

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: February 13, 2018

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 Gloria Terlosky, Mary Brenner-Miller, Jennifer Allen, Don Kolograf, Denny Linville, and Brian Spitznagel. Mayor Hurst also wants the record to reflect that our Law Director Mr. Bill Mason is present and Katie Iaconis as our Fiscal Officer and Clerk to Council is present.

Item C – Persons Having Business Before Council. No questions or comments are seen.

Item D – Council Comments. Mayor Hurst states that he has a memo out there with all of the director's reports. He would like answer the questions about Recreation Fees. He says we have the Recreation Director here tonight to answer any questions. He says he passed out a memo listing everything that was provided and asking if we could get some kind of consensus so we could put it in our March journal. He asked several questions and sent an email out on February 7. He did get one reply on Monday morning, February 12. Hopefully we have answered those questions. Carol is here to address any other questions on surrounding communities and surrounding prices. On the very last page of the memo, it does say that we had 72 residents children at our summer camp. There were 20 non-residents. There were 92 children in last year's program. No, the increase will not pay for the program. It will be close, but it will not pay. He does not know what that percentage would be, but we are attempting to raise the fees to offset our budget. Our ratio for counselors is 8:1 ratio. Councilman Linville has no questions.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller says that compared to the other communities, we are quite low. Councilwoman Allen states on the grandparent rate for the village, we currently have that at \$225, which compared to just a one-resident-child is \$200. She would like to see that closer to the non-resident child rate to give a little bit of a break to the grandparents or the parents who are lucky enough to have the grandparents living here. She would think that the break would be more leaning that way coming from the higher end down than from the lowest end up, only \$25. Mayor Hurst says that that is council's pleasure on whatever they want to do with adjusting the rates. He says that he believes that Carol had a reason for doing that because that is the non-resident rate of \$225 weekly. Carol speaks and says that it is based per child. If there are two children with the grandparent, it would be double and they would not get a break there. If it is a child who is probably staying with a grandparent for the summer. She feels like this is a break. She says that if the council all votes that they want it higher, we can go higher. She says that it looks like our rate is very low, but it is because we do not add in our field trips. Everyone else includes all their field trips in the cost of the camp. That is why it looks like we are way low, but if we added all of our field trips to this, but we do not make that a mandatory cost. Mayor Hurst clarifies that this is an option. If the children do not want to go, they can stay at the camp or they do not have to come that day. He says that he knows that in Valley View, it is mandatory and in other communities. She says that actually in these communities, if they do not want to go on the field trip, they should not come to the camp that day. They still have to pay that rate.

Mayor Hurst says that he needs some kind of consensus tonight from the council members so we can put this in the journal. Councilman Kolograf speaks and says he does not think the goal was to lower anything. He understands that this is to raise things to offset some of the costs and some of our operations. That is where he is with this. Councilwoman Allen says that she understands that and realistically, it is only a \$25 increase if the grandparent is watching one child, so the parents are benefitting from that. She would not want to see it at the \$600 rate, but maybe it could be at the \$300 instead. She says that it was just a little bit

more that we could be getting. She asks Carol how many kids that affects. Carol says that there are about 20 grandparents that watch nonresident children. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks where the kids live. Carol says the grandparent rate is for the grandparents who are watching them, and they are there with the grandparents during the week or during the day. The grandparent lives in the village. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks how old the Junior Parker. Carol says it is 4 to 6 year olds. Councilwoman Terlosky asks the audience what the cost of a babysitter is. Councilwoman Allen says that her son babysits for \$20 an hour. Carol says that this was written down price per day in the last column. Most people have a 10-week program. We are only there four days a week. They are all there five days a week. Councilman Kolograf says that he thinks the other ones give you an aftercare, but you pay more, so if they go beyond 3 p.m., there is a steep fee. So, for people who work until 5 or 6 p.m., they can use that but they will pay for it. Carol says we had something kind of like that. We do have a cost if someone wanted this. We also had a late fee if we are not picking up our child when they are supposed to be and someone has to stay with them. Of course, we have to implement something. We also have a program where if you are working late, and you cannot get here to pick up your child, and they are still at the camp, they can pay one of the counselors to child-tend. Then, they would pay the counselor. Councilman Kolograf says that where he is, if we are going to raise things, we are going to raise it across the board. If we are going to lower it, we are going to have lower it across the board. There will be questions as to why we raised some and not the others.

