

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the
Village of Walton Hills, Ohio held Tuesday
February 20, 2018 at 6:10 p.m. in the
Village Hall Council Chambers at 7595 Walton Road

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. He welcomes the students from Bedford Schools and all the residents of Walton Hills and Councilmembers. He thanks them for coming tonight to our February 20, 2018, regular council meeting for the month of February. The Pledge of Allegiance is spoken. Mayor Hurst also asks for a moment of silence for our Military men and women as well as for the residents who have passed away since our last regular council meeting. These include Mr. Ray Levanduski and Mr. Pete Sakian. The roll call was then taken by Katie Iaconis. Councilpersons present were Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Jennifer Allen, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, and Brian Spitznagel. Mayor Hurst also would like the record reflect that we have our law solicitor, William Mason, and our Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Ms. Katie Iaconis, present at this meeting.

Item E: Motion to receive and file our Council Caucus minutes of February 20, 2018. Mayor Hurst explains that these are the minutes that were just passed out to the council. Councilman Linville makes a motion that we receive and file Council Caucus minutes of February 20, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Kolograf. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Item F: Persons having business before council. Mayor Hurst states that at this time, we give the opportunity for anyone who would like to come forward and ask any questions or concerns about the operation of the Village of Walton Hills. None are seen at this time.

Item G: Mayor's Report. Mayor Hurst states that his court report will be given out with the Clerk of Courts when it is time under Council Comments.

Mayor Hurst reinstates that we are having a CIC meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. There is Senior Lunch next Monday at the Community Building at 11:30. There will also be a State of the Village program at our Community Building on March 27, 2018, at 6 p.m. That is the last Tuesday in the month of March.

Item H: Council's Comments. Nancy - For January 2018, total monies that were collected in Mayor's Court were \$19,211.05. This is a 6.79% increase from monies that were collected in January 2017, which were \$17,990.15. For the month of January 2018, the Walton Hills Police Department issued 123 citations in the month of January 2018. The predominant violation was speeding with 39 citations written followed by 21 citations for expired plates and 12 citations for driving under suspension. There was only one arrest for OVI.

Carol - The recreation department is working on a pamphlet for the summer camp program. We have been working on field trips and special activities for the children. Signup for this program starts on March 1. March 1 is also when applications for baseball, commissioner, and counselors will be available. Yoga classes start at the Community Center on February 21, and tickets are still available for the play "Misery" at the Hanna Theater for February 21. If interested, please call Carol at (440) 786-2964. The Senior Lunch at the Community Center will be held on February 26 at 11:15 a.m. On February 26 at 7 p.m., Book Club will be meeting at the Community Center. Senior Olympics will be held at the Community Center at February 28. Don't forget the Walton Hills Women's Club will have a free soup dinner held at the Community Center on Wednesday March 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Come and enjoy soup and chili and support the Women's Club.

Rob – Service department counselor report for February 13, 2018. Received notice for Cuyahoga County that the village qualified for a \$34,000 reimbursement grant for cracked ceilings. Replaced four parking lot lights at the Community Center with new LED lights. The existing lights had failing ballasts. Continue to cold patch roads as needed. Received the balance of the 500-ton road salt from our order on January 16 on February 9. Truck 15 sent Liberty Ford four pairs on February 6. Getting bids for the repair of the Dump Body Subframe for Truck 4. Service crew performing all preventative maintenance on equipment due to the absence of our mechanic. [Dolimators] installed on Notting Hill before Community Center entrance. Entrance sign ordered with arrow to reduce confusion for visitors. Set up and take down all tables and chairs from the banquet room, multipurpose room, and community room.

Chief – Officer responded to a tower drive business to take report of a handgun located in a vehicle that has been repossessed. A loaded handgun was returned to the station and logged into evidence for safekeeping. Officers responded to a report of a theft of a 50-inch TV and the use of money without consent. They further found out that the mother’s son had sold her 50-inch TV and was using her debit card without her consent. Furthermore, after that, her son barricaded himself in his room, and she threatened to call police, to which he said, “Bring them. I have a surprise for them.” Then, as the police came, they eventually talked him out with no force. The male was handcuffed and returned to Walton Hills Police Department with due process and charged in Garfield Heights Municipal Court with theft and credit card and debit card. Officers stopped a vehicle for traffic offense. While approaching the vehicle, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana. Juvenile passengers were brought back to the station to wait for their parents and cited into the juvenile court for possession of marijuana. An adult driver was cited for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and equipment violation.

Councilman Linville thanks the students for being at tonight’s meeting, and that he hopes it is informative for them and that they learn a new experience.

