mary's department. Carol is providing us with the amount of trips and all of those details, and our mechanic is providing all of the details of how many miles we have on our bus in a year. So, we put all of that into our application. What the Mayor is asking if he can move forward with this grant. His suggestion is to allow us to apply, and if, for some reason, we are unable to pay the 20% by July, because we do not know what our budget it (we passed a temporary budget), we can always decline this grant if we are awarded this grant. This does not make any commitment and there is no language of that. He simply wants to make everyone aware of this so he can move forward because the timeline is short for February 1 with all of the details. Councilman Linville asks if we need a motion tonight and Mayor Hurst says no, he does not need a motion. He simply wanted to let the council be aware of it and get a consensus of council members. Everyone seems to support it because there is an opportunity for us to back out. It is not a big deal. He just wants to be sure that everyone is on the same page. Councilwoman Terlosky asks if the current van we have has a wheelchair place and the Mayor says yes. Councilman Terlosky asks if we would be selling that one. Mayor Hurst says we would attempt to. It is a smaller bus as a 12-passenger with a wheelchair. It is our oldest bus. Councilwoman Terlosky asks if we have any idea on what we could possibly get for that. Mayor Hurst says not really. He knows it has low miles because we only do so much transportation. He does not know. He guesses that we would probably get \$5000 or \$6000 because everything does work on it, but we are just starting to get wear and tear on the body because of the age and because of the winter weather, we are starting to get a lot of rust on it. That is why we have not done any kind of body work to it. Councilwoman Terlosky states that that money could be towards the \$18,400. Mayor Hurst agrees with this. No other questions on that particular grant.

Mayor Hurst states that the next grant is a recycling grant. It is a max of \$5,000. This grant would consist of a way for us to advertise in our journal. We would offset the cost of our journal. Each month in our journal, we would have an informational page about what to recycle and how to recycle. It would have the county logo on it. Also, with this recycling grant, we would print out magnets with information. This is something that was done years ago that First Energy paid for. What it is general information about our police, our safety, and also we would have information about recycling. It is an informational grant. Then, for community day, we would put up a banner and then we would also use this money to offset two of our shredding programs. Right now, we have a shredding program that we pay for out of our pocket. This grant is to help pay for it. We would shred in the spring and we would shred in the fall. Right now, we have tapered that down to once a year because of the cost, and that was another education in our last seven years of reduction. He wants to apply for this grant. Mayor Hurst says there is a public meeting coming up. It will be held here. None of the council members have to attend. It is like we did with the road grants last year where we have a public meeting and advertise. Then, we take the minutes and we take the agenda and add it all to the grant. It is part of the application process. Councilwoman Terlosky asks if we have to put money forth from the village for the magnets and things to advertise it to try to get the grant. Mayor Hurst says that we are going to apply for the grant. We will not know

until March if we receive the grant and then we will act from there. The Mayor will not put the money up front until we have some kind of consensus. They are supposed to respond back by March because there are a lot of communities jumping on board with this grant. Councilwoman Terlosky says she went to the recycling plant in Twinsburg a couple of years ago. She says that if anyone ever has the chance to go there, it is very interesting on how they use air and magnets to recycle things. One of the hottest items are cat food cans because they are made of a different metal than something else. It is a thicker metal. Mayor Hurst says that both grants are being done in house with our staff, and then they will be reviewed by a professional to make sure we have done everything correctly so we can accomplish our goal and apply for both grants. He just wanted the council to be aware of it, which is why he put everything in writing. He said we had two different meetings. Mr. Kalman went to the one for recycling and then he thinks Carol went to the one about the bus and Tom Jordan went with her. Councilwoman Allen confirms that we find out about the bus grant in July and the recycling one we will know in March. Mayor Hurst confirms this. No questions or comments.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 16, 2018, at 6:51 p.m., seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Five ayes approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Iaconis
Fiscal Officer