Councilwoman Allen says she wants everyone to know that she is not in favor of lowering them, not in the financial state the village is in now. She said she would rather see it at the higher end at closer to the \$600 range because technically the child is not a resident, but they are benefitting because the grandparent lives here. Carol says that most grandparents pay for the program, not the parent. Councilwoman Allen asks if the other communities offer the transportation home like we do. Carol says no – they only offer transportation if they are going from their facility to a pool or a camp, and then they bus them to pool. They pay for the bus transportation back and forth as well as the bus use for the field trip. Councilman Kolograf says that this is a big issue because if a grandparent is babysitting at home, that child gets picked up. We also have grandparents who do not drive and have no way of picking that child up. This could be a parent as well. This is a plus because if they don't have transportation, they can still come to our park program. Councilwoman Allen asks if there is an approximate, with these new costs, of how much of the Parker program it would cover, 50%, etc... ? Katie says that generally, year to year, the amount we are seeing for seasonal employment is between \$30,000 to \$35,000. All of that does not go just to the park; some of it is disbursed throughout the year at other events. She would say about \$30,000 is generally allocated toward just employees at the park. Then, with the amount we are bringing in is close to \$20,000. So, we are still operating at a loss, but it does make up a substantial portion.

Carol says to keep in mind that with these seasonal employment, those kids are not only there for camp for those seven weeks, they spend a week prior to camp cleaning and learning everything. They set up and tear down for community day, and they do the clean-up after the program is over. It is not just for Parker program. Mayor Hurst says that it would be safe to say that 60% of their salary is Parker program, and it would be safe to say that 70% of what you collect covers the Parker program. Those are just estimates of the overall costs. We are still 30% short, but that is more of an increase than we had last year. That is what we are trying to do here. The council required this at the budget meeting. Councilman Kolograf also speaks and says that on the Parker program, if we look at the expenditures versus the revenues on these line items, they are very close. Councilman Spitznagel asks if, on the last page, where it says there were 72 resident children in our summer camp, that includes the 20 kids that are here with their grandparents or no. Carol says that she did put them in with the residents. Councilman Spitznagel verifies that there are then 52 residents, give or take. He also asks about the price per day. As the other communities being mentioned as including the field trips in their cost, he asks if the price per day would include the field trips as well. Carol says that our field trips are \$200. The price per day is the "loaded price" inclusive of everything. Councilman Spitznagel says that he knows we have not seen the latest numbers for the income, revenues, and expenses for this year, and it is no secret that we are running out of money. He would like to give

everybody everything, and he would not mind taking a loss on this program because it is a valuable program. However, he cannot justify taking a loss on this program if we are taking a loss on everything else, and we ultimately wind up with a deficit budget for this year. In his opinion, we cannot have a deficit budget for this year. He knows the Mayor and the council have spoken, and there are some things on the horizon with some business things and businesses coming into the communities and things like that here and there that have a glimmer of light to that budget. As to whether it pays for everything or not, we do not know. He knows time is running short of the recreation program to either fish or cut bait here or do something. He has to think about this and try to get numbers of where we are right now, and see where this is in the big picture of Walton Hills. He says that if we take a \$10,000 deficit on this, this is nothing in the big picture, but if everything else is taking the deficit too, we still do not have a road program or anything. I know our recreation is important, but we have to balance the budget. He is not quite ready to say yes, go ahead, with these numbers.