Councilman Allen speaks and states she was contacted yesterday by a resident who is desperate to get in touch with someone because her back yard was flooding. It seems she has had an issue in the past, and it was found that her neighbor was redirecting water from his property onto hers. She asks if Mr. Kalman or Joe Giolotti could take the information and follow up with her to see what could be done and if this has been redirected again as it is flooding out her yard and killing the trees. Mayor Hurst says that if she would provide them with the information, he will make sure that it gets done. This is the way the council usually does it – they share it with him and then he takes care of it and give a report back. Jennifer Allen also requests a tour of all of the village buildings including the ones we have in the CIC so she can see what we have going on. She also asks for an excused absence from the council meeting on March 20. Her son just got an acceptance letter to Padua and they give them a 20-minute timeframe and one day – from 6:30 to 6:50 on March 20. The council congratulates her son.

Councilman Kolograf has no comments.

Councilwoman Terlosky has no comments.

Councilman Spitznagel has no comments.

No further questions or concerns from the councilmembers.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2018-11. Councilman Kolograf introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-11, a resolution of appreciation for Student Government Day. Seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky. No questions or comments.

Six ayes approve. Councilman Kolograf asks for approval of Resolution 2018-11. Seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-12. Councilman Linville introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-12, a resolution honoring Walton Hills Police Dispatcher Jenilee Mason for her outstanding service to the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. Mayor Hurst explains to the audience that we have three individuals who did an outstanding job to locate and assist in saving an individual's life. It was a very remarkable thing that they accomplished. He gives some background by saying that we had an incident that took place many years ago in our village. An individual had some recourse from those incidents. They would call our Village Hall periodically throughout the issues with issues or 9-1-1 emergency calls. This took place about a month ago. This person was in another state. With the quick reaction of our dispatchers and our Sargeant, Melissa Walsh, they pulled the files, they found the cell phone number, got the dialogue, was able to call Sprint and get the location of the cell phone. The pinged it off of cell towers and located the person. It was in Fairfax, Virginia. They were able to contact the local authorities and were able to help this person and get him with help. They saved a life. It was very good police work and very good teamwork between the dispatch and our sergeant and the rest of our police department. He explains that we do dispatching for three communities – Walton Hills, Oakwood, and Glen Willow. We have been very proactive, and we have brought in more work and more workload. We have kept almost the same footprint of employees in the dispatch. When I started, we had four full time and here we are seven years later and we still have four full time. All the rest are part time. This is a money-saving process and it is a program only because our police chief and our police department and council allows us to do this. Once again, it benefits the village with the fire contract at many different levels. Before we go any further, he would like to have a round of applause to thank these three and thank them for everything they do. Councilman Linville says that he has seen Melissa Walsh work a lot of situations and he is giving fair warning that he would not mess with Melissa Walsh. Laughter ensues. Mayor Hurst states that we will introduce these and pass these and then give out the awards so we can get a photo with our police chief and employees. A bigger plaque will be outside the wall at the police station so we can continue to gather accolades for all the special things we do here in Walton Hills. He asks for a vote for approval. Six ayes approve. Councilman Linville asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-12. Seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-13. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-13, a resolution honoring Walton Hills Police Dispatcher, Vicki Griminger, for her outstanding service to the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-13. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-14. Councilwoman Terlosky introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-14, a resolution honoring Walton Hills Police Sergeant, Melissa Walsh, for her outstanding service to the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Allen. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve. Councilwoman Terlosky asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-14. Seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Mayor Hurst asks for everyone to come forward so they can receive their plaques. Applause ensues. Mayor Hurst states that on behalf of the Village of Walton Hills, he thanks Melissa Walsh very much. Mayor Hurst states that on behalf of the Village of Walton Hills, he thanks Jenilee Mason very much. Mayor Hurst states that on behalf of the Village of Walton Hills, he thanks Vicki Griminger very much. She also thanks the Chief for being a part in all of this as well. Applause ensues for the Chief.

Mayor Hurst thanks everyone for participating in this and he thanks everyone for recognizing outstanding employees. He says this is only successful if we have a good leading team.

Mayor points out to the students before they leave that he did not grasp it when he was a very young person, not much older than them. He says that when we say things in life, sometimes it has double meanings. He states that the time you spend with someone is not the same as the time you invest in someone. He says we have some very outstanding people who make a difference every day in our law enforcement and our legal system across the government, and it only happens because people invest in their life and invest in their time. He wants the kids to remember that because they are our future.