Councilman Kolograf also says that with that being said, we would like to get it into the journal, so maybe we should dig into it a little deeper right now. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller also chimes in and says she does not think we have the time to wait. Councilman Kolograf says that we have the expenditures and we have the revenues. He asks Katie if we can get what 2017 is – he asks what the Parker program cost in 2017 and what we received in revenue for the sign-ups, we should be able to see where we are. He states that he thinks we are all at the point where if we do raise it, it is probably not enough. He says he thinks we are probably pretty close from what he can see in front of him. It looks like it is about \$12,000 revenue and about \$12,000 expenditure. It looks like we are pretty close and he thinks we are already there as far as breaking even. Councilman Spitznagel says that he thinks we are spending more than \$12,000. Katie says that we do spend more on salary than we take in on membership fees. We will get in about \$20,000 in revenue, and we are spending \$35,000 on just seasonal employment. Councilman Spitznagel says that the seasonal employees do more than just the Parker program, but it is hard to put it all in that pot. Councilman Kolograf says that if we were to balance the seasonal employees with the whole park, we will exceed every community around here by double. If we are looking at getting \$12,000 for the signup, if that is what we are saying is just from the signup fees... Councilman Spitznagel says that if we have the same numbers as we have last year as far as signups, he asks if we calculate how much money these new fees would bring in, as opposed to last year. Mayor Hurst says no, he is sure they did not do that, but he thinks that it stands to reason that if they raise the rates, we are going to bring in more money, and that is what we are trying to do here because of the time of essence of putting it in the journal. March is their month of signup, and that is what this is all about. That is why we did not present anything in January. We did not have any hard figures and Carol worked on it in February. That is why we are where we are right now.

If there are more questions, we will go with the standard rates and we could raise them in the middle of the season then. No one wants to do that, so the Mayor recommends that we make a decision here tonight. He recommends that we raise them at the rates she has recommended and follow through later on in the year and see where we are. Councilman Spitznagel asks if they can give him a ballpark percentage figure of the percentage that they raised them from last year – with a percentage. Mayor Hurst says they are on there in the package. Councilman Spitznagel says he has it – he just did not have a chance to look at it. Councilwoman Allen says that it says the residents are \$265. This sheet says that one resident child would be \$200. Carol says that she added in that rate the arts and crafts, etc. and what are considered outside field trips. All of these things are included in the \$265. It is just not in the \$200. Carol says she considers field trips separate. Councilman Kolograf verifies that on those programs, we only pay for the program if they participate. Carol confirms this as true. Councilman Terlosky says that she has a memo here dated February 7 asking for council's input on recreation programs. She says that the administration was asked to make a proposal to raise fees on all programs as well as all related fees such as transportation to offset the village recreational program costs. She asks if the "all programs" mean the senior lunch, transportation to drive people to the doctor or shopping, or what does that mean? Mayor Hurst says yes, that is what he was recommended. He is just following through on what was requested by the council majority. We were also talking about raising our transportation fees and everything across the board. She has already done

that. Now we are trying to raise the recreation fees as requested by council. That is all he is asking – whether council wants to do it or does not want to do this. He says we have other fees that we want to raise such as senior lunch and then we want to talk about the cutting of the lake fees, etc. This is all part of the budget that he was required. The council confirms that they don't have any confusion, they are just going over it. Councilman Spitznagel says they are just being presented with this now, so obviously there are going to be questions. He is only doing a quite percentage increase.

Councilwoman Terlosky says she thinks that we have to raise them. The levy was not passed and we cut the budget. Nobody has felt anything yet. It is crunch time now. They have to be raised, and she does not think these are out of order. Councilwoman Allen asks if we know how many of the kids use the transportation home. She said that this is something they have to sign up for and it is pretty much either you are always being taken home or you are not. Carol estimates that there are 20 or maybe 30 a day. She says we split it on two buses, two routes. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks if anyone rides a bike to the park anymore. Carol says yes they do. She says we even have walkers. Mayor Hurst asks if there are any other comments while Councilman Spitznagel is working on percentages. Councilman Spitznagel says that it seems like one resident child would raise that 33% and then going down the list 40%, three resident children 57%, grandparent rate 28%, resident weekly 50%, and then nonresident child 14%. He says that even if we take the low of 33% and we have around the same amount of kids for next year, we would be closer to that \$30,000 by about \$4000 or \$5000. Councilman Spitznagel thinks that Councilwoman Allen has a good idea with the nonresident fee living in the village or whatever, and he would support that, but he would also understand the burden on the grandparents as well. He would support this. He is willing to talk about Jennifer's idea as well. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller said she is ready to go with what Carol presented. Councilman Linville says he is ready to go with what is presented. Councilwoman Terlosky is ready to go with what Carol presented. Councilman Kolograf says that he wonders if maybe we should just raise them the same percentage across the board. He sees that they did it by child. He understands that because that is the impact of the program, the number of children, but maybe we should just come up with a percentage and increase it the same percentage so everyone would take the same increase. Using Councilman Spitznagel's calculations, they come up with a 30% increase across the board. Mayor Hurst explains to Carol that she would recalculate 30% of what the fees are right now and then make a new list and put it in the journal. Mayor Hurst opens up for comments and questions from the audience. None are seen. Mayor Hurst verifies that we will raise our Parker program by 30% across the board for participation for 2018.

Item E – Discussion to move old service garage to CIC. Mayor Hurst explains to the council that they have a sample in the legislation that also pertains to the NPK property. He references NPK because that is the address next door to that empty lot and we don't have an actual address to that, but we will have a parcel number to add to that legislation. This is for those two pieces of property to be added to the CIC and we have a CIC meeting scheduled next Thursday 2/22 at 6 p.m. with Councilwoman Brenner-Miller and Councilman Kolograf because they are on the committee. He asks if there are any questions or comments from the council on this resolution to move this into the Community Improvement Corporation so we can solidify these deals. None are seen. Mayor Hurst asks if there are any questions or comments from the audience on these two pieces of properties to be moved into the CIC through resolution for the village council members. None are seen. Mayor Hurst says that this will be on next week's regular council meeting, and hopefully we can get suspension for it and everyone will be okay with that. Councilman Kolograf outlines the CIC. He knows we talked about it yesterday when he had the Coffee with the Mayor yesterday, the first one in the evening, and he knows that people wanted to know who the CIC committee is. Mayor Hurst says that the Community Improvement Corporation was brought up last year and council gave permission for this to be created. It is a nonprofit organization. Mr. Mason recommended it and we formed this committee. It consists of two councilmembers, Councilman Kolograf and Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, and also four residents, Mr. Carl Maneage, Mr. John Nunnari, Barb Bykiewcz, and Dan Pocek, the former Mayor of Bedford who lives in Walton Hills. With these four individuals and the two councilmembers, we have the opportunity to negotiate economic development and to offer village-owned

properties and other properties that are given to the village to negotiate. This same kind of scenario would happen with the house on Alexander Road that we divided off of our community building that we purchased. We want to sell that probably in the spring or summer months. That will be hopefully donated to the CIC and we could put it up for sale and negotiate a price to make sure that we can control exactly what happens with that house and all of those details. He also states that Community Improvement does not only consist of economic development, it can consist of several different components. It is a very lucrative type of program that was invented long ago, for as long as he can remember. It has been around about 27 years. It is very profitable and very beneficial to Twinsburg, Beechwood, and other communities around us. With the council's authority, we put this into our toolbox for more economic development opportunities. It gives us the opportunity to sit down and talk about different options. Mr. Mason is our legal counsel for this, and he helps keep us under control with development agreements and all of the language, so we have language to control what we do. No questions or comments from the audience. Mayor Hurst says that these two items will be on the next regular council meeting for everyone to hopefully approve.

Item F – Resolution to reappoint Billie Workman and Duke Owens to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Hurst says this is standard housekeeping because they both expire in the month of March. He asks for questions or comments on this from the council. Councilman Linville asks if this is a two-year or six-year. Mayor Hurst says it is and has always been a six-year. That is in the legislation. No further questions or comments from the council. Mayor Hurst opens it up for questions or comments from the audience. Mary Alice Moran stands and makes a comment about the zoning. She had brought up the fact that there had been seemingly unnecessary delays because people have called her, and she says that the council indicated that that was not their experience and that they were blindsided by that, and one of the members of council had excellent experience. She wanted to suggest that to change that to a more reasonable time of two years or four years, would it be that someone on the council makes a motion and then presents it to Councilman Kolograf or the Mayor, and then the council votes on it? Mayor Hurst says that it would be a piece of legislation and it would be presented by either three council members or the Mayor has the authority to present that legislation. He says that we do not hold it to two or three council members. Usually, if anyone makes a recommendation, we would find everybody consensus and then present it. That would be a piece of legislation. He states that however, he would have to make sure it does not conflict with statutory rules because we are statutory. Ms. Moran says that it has been a long time and seems to go on forever. She was thinking it may be time to take a look. She said it would be three council people who would get together and make a recommendation. Then, it would be given to the law directory to process. She says that the second thing that she has been thinking about, in light of what she has heard and seen with her own experience and people who have called her with problems. She says a lot of the problems are delay. She states that the council would be interested in sitting down with the Board of Appeals and see how they operate, and that is probably a good idea. She has a suggestion that may be helpful, and that would be to look at their docket to see when it was filed, when the person lodged the request, and then just watch and see when the meetings take place. What she understands that the main issue that was brought to her attention was the delays. She never attended any of the meetings, so she cannot comment on that. She has heard complaints. Some are happy and some are not. She was just thinking that if the council could just follow the timing of it and then maybe look at the rules and see if it is in compliance. No other comments from the audience. Mayor Hurst states that he will have this on next week's resolution to appoint those two members to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and then in the month of March, he will bring them in and swear them into office.