Ordinance 2018-2. Councilman Spitznagel introduces Ordinance 2018-2, an ordinance declaring Permanent Parcel Number 794-34-031 unnecessary for municipal purposes, recognizing that the conveyance of said parcel to the Walton Hills Community Improvement Corporation will promote the welfare of the village and assist in the development of industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development activities to the benefit of the people in the village, and authorizing the Mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement to convey the parcel to the CIC and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Mayor Hurst clarifies that this is the property that we purchased from First Energy for \$5,000. It is located right beside NPK. It is right beside the First Energy Substation on Northfield Road. When we became aggressive with vacant property throughout the village, we approached First Energy, and we had property running along the railroad tracks behind the substation that we were able to negotiate and purchase this 2-1/2 acre parcel for \$5,000. So, right now, we have a company who is interested in developing it and making another business and bringing in more jobs. It has been almost a year of discussion, and now we are at that threshold where we will have some more good news with job growth. He has maps that he will provide the councilmembers. Mayor Hurst says that his door is wide open and can show Councilwoman Allen any of this property at any time she wants to see it. Six ayes approve suspension. Councilman Spitznagel asks for adoption of Ordinance 2018-2. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Ordinance 2018-3. Councilwoman Allen introduces Ordinance 2018-3 for suspension, an ordinance declaring Permanent Parcel Number 794-29-036 unnecessary for municipal purposes, recognizing that the conveyance of said parcel to the Walton Hills Community Improvement Corporation will promote the welfare of the village and assist in the development of industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development activities to the benefit of the people in the village, and authorizing the Mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement to convey the parcel to the CIC and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Mayor Hurst states that this is our old service garage on West Creek Road. We have laid out a plan to have this redeveloped and create jobs. We broke it down into 7 acres. We went through Planning Commission. This was all started in 2015. 2016 is when we started the process, and 2017 was when we finalized all of the division. We negotiated for a new outfit to come into this facility and bring 20 jobs, and also to make more investment in our village and the gateway areas of Northfield Road. This has been discussed for almost 2-1/2 years now. Everyone knows this. He tells Councilwoman Allen that we have a full-blown map as well of 7 acres. We stayed away from water and creeks, so there were no issues with the Army Corps of Engineers. We were very crafty with the way we developed this and the way we took this facility. This is another economic tool to create another job opportunity. Six ayes approve. Councilwoman Allen asks for adoption of Ordinance 2018-3. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-8. Councilwoman Terlosky introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-8, a resolution confirming the appointment of George Owens as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve. Councilwoman Terlosky asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-8. Seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-9. Councilman Kolograf introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-9, a resolution confirming the appointment of Billy Workman as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Linville. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Councilman Kolograf asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-9. Seconded by Councilwoman Allen. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Resolution 2018-10. Councilman Linville introduces for suspension Resolution 2018-10, a resolution confirming the appointment of Paul Rich as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. No questions or comments. Six ayes approve. Councilman Linville asks for adoption of Resolution 2018-10. Seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. Councilman Spitznagel states that we are blessed in this village to have a group of people who work very hard for us for basically nothing because they love this village. He only wishes that there was one more seat on there, because he would like to see another person enjoined in the village, but he is sure that will come. All three of these people, if you read their resumes and what they have done for the village, we are very glad to have all of them. Councilman Linville says that we also have a gentleman by the name of Mr. Weeden who is a fairly new resident living on Rashell Drive. He was also an outstanding candidate and he hopes to see him back here again for some future opening. He thinks he would be a real asset to the village as well. No further questions or comments. Six ayes approve.

Old Business. None.

New Business. None.

Mayor Hurst mentions one more time about the meetings coming up. This Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers there is a CIC meeting. Our next Council Meeting is on March 20. Our State of the Village is March 27. We have two COW in the month of March on March 6 and March 13.

Councilman Kolograf makes a comment and states that he appreciates the students and the teacher for taking the time to come to our meeting and learning about our local government here. He thinks it is a good idea to go to your city and learn about your local government. The right to vote is probably the most important rights we have. A lot of countries do not have that right. We have that here and many people died for that. He wants to make sure they all vote. You cannot complain unless you vote. We are blessed to have that opportunity in this country.

Councilwoman Terlosky says that there are some faces here that we have seen for a few years. We won't see you again in here, but she hopes that we see them in the great things they are going to do. We are all in some great things that they want to do in the future. The council wishes them luck, and if the council can help them in any way, she wants them to let us know.

No further comments or questions.

Councilman Linville makes a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of February 20, 2018, at 6:51 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. No questions or comments. Six ayes approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Iaconis
Fiscal Officer