Item G – Resolution to appoint Paul Rich to the vacant Board of Zoning Appeals position. Mayor Hurst explains that this position became available because everyone knows Mike Cummins who has been on the Zoning Board for a long period of time retired/resigned, so we have this vacancy. Councilwoman Allen speaks and has a question. She asks how the determination was made that Mr. Chalke is not a resident. Mayor Hurst says that he told us. Councilwoman Allen says he is still listed as one of our residents. Mayor Hurst says that he told us and said he lives in Parma and uses that house. Councilman Spitznagel

says that he has spoken to him and he told him that too. He says that he has that placed on North Meadowpark. He saw him last summer and they were talking about his issue and he told me where he lived and what he did and all that stuff. He is not a resident. Councilwoman Allen said that he would have known that residency was required. Mayor Hurst said that no, he did not know that. We had to point that out to him. Councilman Spitznagel said that we had someone years ago run for Mayor who had just moved into the village less than 12 months before. Councilman Spitznagel asks the Mayor about the six-year terms. He states that they do revolve. He says he has been on council for 12 years and we have not had a problem, other than the complaint that Ms. Moran brings up that people had brought up to her. As long as he has been on council, people who have had their term come up, we reinstate them. One because we feel they are doing a good job, and two, for example like this time, we only had one other resident who even applied. There are not many people wanting these positions. It has seemed to work. He did ask Mr. Mason before the meeting about if we appoint someone to a board and these terms run two years or whatever, and they do end up doing a lousy job or for some other unforeseen reason, can we remove them. Mr. Mason is of the opinion that yes, council can remove them and that this happened in another municipality. If this does ever happen, if we feel that someone does need to be removed for cause, we can and do have that authority.

Milan Vrzic from 14036 Swan Lake Blvd in North Royalton stands and speaks. He asks if there is a mechanism in place for feedback, both positive and negative, for the various boards that get appointed in the village. His feeling is that if someone has a problem with the zoning board, who do they go to to escalate or describe that problem. Mayor Hurst says if they are not happy with the outcome, they have the authority to go to the district court, which would be Garfield Heights. He says that in his seven years, we have never had any challenges. In fact, like Mr. Spitznagel said, he does not know of anyone who had any major challenges. The board does work with our residents on various different options. Milan asks if that is the same mechanism for the other boards. Mayor Hurst says yes, it is the same exact avenue of recourse. Milan now asks that if someone were to have negative feedback and wanted to pursue this, how would they be advised of that process? Mayor Hurst says they are told at the Zoning Board of Appeals how to do this. Councilman Kolograf speaks and says that Mr. Mason has to keep the zoning board on that straight legal thing and look at their opinion. It is not an opinion, there are rules that they have to follow. When they make that ruling, when they give a denial, they have to give a reason for that denial. That denial is also looked at by our law solicitor because if it were to be challenged, he would have to defend that and the village. So, it is very important. It is not six people who can make a decision based on whatever they like. The people that represent that board, along with our law solicitor, have to be very competent. The ruling has to be very black and white. It cannot be vague because it can be challenged and they have to defend that. He thinks we have been very fortunate, besides having our law solicitor who is involved with it. The Zoning Board before Mr. Cummins retired had two attorneys on it. Billie Workman is an attorney, so she sees very black and white. It is always about what the law says or what is right. Billie Workman has 200 attorneys under her at her present job. It helps the other members to stay very focused because not one person makes that ruling. It is a vote. Mayor Hurst says that 99% of all our Zoning Board of Appeals have a legal counsel representative for the village at those meetings. It is either Mr. Montello, our prosecutor, or Mr. Mason. They have been questioned on several different explanations of the zoning. So, we do not make any decisions lightly and we do go through a process.

Mary Alice Moran from 7500 Linda Lane stands and says that that is very good to hear. She is glad that the attorneys are looking at it and that we have such a competent attorney on the board. She says that what does not sit well with her and maybe with some of the other people I talk to is that the village council, etc. seems to want more people involved in coming to meetings and things, and sometimes we get the feeling that if the same people are re-placed to be placed on council; she knows that it takes a little trick or two to study a rule and apply it to a given situation, but it is not rocket science. There are many people in the village who would be qualified with a little bit of help from people like the existing Billie Workman or whoever is on the Board of Zoning Appeals. She says there are many other people who can fulfill that obligation. Even though they are satisfied with their performance, she would feel more comfortable if we

gave the opportunity to other people, just different people. Councilman Linville says that he would think that our ordinances would control a lot of this stuff with the rulings that come out of these things. We look at our ordinances. He says another person who did apply for this was very well qualified for it, and as he explained in his own vote, Paul Rich has nearly 25 years of combined community service. He is always prepared, and he works hard. This other person would also. He was not going to turn down Paul Rich. I hope this other fella is going to be involved at some point, but there are more competent people, and we know that and encourage that. Mary Alice asks if it is a paid position. Mayor Hurst says yes, and Katie says they are paid \$40 a month and then they are paid additionally \$30 a meeting, if they have one.

Councilwoman Terlosky says to Mary Alice that they would like to have more people involved, but they would like to have more people involved, but they have to apply. They are not applying. Mary Alice says that she knows of one gentleman who was turned down. Councilwoman Terlosky said he was not turned down. He had qualifications too, but as Councilman Linville had said, Mr. Rich has years of service on the planning commission, with council, and he knows the ins and outs of different areas of the village. The other gentleman as well. He has a great resume too. He is a new resident. We did say to him to please not give up. Things happen with people resigning, etc. She said we welcome other people to come and be on boards and run for council and those things. Councilman Linville says that the other gentleman that applied would probably have worked just as competently as Mr. Rich, but given Mr. Rich's track record, he was not going to vote against him being reappointed to the Zoning Board. He made his position very clear. Councilwoman Allen asks if there is anything in place as far as term limits on any of these boards. Mayor Hurst says not that he knows of. Mayor Hurst asks for further questions or comments on this, and none are seen.

Item H – Resolution to recognize our dispatch and police department employees and our one sergeant for their outstanding service. Mayor Hurst states that this was explained and it is in the Director's report where the chief had a few more details linked to this. There is a bullet point that explained all of the details. Mayor Hurst would like to acknowledge them at the regular council meeting next week. No questions or comments. None are seen. Mayor Hurst says there will be three separate resolutions with all three employees. This will be here and we will also have the students here, which is another piece of this. Mayor Hurst asks for questions and comments from the audience. None are seen.

Item I - Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals fees. Mayor Hurst is still reviewing this along with the law department. He says they will probably have something for them in the month of March at the first COW meeting with a comparison of the other communities. He is just having an open discussion about this and looking at the fees to make sure we cover our costs. It may already be in place. We just want to be sure and dissect the language that is in there. The council is okay with this. Mayor Hurst asks for questions and comments from the audience. None are seen.

Item J – Student Government Resolution. Mayor Hurst says that students will be here before 5 p.m. and at 5 p.m., we will have dinner in the community building. All directors will be here. The students will be able to shadow our directors. The council will also be appointed their student, as we always do. He asks that the councilmembers sit at separate tables and intermingle with the kids and converse because it does help. He says they are all great with this. It works out great for the students. He says we will probably have that on the top of the agenda for student government resolutions so they can come up front and read them. He says they usually sit in our seats and read the resolution line by line. It gives them the opportunity to be recognized. He says this will be next week on the regular council meeting. Mayor Hurst asks for questions and comments from the audience. None are seen.

Other Business. Mayor Hurst states the CIC meeting is next Thursday, 2/22, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. So far, he thinks he has everyone but Mr. Pocek as he may not be available, but we have the majority to have the meeting. Two items are the old service garage and NPK property, which is the FirstEnergy property that we acquired. We do not give the parcel numbers.

Mayor Hurst states he gave council a new piece of legislation or challenge as a House bill. It just came to him at 4:30 today. He would like everyone to read into it. He says that Mr. Mason will probably have some comments on it in the month of March. It is a House bill about traffic cameras. They will see in there who introduced it and who all is involved in it. It looks like Ohio Municipal League will fight on our behalf. This language is about Mayor's Court and all the other details and civil cases. He states that the council should read over it and if there are any questions, they are to ask Mr. Mason as he is sure he will be able to give a good answer.

Mayor Hurst gave everyone their memos about their directors. The only other memo that he wants to bring to the council's attention was that he passed out a memo for the Roadway Maintenance Program. Mr. Sheehy and his group sent a memo to the Mayor earlier today. This would cost us approximately \$40,000 in labor for the crack/seal program. This is something, when we do the budget in the month of March, that we would have for capital. We got a memo a while ago saying we got \$34,000 from the county, but this is just to pay for the materials. We have to pay of the labor part. There is a list of roads. There is Sagamore Road, Walton, Dunham, and other roads. Many council members commented on how bad Dunham Road is. Mayor Hurst reminds the council that we do not have a road program other than the crack/seal that has been offered to us. We also have the program on Route 8 and Alexander. He says we are going to have to make some tough decisions. This is part of our budget discussion. He hopes to have that by the second week of March. Katie Iaconis will not be here for the first week in March. Mayor Hurst says that he thinks we have enough information and hopefully by the second or third week in March, with the traffic cameras and businesses that are coming in, everyone should be able to have a comfort level to project what we are going to do with the final part of the budget of 2018.

Councilman Spitznagel says that he noticed that it says "Red Light Camera." Mayor Hurst said no, he has to read into it. He says we are not doing red lights, but it says "Red Light Traffic Camera," and they are including the speed cameras under this. He says they are very coy about what they are doing. He says that if we read the email part, it sounds like they want to change our actual ordinances of our home rule. It is unbelievable what they are doing downstate. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller says she is looking at the last page of Police Department Director's Report, the very last one where it says "Officer responded to Marathon gas station for a theft report." She asks which Marathon and is told that it is Mike's. "The male came in earlier in the week for gas and had no money. He dumped \$27 in fuel. The owner gave him until the weekend to return with the money. Report taken." She said she thought they could not pump gas without putting something that allows you to pump. Mayor Hurst says that he probably went to the owner and said he had no money on him but needed to put gas in his truck to get home and he would be back to pay. Mayor Hurst says that it says that he waited a week before he turned him in.

Councilwoman Allen said, in the article about the Red Light Cameras and Speed Cameras. She was wondering if Mr. Mason was looking into or finding out about where it talks about reducing state funding, the same amount of money that we collect on these cameras. She is asking what our repercussion be with getting or not getting the cameras. Katie said \$18,000 is all we get from the state; our state funding has been cut drastically. Mr. Mason says that he has skimmed over it, but has not read through it, and it looks like they are infringing on the village's home rule, so if this does advance to become legislation, this is going to end up in Supreme Court because of that conflict. Mayor Hurst confirms that we do still have the opportunity to move forward, and Mr. Mason confirms this is true. Councilwoman Terlosky says that we have not paid a dime into this, and if the laws change, it does not cost us anything. Mayor Hurst says this is in the contract. Councilman Linville asks if we can proceed right now because we have passed the legislation.

Mayor Hurst says that tomorrow morning is Morning with the Mayor at 9 a.m. in the Community Room.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of February 13, 2018, seconded by Councilman Linville, at 7:04 p.m. Six ayes approved.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer