

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: March 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 asks that the record reflect that we have our law director, Mr. William Mason, present at this meeting, and we also have our Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Iaconis, present at this meeting.

Item C – Persons Having Business Before Council. At this time, the floor is opened for any residents who would have any business before council at tonight's meeting. They now have the opportunity to come forward and speak. None are seen. Mayor Hurst also states to the audience that we do give the opportunity to speak at every item on the agenda after the council has their opportunities.

Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road stands and approaches the microphone. She wants to comment on the meeting we had with the Mayor yesterday. She thinks it was well attended, she thinks it was very informative, and she wishes there was some way to get information out to our residents to encourage them to attend. She states that she was amazed with all of the things that are going on. She was wondering if we could maybe highlight it a little bit more in the journal to let people know the rapport we had with the Mayor with questions and answers. She thinks that maybe we could get our residents more informed about this meeting. Mayor Hurst states that we have been doing these for a little over 30 months. The crowd that is seen there, a lot of them are repeat offenders who keep coming. He says the morning one is well attended with 45 to 50 people coming. He says we will continue to do it and continue to make ourselves available and try and be transparent. He says that most of the times we have at least one councilmember who comes to those meetings.

No other questions or comments from the audience.

Item D – Council Comments. Mayor Hurst says that the councilmembers should have the reports from all of the directors in front of them.

Councilman Linville has no comments at this time.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states that they had a Planning Commission meeting this past Thursday, and we gave a conditional approval for a new building to be built on Northfield Road along with, obviously, a new business that is going to be moving in there. It is conditionally approved as long as it meets the zoning and/or planning and any architectural requirements that we have of it, but it looks like it is a go-ahead. It will bring more revenue and a very interesting venue to our village.

Councilwoman Allen has a couple of comments. She states that on the recreation department report at the bottom, it states that the Walton Hills Citizen's League is having an auction. She says it is not the Citizen's League. She thinks it is the 50 Plus Club. She states that the Walton Hills Citizen's League is having a special meeting on Saturday 3/24 for the Citizen of the Year for 2017 along with a Meet Your Organizations day as well.

Councilwoman Terlosky expounds a bit on recreation. For the month of March, on this coming Monday, across the hall, the 50 Plus Club has two speakers – the Police Chief and our Clerk of Courts. They are

going to talk about the traffic cameras and also the different requirements of the state of Ohio driver's license. That is at 1 p.m. on Monday. Also, the 50 Plus auction is on April 16 in the Community Room. Anyone can come to that. They do not have to be a member of the 50 Plus Club. The proceeds will go to the Benevolent Fund here in the Village of Walton Hills. As of this month, there are 15 police officers who have been killed; 5 a month. It is a terrible situation that is going on with the police officers. She voted because of a safety issue so the officers are not walking up to the cars so much and letting the traffic camera do the work for them.

Councilman Kolograf states that the investment in the property that Councilwoman Brenner-Miller commented on went through the Community Investment Corporation. He asks the Mayor if he would like to expound at this time on what kind of business that is or whether we should wait until it is final. Mayor Hurst says that there is a rendering on the table. We talked about it last night at the Meeting with the Mayor. We have four new businesses locating in Walton Hills in three months. They will generate approximately 60 jobs between the four. We still have another one that the council is aware of. They are under contract, so we will wait until we have that occupancy permit in place to make that announcement. This is a business who, last year, approached the CIC when we formed it, and it is to make a Movie studio, editing, and TV recording station on Northfield Road. They will generate between 10 and 12 jobs, and it works off hand-in-hand with the Rocksino and the entertainment up there. This facility is well established in Vancouver, Canada and also in Florida and Georgia. It is also established in California. These are individual who have a very high success rate and have had a proven model of what they have accomplished in the movie industry. Most know that the movie industry in the state of Ohio gets very large tax breaks to shoot movies here. However, they usually do their movie production here and then go back to the west coast and do all of their editing, sound effects, and electronics. This will do that here in Walton Hills. This is the only one on the east coast at this time that is associated with California. Then, the next one will be Vancouver. This is also tied to the performer called Prince. This is tied to his association as well, which is in Milwaukee. We have done our homework and we have discussed this for a year and a half through the CIC. This will generate some jobs and will be a brand-new building. It is an attractive building.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller also adds that it has a sound stage so when performers come to the Rocksino, if they come in early, they have the ability to practice. They even have it set up to where you could get your 18-wheeler and/or equipment in there. It is going to be something special and something out of the ordinary for this area. It could generate a lot of different high-end type of entertainers coming through. It could be fun for Walton Hills to have something like that. Mayor Hurst says it was purchased by the Village of Walton Hills for \$5,000 from First Energy in 2013 and 2014 when the council gave me permission to look at vacant land around the village, and along the railroad track behind the gas station and by Carr Brothers and those other companies along Northfield Road, there was a lot of vacant land that were small lots. Most of the families had passed away, and it was sitting in the county for back taxes. The village was able to receive those lands, and then after we gathered those lands together, Mr. Mason and Katie helped us to establish with First Energy a conversation of trading them land for that land out by Northfield. That is how we got 2-1/2 acres available on Northfield Road. It started out as an expansion for NPK. NPK had close to 11 acres on their lot, so they wanted to go behind their existing building. They did not want to go wider. So, we ended up with this parcel for \$5000, and we turned around and sold it for \$17,000, but in the \$17,000 was also for no incentives and for them to bring in jobs and do their investments. That is where this all came together.

Item E. Mayor Hurst states that we have our village engineer, Mr. here. Because we are trying to put together all of the variables for our 2018 budget, we wanted to invite the village engineer to give us some background and give us some discussion so we can look at our budget and evaluate what projects we want to do in 2018. Mr. Sheehy did provide us with a memo. We copied everyone. He and the Mayor have been going back and forth with several different things. The first memo is about the Northfield Road project. He asked Mr. Sheehy to give us an estimate on what it would cost to have the fluted arms. Mr. Sheehy states that when we proposed this project and got funding for it, we did have it shown with

decorative poles but span wire going across the intersection. Part of the concern there, obviously, is the cost. The Mayor Hurst wanted to know what it would cost to install mast arms instead of the poles with the span wire. The mast arms are the solid arms that go over the intersection. We tried to do a bit of a graphic there to show what it would kind of look like, to give a visual representation of what it will look like with the poles and span wire versus the poles with the larger black mast arms that would extend halfway across the intersection. The cost for that is between \$95,000 and \$100,000 of extra cost to switch to the mast arm type of design. It is a fair amount of money, but some people prefer the way it looks. It is a little cleaner. There are a number of wires criss-crossing that intersection already because we are carrying so much electricity and other utilities on the poles in that area. Some of those wires will be offset when First Energy completes their relocation, but there are still going to be a fair number of wires that are going to cross the intersection.

Councilman Kolograf asks if there is any difference in maintenance of these things. With the wires, of course, there will need to be repairs made. We are going more in the air versus having more control. Mr. Sheehy states it is hard to quantify that. In theory, the mast arms protect the internal wires a bit better than the wires that are feeding the signals with the span wire. The cable is very durable, but the electrical current wires, over time, may require some maintenance. That is a fairly long type of thing, maybe 30 years out. He says that if, for some reason, there was a change to the intersection, the mast arms are very specific to how much weight they are carrying and how far over they go. It is hard to retrofit. A lot of times, you end up having to get rid of a mast arm and get another one that is four feet longer. It is not like you can just swap them out. The span wire, in theory, you could re-utilize the pole if we had to move a pole back, but we would still end up having to re-wire the thing. So, it is not a huge difference, but he says that the mast arms are going to give us a little bit more protection on the components that are feeding the signal. We can put up signage there is we need to. Technology keeps changing. Right now, there is different technology to anticipate cars or do an optical on the cars that are coming, and the signals would be actuated by the actual optical on the cars. That technology is going to change. It may end up that we end up having cameras in there that the police can just watch for speed or whatever else. With the span wire, we could still put some of that stuff on there. It simply moves around more so it is not quite as accurate and is not quite as good. On a windy day, some of those things bounce around a little bit.

Councilwoman Terlosky asks if we could give these to the audience so they can see what he is talking about. This is passed around the audience. Mayor Hurst says that if you take a ride on Oakwood on Broadway, they have the wires. Richmond Road and Broadway and Shepherd, they have the fluted poles and the arms coming out. You can tell a substantial difference in the intersection. He knows that on Sagamore Road where the Rocksino is, they all have the mast arms. After we quoted this job and after we did everything, the Mayor started taking notice, and he wants to make sure that the council is comfortable with what the final results would be when it is done. Mayor Hurst personally like the mast arms, simply for the look and that it fits everything else going on on Route 8. That is council's call because they have to approve the money. He thinks that on the 6th page, Mr. Sheehy has the program. Mr. Sheehy says that is separate. He says that on the same project, but on a different track, with CEI still being in the process of relocating their wires. They had a number of big storms this winter; not just here but sometimes in other service areas; and then they end up sending emergency crews. Everything that is sort of a maintenance issue gets put on the back burner. They did say that they should be done with their relocation by June. That would really give us the opportunity to bid this project out now. Then, there is some lead time on getting the poles. He understands there is a steel supplier who does almost all of the work now who is shutting down, thus creating additional lead time on the poles. We are talking about five or six-month lead time on the poles. Whatever we decide, we do need to make a decision one way or the other, get it bid, and then they can order either the mast arms or the poles with the wires so we can move forward with this project. Mayor Hurst asks him to give a little history of this project. He knows we started it in 2015 or 2016 with discussion. Mr. Sheehy states that we did receive funding from Ohio Public Works Commission to pay for a good chunk of this project. He does not have the numbers off the top of his head, but part of it is doing a little bit of a land widening, and then also the biggest thing was getting First Energy to move

their utility poles because those poles that were a couple of feet off the edge of the pavement were constantly a hazard with vehicle rubbing up against them and knocking into them all the time. They do carry a lot of electricity and it was a very big cost for First Energy to move them, but that is their cost and it is not on us. The coordination of that, and our Law Director had some good contacts at First Energy that sort of helped expedite the process, and at least get a good meeting where we can move forward, so there was a good push on our end to make that happen. We have delayed it a bit because of the relocation of the poles. We have asked for an extension on the money we have earned because it did not happen within the timeframe that was allotted.

Mr. Sheehy states that we got an extension for about a year. Councilman Spitznagel asks when the year is up. Mr. Sheehy states he believes we need to be complete in June of next year. That puts us at needing to get that out to bid, especially with the six-month lag on the poles, it has to be awarded this year. Councilman Spitznagel states that his concern is, as we are going through this budget, is budgeting this entire project in 2018. Apparently, now with CEIs not getting their part done in time, we can move part of the cost of that project between the two years. He is wondering if this is correct. Mayor Hurst says that he thinks we maybe can. He cannot guarantee it, but he can see if maybe we can move some of the finishing projects to by next summer. Councilman Spitznagel says he would like to do that. Mayor Hurst says that asphalt closes down around November, and that is probably close to the finish when we do the asphalt part. Mr. Sheehy states that he thinks it may actually go, just to use a number, we would probably award the project around June or July, they would order the poles, and they would probably do most of the pavement improvements prior to installing the poles because of the order time. So, the poles and that installation, which is probably about half the cost of the job would not be until 2019, but financially, we still have to award the contract for the full amount. The actual expense side, probably about half of it would occur in 2019. Mayor Hurst says he thinks that it is \$390,000 or \$490,000 for the package, and then it is a matching grant where they pay the \$490,000. Mr. Sheehy says he will have to get the exact numbers, but he thinks that is correct. Mayor Hurst also asks for the council to keep in mind that a lot of those wires are not FirstEnergy wires. There are a lot of utility wires including telephone, cable TV, etc. If you go down Northfield Road and see where all of the telephone poles are cut off, all of those wires below belong to someone else. He has talked to Terry Killeen and he has talked to First Energy, and they said that everything is coordinated to change over at the same time, but utilities move at their own speed. Mr. Sheehy says they will pull the electrical and then work their way down the pole. Whoever the last person is apparently has to pull the pole out. Sometimes there is a little bit of a rush to get it done at the end because no one wants to be the last person. Councilwoman Allen asks Mr. Sheehy that it would be an extra \$100,000 to use the mast arms on top of what we already have gotten the grant for. Mr. Sheehy verifies that this is correct. Councilwoman Allen then asks that if a year or two down the road, we have a windfall and we end up with an extra \$200,000 to try to do something with, are we able to retro those span wires to mast arms? Mr. Sheehy says that the way they are designed, you cannot do that. The mast arms are designed specifically to carry a certain amount of weight based on the length of the arm and so forth, so it would be tough to design a pole that could be modified. It is a totally different pole. That is where part of the cost is. You are buying a less expensive pole because the span wire layout is a little less weight and it is easier to install. The mast arm is pretty heavy. No further questions or comments on this.

Mr. Sheehy states that we did put together a little memo of recommendations on streets that need to be addressed. We looked through the streets as we do periodically to give us an idea on what we think the most important streets to get paved would be. These are the local streets that would be entirely on us to do the maintenance on. The top five are Chestnut, Hickory, Tulip, Logan, and Fern Drives. We are looking at a cost of about \$380,000 to do a resurfacing and some base repair of those roadways. We also have about \$76,000 for spot repairs that need to be addressed. That puts the total at about \$456,000 for the road program. Separately, we do have some crack-seal material that we are going to get funded by the county. That is on a separate memo, but this would just be for asphalt repair and resurfacing work. We really have not addressed it over the last couple of years, and this is something that we continue to delay. Some of this is based on the severity of the winter. This winter has been a little more harsh than normal. We have seen

worse, though. They all take their toll on the streets. A lot of it is how much plowing, how much salting, and how many freeze/thaw cycles. Winter is not quite over yet either. Part of the problem that we get into is that over time, these costs just keep building up. We have more and more streets that are going to need this kind of attention. Councilman Spitznagel asks about the grant that we got from the county for spot repairs, if we do all of those spot repairs, how much are we talking about? For the crack seal. Mr. Sheehy states there is a separate memo. We were looking at labor of around \$40,000 and they are coming up with \$34,000 as a materials cost. The crack seal does extend the life of some of the pavements that are a little older. We do get some more mileage out of them. We have used it a lot in the past, and it has helped keep the roads together. It does not make them look all that great, but it does extend the life a little bit and keep them serviceable. That is something they recommend. Those are on county routes. That is why the county participates in that. Those are streets that are getting a fair amount of traffic. Again, we are looking at about a \$40,000 labor cost plus about \$34,000 for materials, which is reimbursable. He would recommend that we definitely do that since you are getting almost half of the cost of the installation paid for by the county. Mayor Hurst says that back to the road program, he does not expect anyone to make a commitment tonight, but he wanted everyone to look at that when we do the budget on how we are going to pay for that and how we look for that funding. Councilman Kolograf states that now he knows the dreaded question that we always ask, if we were to cut that in half or cut something out, he wants to know what Mr. Sheehy's opinion there as far as priority. Mr. Sheehy states that he thinks it comes down to the amount that the council wants to spend, and then we would try to figure out how best to approach it. You cannot do half of a particular road, even if it is the worst road. A little bit of it is if you say, this is how much we can afford to do this year and/or next year, then we will try and figure out and pick and choose what the best strategy would be to get a competitive price. We want to make sure that you are doing enough of the work so that you are getting a decent price on it too. Sometimes, we break it down into such a small package that now you are going to pay 10% or 15% more because you are not doing something that is all that effective. Councilman Kolograf asks if there is anything he is saying we HAVE to do, we have no choice. Mr. Sheehy says that the horseshoe is probably high – we get the most traffic on that. There are just not that many house on those other streets, maybe 5 or 6 houses. This may not be very fair to the people who live on those streets, but we have to try to do the ones that are going to have more cars on it. That becomes the deciding factor – the number of vehicles and the ability to get a trash truck and emergency services up and down those streets. Mayor Hurst says that as we have expressed before, these are secondary roads, residential, so we will not get any kind of grant money for that. Mr. Sheehy verifies that there is no outside funding available for the side streets. The county routes and state route, there are a lot of funding opportunities based on condition, but the smaller roads are on us.

Mayor Hurst also asks Mr. Sheehy to touch on South Meadowpark. There has been a lot of flooding over there. We had a study done. There is a memo from 3/5/2018. Mr. Sheehy states that this project is totally reimbursed by Northeast Ohio Sewer District. He states that South Meadowpark Drive has fairly significant and chronic flooding issue over there for a number of reasons, but one of the issues is the size of the culvert that crosses the road and the age of the culvert. It needs to be repaired. We have run the numbers on it, and it is a project that is eligible for a cost-share program that comes through the regional sewer district. We have monies that are building up in our account. We can use those monies. We have already used them on some projects in Walton Hills to do this type of project. We are very confident that we can get it funded, but we would need the okay to apply for those funds to move forward with this. It is about \$80,000. Again, it is eligible for funding from regional, and it would be a nice project to get taken care of this year. It is not going to fix all of the flooding problems on South Meadowpark, but whenever you are dealing with drainage, you have to sort of work your way upstream. This is a bottleneck at the roadway, and this would protect the roadway from water going over the top of the road, which is public infrastructure and safety concerns. It also provides more capacity for the stream that is flowing through those lots. As you move up the stream, there are other things that could be done theoretically, but he thinks this is the park and public right-of-way is something that we should try to get addressed. Councilman Spitznagel asks which culvert on South Meadowpark we are talking about. Mr. Sheehy states it is the second one near the back. Mayor Hurst says it is the one that floods all of those houses over there. It

impacts about five houses. Councilman Spitznagel asks if we have spent any of that yet. Mayor Hurst says we spent some on the Blondin family, but that was for 2017. For 2018, we have not allocated or committed any of those funds yet. Mr. Sheehy says we have not. He clarifies that it is a rolling account. It is a bank account that is regional. We can talk to them about this project. We have already had preliminary discussions about its eligibility. I am quite certain that it would be fundable if, for some reason, there is only \$70,000 or \$60,000 or a gap in what is actually coming into that account, we can borrow into the future year. It may be something where we end up fronting the money and having to get reimbursed six months or a year later, but as the money continues to flow into that account, we are able to spend it.

Councilman Kolograf states that because we had a lot of debate on the other project we did there, quite a bit of it was on a homeowner's private property. He asks if the work we are doing is our responsibility totally different from where there was some shared responsibility. Mr. Sheehy states that virtually all of the work is within the public right of way. It is our culvert. We own it. We have an obligation to maintain it. There is a small portion of work that involves a house just west of the culvert that has, in their yard, a very small pipe. We ran the numbers on it. We would like to take that pipe out as it serves no purpose. We have had some discussion with the property owner about if we took that pipe out that it would make things better for the street. We would need to finalize that, and I would like to take that part out as part of this work, but it is a couple of thousand dollars and is not a huge chunk of the project, not like the other project was. Councilwoman Allen asks Mr. Sheehy if we can apply for the grant for cost-sharing, but we do not necessarily have to use it. Mr. Sheehy says yes. He says that there is a bank account there. This project is eligible. We would need to show them the project and give them the plans, and then they would say yes, it is eligible and here is the money. We could always decide nontender to do that. We would have both options available. Mayor Hurst says if he remembers correctly, we have four years of idle. If we do not use it, then it rolls back into the Northeast Ohio Sewer District. Mr. Sheehy confirms this and says it builds up over a period of time. They want this money to be spent by the communities, and these are exactly the types of projects to address a flood issue, which becomes a water quality issue because when a stream goes over the road and out of its banks and washes things out, all of that mud and sediment and everything, it creates a problem downstream. Mayor Hurst says that is definitely a project we are going to look at in 2018. Councilwoman Terlosky asks Mr. Sheehy what we collect per year that goes into this. Mr. Sheehy says that it is in the ballpark of around \$80,000 to \$90,000. Again, it is collections based. So, if they do not get it in, for some reason. There is actually a lot of the big industrial parking lots and a lot of hard surface that are paying a fairly substantial chunk of the funds that go into that account. It is a good source for us to take care of the small projects like this. No further questions.

Mr. Sheehy moves on to the crack seal, which we have covered a little bit, but that is roughly \$40,000 of labor. The \$34,000 is funded by the county. There is a memo attached from the county showing the crack seal funding that we can receive.

Mr. Sheehy goes on to the Alexander Road paving project. There is a portion of Alexander Road from Walton to Northfield that we would like to resurface. We applied for and received a grant from the county for \$250,000. That is a straight grant, which is really good news to get that kind of funding. The county has a pretty aggressive program to get monies out to the communities to help them with these costs on these county routes. The remainder of the funding, we applied for a combination of a grant/loan from Ohio Public Works Commission. We did not get funded at the local level, District 1 Cuyahoga County, but we were recommended to be funded out of the small government account at the state level. He thinks we are number 1 on the list. We have not received word yet, but he thinks that with 95% certainty that we are going to get funded from OPWC at the state level. That is going to be a combination of \$159,000 grant and a \$200,000 loan. The loan is a 0% interest loan payable over 20 years. Without doing any fancy math, that is \$10,000 a year. That is a pretty nice setup to be able to resurface a nice thoroughfare of the runs through the center of town. That is about as good as we are going to get in terms of grants, combination of the county money, OWCP grant, and the 0% interest loan. Mayor Hurst summarizes by saying that bottom line for Walton Hills would be an approximately \$200,000 debt that we have 20 years to pay back at 0%, so

approximately \$10,000 a year for 20 years. That probably will not take place until 2019 it looks like. Mr. Sheehy states that if we get the funding from Ohio Public Works, the earliest we could start on that would be July 1, 2018. Here is where it gets a bit delicate. If we do the work in 2018, we cannot get the money from the county until 2019 because they operate on a January 1, so January 1, that is when their \$250,000 would be available. So, we have the option. If we want to push it, we could get it done this year. If we decide we want to wait until next year, we would have both funding mechanisms in place. That is a decision we could make in terms of when we want to spend it, or do we want to front the money and then wait for the county. Mayor Hurst says that he thinks this would be a budget discussion. He thinks we could, at that time, evaluate how we want to do this, whether we do this next year or plan it in our schedule, or how we want to do it. All councilmembers are okay with this. Mr. Sheehy says we should know here in the next month or so whether or not we got funded. From a planning standpoint, we have to hope that we did get funded from Ohio Public Works for this. No questions or comments from the councilmembers.

Mayor Hurst says the last part of this package is a proposal and only an estimate. He asked if we could make those aprons into that facility on Alexander Road more accessible for big trucks and big equipment. The trash truck got stuck last week in the snow and tore up a lot of our lawn. That entrance is very windy and narrow. This would also offer opportunities for easy access for our residents off of Nodding Hill instead of Alexander both ways. This is strictly just a proposal. Right now, we have 100 spots of parking. He asked what it would take to add 28 more spots. They gave us an estimate on the next page of about \$88,000. This is just a proposal so they know the options. Councilwoman Allen asks if this was resurfacing also. Mayor Hurst says no, that was not resurfacing. That was just adding space. Mr. Sheehy says it was not resurfacing of the existing lot, it was just adding. If we do not resurface the existing lot, we could put some type of a topcoat and then restripe it or something to make it look a little nicer. That could be another \$5000-ish number on that. Mayor Hurst asks Mr. Sheehy that if we decide to have this done and decide to do this in the month of July, how long would the turnaround be, just a timeframe. Mr. Sheehy says that the question is when would be bid the work. Once we award the contract, it would be just a matter of scheduling. The contractor is maybe two weeks' worth of work for a contractor to have things torn up for a little bit of time. We would not be totally out of commission, but we would have to limit the access to it for a little while. The driveway aprons on Nodding do not interfere with the main driveway, so there is not too much interference. They could do those and most of the excavation for the widening of the parking lot at the same time. Then, for the resurfacing, there would be a little bit of time when they are actually bringing trucks in and out for resurfacing. It would be a couple of weeks' worth of work.

Councilwoman Terlosky states that when they had the fundraiser there a couple of weeks ago there, people were parking in the church across the street. The hall has caught on and it is being booked. We could use the extra parking. They are filling up all of what is next door and across the street at the church also. Mayor Hurst states that this is just an option. He states that at that particular fundraiser, we had 514 people there. Both rooms were full and it was standing room only. We raised \$22,000 that night. Councilman Kolograf asks if there is any funding available to help with this either now or in the future. Mr. Sheehy says that this is a tough one. Sometimes there are. He says we would have to look into it. Occasionally, there may be some small grants we could go after, but usually a lot of those come with a lot of strings. If you get a grant for 25% of the cost, then you end up spending more money meeting the grant obligations or whatever. The short answer is yes, there may be something out there, but he would not bank on it making a huge change to the actual out-of-pocket cost for the village. Mr. Sheehy states that the condition of Dunham Road is a problem. Because it is a county route, it would be a project that potentially would be eligible for funding. He states he would like to pursue the same type of funding that we are getting for Alexander Road and see if we can get funding from the county, which is a huge help to get that first \$250,000 commitment because it provides leverage when you are going after other funding. He would still like to go for OPWC funding as well. Part of it is if we are trying to get funding for a road because of condition, we do not want to spend a lot of money patching that road, because when they evaluate the condition of it, they are going to say it is not that bad. It is unfortunate, but sometimes we have to let the bad road be bad for a little while and go after funding aggressively, and then when they rate the roadway, it

rates as a very eligible project because of the condition. Sometimes we have to wait a little bit and let it be in bad shape to show it really does need major attention. That is going to be a million and a half range to ballpark budget number and is a lot of funding to try to acquire. If the condition is bad enough, traffic volume, it is on a hill, so there are always some safety concerns there, we have a lot going for us in terms of applying for funding. Mayor Hurst says that it is on our radar screen because Dunham Road is very bad, and this is something we have talked about in the past. We will try and come to the council and try and get a resolution for permission to go for grants. It does not mean we have a commitment, it would simply mean pursuing state money and whatever else we can get. Mayor Hurst says that is everyone is okay with this, then we will bring this up in the month of April as far as getting permission.

Councilman Spitznagel comments about a culvert and there was a resident a while ago who had an issue on Walton Road with drainage and flooding and things like that. He knows that Mr. Sheehy had looked at the issue. He asks if he could give us a synopsis of that. Mr. Sheehy says that that is through the Regional Sewer District Program. He says that when a stream is over a certain drainage area, 300 acres in the magic number for them. It is actually part of the Regional Sewer District service area. We do it under their own program. We do not have to apply for funding. They are simply going to address it if the project is the appropriate project for them to do. They have it on their radar. They have been out to the field to inspect it. They are prioritizing that project, among others that are within the southeast Cuyahoga county/river branch. They look at that whole area and try to evaluate, but it is definitely on their radar. It is a project that once they decide to go forward with some of these, and they are pushing to get projects out the door and start spending some of the money that they are collecting for projects like this. Mayor Hurst says that we did provide a memo in October or November, and Northeast Ohio took the Walton Road project and also the one on Sagamore Road. That is not our responsibility anymore. This is all the way down to Sunny Drive. They have been aggressive since last year on that. The one on Sagamore Road and the one on Walton Road do have studies done. He says that he thinks the one on Walton Road they were not going to do the culvert, but they were talking about the banks and stuff there. He says he knows that they even talked about another piece of property to purchase a home to make some type of delineation, but that is just a discussion right now. Mr. Sheehy says that they have to evaluate a whole watershed. They may come up with 20 or 30 things that needs to be addressed in that watershed and then they prioritize all of those different pieces and parts. In some other communities, they have already started some of that process. It is just a matter of time. They will identify projects and then they will come back and have a discussion with myself and the Mayor. This is so we are aware of what projects they are looking at doing. They want to know that we are on board with it or we do not have any strong objections.

Councilman Linville says he was going to mention that they actually have a culvert on Alexander and McClellan, and there is standing water. It has been that way all winter. It is up level with the ground. Mayor Hurst says we are going to address that when the weather breaks with the county. He says they think that is calcified really bad. That is a storm sewer. Mayor Hurst says that Councilman Linville brought this to them last year. We did not run a camera or jet down in, and that is why when we turn this over to the county, it will be taken care of a lot quicker. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller says that she sees signs around Tinker's Creek Watershed. She wants to know what "watershed" means. Mr. Sheehy defines a geographic area where everything in that area drains toward a particular stream. So, when we see Tinker's Creek Watershed, they define the boundaries that on one side of the sign, it drains into another watershed and on that side, it drains into Tinker's Creek. It is like the continental divide. It is just broken down into smaller increments. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks how far out does Tinker's Creek go. Mr. Sheehy states that a good chunk of it is in Macedonia, a little bit of it is in Sagamore. There are little branches and loops that take up a good chunk of the southeast side of Cuyahoga County. There is a branch that touches part of Beachwood, Bedford, Bedford Heights. Councilman Linville asks if it comes out of Reminderville. Mr. Sheehy says that there are a lot of maps on the Regional Sewer District's website. They have some good graphics that show the limits of their service area and drainage areas, and there are a bunch of little streams that come off of them. Everyone thinks of Cuyahoga, but there is Euclid Creek and a bunch of other little tributaries and Rocky River. Then, there are branches off of all of those rivers and streams.

They try to break them up into sub-watersheds. He says that that whole Tinker's Creek watershed is probably about 9 or 10 communities. We are actually part of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, which is an environmental group that focuses on trying to improve the water quality of the Tinker's Creek area. No further questions or comments from council. Mayor Hurst opens it up to the audience. None are seen.

Item F - Rubbish Collection Fee Ordinance. Mayor Hurst states that we have discussed this and there is an ordinance attached to the agenda about it. He wants to make a proposal tonight. After our last meeting, there were some conversations going back and forth with inside millage, conversations about other options and different variables. We already know that we are establishing a fee of \$14 per home per address. We have ordinances on the agenda that we have discussed and voted on. That \$14 per home per month comes out to approximately \$150,000. Katie agrees that this is roughly correct. If we were to raise the millage for the Village of Walton Hills to 2.4, not the inside millage of 3 that everyone talks about or 3.8; if we were to raise the millage to 2.4, with the council's vote, this would equate to the average homeowner paying \$9 for their trash, and this would equate to \$151,000 to cover the trash. Councilman Kolograf says that it would not be paying for the inside millage. Mayor Hurst says yes, it would go on their tax bill in 2019, and this would pay for the trash that the Village of Walton Hills is paying for. He gave a copy of the valuations of their own properties so everyone knows what everyone would be paying per month and per year. The average home in Walton Hills would be around \$9 to \$10 per home. With this kind of inside millage, this would give us the leverage of the businesses paying \$81,000 per year and we would also capture cash from the utilities, which would be about \$135,000. So, with those two equations, we would have approximately \$215,000 that we could leverage toward our roads. We could designate that money for the roads. That would give us the opportunity to borrow and bond out money over 20 years and our payments, as Mr. Sheehy recognized with a 0% loan of \$10,000, we could easily use that \$200,000 to bond out \$1 or \$2 million and still have a very small payment over a 20-year period. This is not unusual. This is done in many, many communities in the county. This would still bring Walton Hills into the third lowest in all of Cuyahoga County in millage. He is just giving some examples so everyone knows the facts. He goes through what each of the councilmembers and the Mayor would pay for their in particular homes. He states this is a solution to the \$14 across the board for all of our residents. Then, we would have some leverage of being able to collect from the utilities and would also give us leverage of collecting from our businesses. So, the burden is not on our residents. All we are doing here is raising the inside millage to cover the trash for our residents, which is a more feasible idea and more equitable because it feeds off of giving us an opportunity to have another \$200,000 to bond roads and to fix projects. He wanted everyone to consider this before we get into too much talk about the rubbish because we do have legislation in place for the rubbish, but he would like to get everyone's input. It is just a proposal.

Councilman Linville says that one of the things that he consistently comes back to is that when we start getting more and more development and more and more tax sources, etc. or money sources, these issues can all be revisited. There can always be rollbacks, which is something he would support. He wants the people to do know that this can be done. Mayor Hurst says that last night, at their Meet the Mayor meeting, it was overwhelmingly expressed that they support this. He said was had 18 to 22 people here. Councilman Linville says it was 22. Councilman Spitznagel asks how much the total would be that we would bring in if we did this. Katie says that it would be \$370,000. It is on the second page of the packet. It breaks it down showing what it would be currently. She explains that currently, we are receiving about \$46,000. If we were to go with the proposed 2.7 mills, it would bring in \$417,000, so we would have an additional \$370,000. Now, 41% of that comes from the residents, but we are looking at nearly 40% from public utilities. Besides Cuyahoga Heights, we have the 2nd highest percentage of public utilities in our community, and we get nothing from them. If we look at the valuations, their valuation from 2016 to 2017 went up \$15 million. Their valuation continues to grow and we continue to have to provide services to them, and we receive nothing in return. Like the Mayor said, the additional funds can be earmarked for capital improvements. Councilwoman Terlosky says that personally, she would like to see the utilities pay. She says she pays them plenty, so she would like to see them to do a little bit to help us. Mayor Hurst says it is an opportunity. He says that the last page of the packet he gave out does show all of Cuyahoga County

and the average millage for the county is 9.97. We are still the lowest at the very top, and if we propose this and this goes through, this will not kick in until 2019, of course. This could be 2.7. Now, we are already at 3 so my proposal is to interject 2.4, plus the 3, makes the 2.7. That gives us the opportunity to not put the burden on our residents, other than the property tax, but we do not have to become billers and we don't have to bill them every month. It also gives us an opportunity to provide for our seniors who do not have the valuation of a \$300,000 home. There are a lot of variables here, and I think this is the most equitable way and the best way to benefit all of our residents. When the majority is going to be \$9 to \$10 cost, we have to look at who we are serving. Are we serving the majority or are we serving the minority.

Councilman Kolograf states that the Mayor and him had been talking about this, and he has not shared it with any of the councilmembers because he knew it was coming here. He has not been in favor of raising inside millage. He says that Vic and Katie, our fiscal officers have been pushing that. One reason was because it was something that it makes us attractive to businesses for economic development. We all know that the property tax does not support the community because we get very little of it. It goes to the school and the metro parks. For his house, the village gets \$18.00 out of the \$5600 a year he pays. He says we get our money from our income/payroll taxes from the businesses. The bottom line is that we have to get the businesses in here, which we are working strong on. He says that he had a long conversation with someone who is very involved with Lakewood, and Lakewood has one of the highest property taxes, and they pay a lot of their services with their property taxes, but they have one of the highest. The more I look at it, we are still the third lowest. He says he is a little more open than he was before, but he still thinks we need to have a lot of discussion. No matter what, we have to keep this an attractive village and we have to make it viable. He states that Garfield Heights has been in fiscal emergency for years, but the state who funds them still allows them to keep recreation open and keep the skating open, because for the wellbeing, you have to have other things. You need to exercise the mind and you need to have relaxation. He states we know we have to do something. We have to balance the budget and we have to do things. He definitely would pay \$14 if we pass the trash. He would be paying \$17 now, which is \$36 a year more. We are able to collect that money from the utilities and the businesses. So, instead of getting \$150,000, we would get \$370,000. He says that if you look at the numbers, we would almost have to vote for it. Mayor Hurst says that legislatively we could designate that that money covers the rubbish removal.

Mayor Hurst says that there is a memo out there that he put out there last night. It is from Greater Cleveland Partners and Jobs Ohio. It shows the economics of Walton Hills, and it shows the economic of everyone we are competing with. We have three facilities in Walton Hills that are on the market for lease or sale. In the third paragraph, it says 7120 Krick Road, is on the market because they have warehouse space available. They do not have manufacturing space available. The next two are Arhaus Furniture and Todd Industries. We all know that Todd Industries has a lease now. That building is being filled as we speak. If you look at this closely, we will see that we compete with Cleveland who had hundreds of facilities available, Glen Willow who has 9, Maple Heights who has 36... If you go through this, you are going to see that we are still very competitive on the economic market. Even if we raise this, we are still below all of these other communities that have vacancies. He gave this out tonight so the council can review this and use it in comparison to when we think about this inside millage. In all of the village we have, we have three empty buildings and two are under contract. This is through Jobs Ohio and Greater Cleveland Partners. They both actively advertise our buildings and properties. Councilman Kolograf asks Katie if she has the sheet from the property tax and special assessment. She says that she is familiar with it. Councilman Kolograf states that every time he looks at it, he cringes. He says that right now, for property tax, we are saying we are getting \$41,000. That is from property taxes from residents, businesses, and utilities. Total. Our neighboring community, which is Valley View gets \$1 million. He verifies that we would have basically \$400,000 in that column instead of \$41,000 if we raise the inside millage to 2.4. Katie verifies this and goes through it and breaks it down further for the council. Mayor Hurst says that if they look on the last sheet, Valley View right now is 20 above us in communities in Cuyahoga County. So, if we change this, they will be 18 above us, because we are going to move from #1 lowest to #3 lowest.

Councilman Kolograf says that as a community that is very similar to us, they do have an advantage. They go with the Cuyahoga Heights school system, which helps.

Councilwoman Allen asks if we have any idea with the new businesses coming in on what that would also boost this to. Katie states that the property tax, we would maybe get another couple of hundred of dollars a year if we did not increase the millage. Property tax does not make a difference either way. Councilman Linville states that property tax means nothing to this. The businesses are not affected that poorly either. Mayor Hurst says that is why we only have one empty facility. Katie says that she thinks it is interesting to look at. She states we are looking at valuation, and it gets kind of complex when you take your market value and your assessed value is 35% of that market value, which is decided by the county. All of our businesses in 2017 are valued, a 35% valuation is almost \$34 million dollars, and we get \$10,194 from them based on a very large valuation. So, adding in a couple of other buildings, which may be valued at a couple of hundred thousand dollars will only probably generate a couple of hundred dollars. Mayor Hurst opens this up to the audience for questions and comments. Jeffrey Alexander from Walton Road states that he talked to a couple of the councilmembers over the past few months about whether an every-other-week rubbish collection ever been considered. Mayor Hurst states that it has not been discussed, but we do have a contract right now with six other communities, and that is where this number came from. We did have a substantial bill and we drove it down because of tonnage and the availability. He says this is something we would have to consider or look into. He does not know what the penalty would be if we broke our contract. Mr. Alexander says that maybe a future contract. He states that sometimes he does not have enough containers and some weeks he goes weeks without using a service. There are some residents who do not even use the containers. He verifies that everyone pays the same across the board. Mayor Hurst says that the way the contract was bid was unlimited trash, but he says we could say one container per home or so much tonnage or we could do something like that because we do have a high senior population, but that is not the way to was bid out.

Councilman Kolograf states that he does not think there are any communities in Cuyahoga County that has every other week. He knows it is more common in rural areas. He says the reason why, from what he remembers, is because in more of a suburban setting, you get complaints that there is more trash out there. Then, it gets spread out because some people will have a lot for one week and double for two weeks. The issue comes in when you use cans, like we do with recycling, we will have more bags outside the cans. Whether animals get into them or what. Mr. Alexander also asks that there is one facility that is open for a commercial property. He asks about the Ford property. Mayor Hurst says that that is not up for sale. He is talking about the facilities that are on the market and listed. There are some buildings on Krick Road that are empty that are inheritance properties and they are not selling them. Councilman Spitznagel says this is intriguing and is definitely something to think about. From the resident's standpoint, only by paying \$12 a month or \$14 a month. The problem is that no matter what the garbage refuse pickup went up to, we are stuck with that as far as we cannot go back to that well and say that we need to increase it because we have already done it. If we were to do this, he verifies that the collections would not take effect until next year. Regardless of this, we have to concentrate on a budget for this year and doing something for this year. Mayor Hurst states yes, but this would impact our budget that we proposed to you because we proposed it with everyone paying their trash. This means we would absorb another \$150,000 into our budget, but this would also go on the property tax and would start in January of next year, just like the county sewer maintenance. This year we are not charging anything for that, and Councilman Linville was talking about that piece of property on McCullen and Alexander. That is taken care of because the council passed legislation to let them maintenance our sewers and things. The residents will be paying that next year. He is looking at the least impact to our residents. Katie says that this will give us some flexibility. The county will allow us to take advances on our property tax. She states that most communities who receive a lot of revenue do that in two distributions. We never have because we receive such a small amount, but we would be able to see collections earlier in 2019 and would not have to wait until the end of the year. This would also give us more flexibility. Yes, we would have to pay interest. If we issued an anticipatory note on this revenue, but we cannot issue any more debt until we have a source of revenue that is set in stone. If

we have the millage set, that would give us an opportunity to issue some debt, at least until the money starts coming in to do the projects if you choose to. Councilman Kolograf asks that if the 2.4 mill increase could be earmarked. Mayor Hurst and Katie state that we can do that. He states he would earmark the rubbish or he would earmark for capital improvements. That is a council-made legislation. He is just looking at a way to find leverage to continue to do improvements, not so much to the existing building or existing anything else, except for our roadways and have the opportunity to have a funding mechanism to fix Dunham Road, fix Alexander Road, and things like that. This would also give us a better rating on our credit and things like that because we will have funding guaranteed through the municipal PACS.

Mayor Hurst opens this up to questions and comments from the audience. Ray Tinter from 18409 Jefferson Drive stands and states that he has been coming to council meetings for the last 10 to 15 years. He has seen it over and over and over again. He says he does not want to pay any more taxes. But on the other hand, the residents of this village have told you that you have to balance the budget. He is asking why we want to piecemeal. He states they have been piecemealing for the last 10 to 15 years. He said to put the inside millage to the full amount. He does not want to pay it, but they have to balance the budget somewhere. The council has told him to balance it, and they cannot balance without the help of the village. He states don't piecemeal it and don't be afraid of their jobs. He states don't put it just at 2.4.

Raymond Weeden from 19346 Rashell Drive stands and states that his comments are somewhat similar. He states that after he left the meeting discussion last week, he went home and thought about this all week long. His taxes are similar to Don's and when he thinks about the amount of taxes that come out of our household and what comes back to the village, it makes him think about where he stands on support for an increase of inside millage. With the discussion tonight, this village is 67 years old and continuing to evolve, we do need funds and we do need revenue in order to even issue debt. They need the money in order to keep the village viable, find the right mix of industrial, commercial, retail, recreation, etc.; not just for the villagers but for the 18,000 cars that come through this village every day. He is saying this by saying that he does not want to pay any more taxes, but if it means that my hometown is going to benefit and others are going to pay including the industrial and the utilities, he thinks he could support that. Being here every week and hearing what they are trying to do, he feels they are doing things that were not being done in 1951. There was no JEDD. There was no overlay zoning. There was not even a CIC. So, the village is continuing to evolve and they need to add more tools so they can have things at their access. He also asks if the 2.4 covers the cost of the sewer maintenance contract also. That is still out there on the residents. He asks if they are considering taking this away, what additional millage would we have to add. Mayor Hurst says he is sure it would be close to 3.8 to cover both costs.

Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road stands and states that she agrees with the two previous gentleman, especially in the past council meetings he has asked them to go back to the 5.0 mills. He agrees with the last person that if we could increase it enough to cover the sewer maintenance, then it would not be a little bit here and a little bit there. He thinks the residents will respect them for doing this because, for what little taxes we pay, we should be ashamed with our inside millage of the services we get. Then, those that are concerned about the rubbish being that some families have 1 and some families have 10 and there is no equity in the charges, this would be eliminated and also the businesses and utility companies who also share our services. If we consider this and, like the other gentleman said, include all the fees and present this to the residents, this is actually saving them money and those who itemize on their taxes, they can write off their taxes, but they cannot write off the fees for the rubbish collection and the sewer. She thanks them for considering doing this.

Dennis Sramek from 17945 Rauland stands. He asks if anyone has asked the small businesses in the village how they would react to the increased millage. Mayor Hurst says that he has not had that conversation and he knows there are some concerns. Dennis says it seems like we are cost shifting and we are shifting it onto the small businesses that are trying to survive. There are not that many big businesses in this village other than the utilities. He asks why we compare ourselves to Cuyahoga County. Mayor Hurst

says that we are the lowest in the state that we can find at 0.3 mills. He says we are lower than Northfield. We are lower than Sagamore. We are lower than Macedonia. We are lower than all of those communities. Councilman Kolograf states that this is what hurt us with Arhaus. We offered a better tax incentive package, better abatement, etc. We did not have the land for what they wanted to build. It was a better deal to stay here if they could build the same facility that they wanted to build, but they could not. He says that he agrees with both Ray's to be done with this and raise the inside millage. He asks if the inside millage be rescinded and the Mayor says that it can be. Dennis says that they are going to create so much aggravation with the garbage collection fee. Councilman Kolograf makes a comment about the comments made by the audience. He says to Dennis that it has been our concern about the small businesses. This village has done a great job. Every community is having the same problem we are, and that is attracting businesses. There are other communities and a lot of other communities who are struggling in another area and that is retaining the businesses. Believe it or not, we have done a great job at retaining our businesses. We have lost some, which have been some of the bigger ones that have impacted our village. Ford would have been devastating to any community because it was a large payroll with a lot of high-paying jobs and a lot of employees. We have done a great job of maintaining our businesses. That is very important. We have done a good job there. Part of that is taxes. The decisions based on our jobs – this is probably one of the hardest jobs, especially when money is tough. He has been on council a long time. When money was there, it is easy. It is like your house. If you have plenty of money, it is easy to do everything. When you don't have money, it is tough and make for tough decisions. These councilmembers, four that were up for election, three that are here, and one new councilperson put that levy on the ballot right at election time. The reason why is because they felt it was the right thing to do for this village and for this community regardless of whether they would get reelected or not. They are not worried about the job or the reelection. He says that hopefully when the people go to vote, they look at the whole record and vote according to the councilmembers doing what is right for the village and not what is right for themselves. He says that over the years, he has even lost people he thought were friends over this job because of the decisions he made. It is kind of sad, but he had to make decisions for what he thought was the best for the village.

Councilman Linville asks where we go from here. Mayor Hurst suggests that we hold off on the rubbish collection and dissect this when we do our budget and see what the best options are for the village. He says that if we cannot make that decision, then we should move forward with the rubbish and move forward, but we can do recalculation and look at this county sewer maintenance and see if that does work out to a calculation, and that may be better for everyone. It does make sense so we are not nickel and diming. Mayor Hurst says that he was interviewed today about the traffic cameras. He was on Channel 8 and he was on Channel 5. They thought that we made that decision within a week. Mayor Hurst says that no, we debate many things and we started in August when the Supreme Court came down. We gave them informed information and hopefully they will translate it and it will not be fake news. Councilman Linville asked that if we do the inside millage, there needs to be legislation. Mayor Hurst says yes, and our deadline is before July. Katie says that we pass it in the tax budget, which is in July. Mayor Hurst says that we have to pass a budget for 2018 before 3/31. Councilman Linville says that he agrees with the two "Rays" and the one "Dennis." He says that he cannot stand taxes either, nobody likes taxes, but you have to pay for stuff. If you want to maintain your village and keep it in a presentable way, you have to have money to do that. Losing Ford was just devastating to our community. He voted for the levy. He will support this issue too. You have to pay for things.

Councilwoman Terlosky also agree with Councilman Kolograf. The part of raising the inside millage as far as attracting businesses, but we only have one business that is for sale. The Ford plant will get developed eventually, and other things are happening. She agree with the guys that we should stop this nickel and diming business. Let's put the sewer and the trash on there with the millage and it will get done. No one will get a bill. They will not be paying the extra \$4 for the processing of things. It can always be taken off. We are not here to make money. We want the best for this village. The council has to reach into their pocketbooks for whatever they decide here too. She is in favor of increasing the millage. We are a beautiful community, who would not want to be here with the services we have. She thinks we should use

the money to fix these roads. She asks Katie to give a report of what it would cost for both things to be on there and what we have to do for the next council meeting. Mayor Hurst says we will break it down into more options and give it out in April. Councilman Linville suggests that we put something in the journal as well. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states that she used to live in Chagrin Falls Village, which is different than the township. Her taxes were much higher. She was so glad when she was able to buy a house here and raise my son here and come back here even though the school system was not what Chagrin Falls was. We paid. We paid to send him somewhere else. She is still glad that she came back here. There is no place like Walton Hills. She states she does not mind paying a little bit more to retain the quality of life that we have here that Chagrin Falls does not have. She says to join the Rec Center 15 years ago was over \$300 a year for one child, and that was 15+ years ago. Our prices here are beyond exception. Councilman Linville states he also agrees with Josephine. Councilman Kolograf states that Councilwoman Brenner-Miller brought up a very good point that comes up every time we have discussions about living in Walton Hills and the property tax. He states that is why it is such a hard balance. When people say they moved to Walton Hills and they are not happy moving into that school system. He then has that option of saying that they buy a house here and pay less taxes than a house similar in another community that has a school system. He is not saying there is a wash there because there is not a total wash, but there is a savings there where that money you are saving with property tax can go to private school. There is a balance here. He says that he pointed out Valley View because that is a community that we do compete with when people look at it. It is probably the most similar to us. You get a rural setting in Cuyahoga County. What hurts us is that people point to the school system. He is glad that Councilwoman Brenner-Miller brought that up. We still have to get people moving in here too. We have to make this a place where people want to raise a family too. He states that he would still like to know where we would be in relation to the other communities. It is important to him to have it broken out in to a couple of things. No other questions or comments from council.

Bill Deak from 17076 Egbert Road from the audience stands and states that he wants us to reminisce a little bit and back up. He asks what happened to Ford. He says he was there for 35 years and he was the chief engineer out there. That is his whole livelihood and it is his retirement now. He wants to know what happened out there. Mayor Hurst states that in 2007, Ford started sending out buyouts and downsizing. That was shortly after the Village of Walton Hills went from 1% to 2%. Actually, it was done in 2003 when we went from 1% to 2% in payroll income tax. Ford started phasing out and downsizing. They used to have close to 3000 employees. When he became Mayor Hurst in 2011, they had less than 900 employees. Ford was not putting money into the company and not bringing things up to date. They did have robots, but they did not have the modern robots. It went to the union and it went through the union to be voted on and to downsize. This is not something that was not projected and was not announced several times. In 2008 when our village was experiencing the bad economy and they were spending \$1.8 million, there were many minutes and questions about the Ford plant. That is when a lot of people were getting their separation pays and their buyouts. That is how the numbers continue to dwindle down. In 2011 or 2012, that is when they made the announcement that they are going to vote on it with the union and they are going to downsize and not put any more money into this building. From 2011 until February 2015, that is when they whittled down and closed out. A lot of people went to Brook Park where they were available. Some did go to Kentucky and some did go to Buffalo, New York. Those plants were all real similar to this plant. That is where this all came from. We are not the only one they closed down. The closed down parts of Brook Park's facility, they closed down some of Avon facility, and they closed down a lot of facilities in Michigan. All of those things took place over a period of time. The village and the council knew this. It was not hidden. It was always broadcasted. There is tons of information out there if they want to check on the internet. It tells the whole downsizing. When he became Mayor in 2011, it was February or March of 2011 that they had the guy from New York that was plant manager came in and he and the Mayor filled out a grant, and they got a great big break on their electricity, which continued to keep them in operation. That Ford plant was the safest one in all the union records. They received numerous awards for all of the things they were able to accomplish in that facility there. They did away with the Crown Victoria and they did do away with the big E-van. They did away with a lot of things that no longer exist. That is where the process

is. If you do not change machinery, if you do not change tooling, if you do not invent and reinvent yourself, you will go out of business. Ford did not put any more money into that facility. From what we know the gas lines have been blown out for freezing possibilities, the water lines, and everything is out of there. They do that when they are ready to start doing demolition. We have all been very aggressive with Ford to get some solid answers and end dates and things of that nature. It was projected, and no one did anything in those years. In 2008 and 2009, we had some large deficits. We had a lot of employees. In 2010, we had another election and he became Council President. We changed our operations and trimmed out budget, and since 2011 to this date, we have trimmed our budgets down tremendously. There is anyone here who cannot tell them that. Councilman Kolograf states that the bottom line, the business model, in the manufacturing of cars changed. It started here in Marysville with Honda. They build everything on one site. What happened with Ford, Chevy, and Chrysler years ago is they put plants in different areas. The costs and labor of shipping things from one plant to the other went up. Honda said let's put it all in one spot. We just cut out that whole thing and were making more money. All of the manufacturing is now in one facility, and that just makes sense. The business model changed, so they kept the more modern facilities and the facilities that were closer. There were a lot of things that went into why they closed it. The business model for manufacturing changed, and it changed with the Japanese automakers on our homeland. No more questions or comments.

Item G – Planning and Zoning. Board of Appeals associated fees amended. Mayor Hurst says that nothing has been amended since last week. This pretty much covers the cost for anyone that has to come to those meetings. This way, the cost is pushed onto the developer, not the Village of Walton Hills. Everyone is okay with that. No questions or comments from the council. No questions or comments from the audience. Mayor Hurst asks to put this on next week's regular council meeting, and hopefully we can get suspension so we can move this forward. Councilwoman Allen does ask if we know what it cost us last year. Mayor Hurst says that we would have to break that out, but he thinks that the Planning, when we discussed the overlay zoning, it cost us around \$1300 or \$1400. Katie says that it will easily save at least \$5000 or more in engineering and planning fees. Mayor Hurst says that before, we were absorbing those. The overlay zoning was discussed almost nine months, and it also went to four different levels. It went to Planning, it went to Zoning Board of Appeals, it came to Council, and it came to COW. It was not lightly reviewed and was discussed successfully in all committees. No additional questions or comments.

Item H - Proposed Budget for Discussion. Mayor Hurst asks that we schedule a special meeting for the budget. He says we can talk about it tonight, but he would like to devote a whole meeting to the budget. He would like everyone to review their information. Katie says that she does not think the correct information was handed out. She apologizes. She says it is very similar to what they received. There have been a couple of minor corrections. Councilman Kolograf asks that Katie go through those in case they are anything that affected some of the points that everyone looked at or things they may want to ask. Katie states that there was one point on the revenues that she thinks she simply typed in the wrong number. For the court fines, she had \$100,000 extra, which she did not mean to. She states that if they are looking on the first page at 1612 court fines, she really only meant to add \$100,000, which would be for traffic cameras. She thinks the copy that they received had \$395,000 on that. Councilman Spitznagel asks what that number should be, and Katie says that the copy she handed out now is correct at \$20,000. He asks if that changed the overall bottom line, and Katie says that it does change it. She says that with this budget, it is showing a \$223,000 deficit. This is taking into account that we are selling the old service garage, so there is \$200,000. She has a conservative estimate, possibly realistic, for selling the home by the Community Center of \$100,000. One thing is that when we do these sewer district projects, sometimes there are timing issues. Last year, we had to pay for both the South Meadowpark and the Walton Road project, but we have not received reimbursement yet. That affects our bottom line for 2017, but it will be beneficial for 2018 where we will be receiving close to \$100,000 in reimbursement. She says that everything else is pretty similar to the budget that was handed out in November and discussed thoroughly. She says that if we want to have a budget meeting, we can go line-by-line again since Councilwoman Allen was not on council at that time. All of the payroll numbers do not have an increase in any employee except

for one who was promoted to replace a retired person in the Street Commissioner position, but otherwise, there are no increases in personnel.

There are very few projects. Under expenditures, if you look in 4901 - Capital Improvements, we have just the basics in there. We have \$105,000 that is budgeted for engineering costs. She says there is \$75,000 included in here, which was added for potential repairs to the garage of the Community Center. There is \$41,000 in here for a new police vehicle and \$595,000 for the intersection. That amount includes the fluted poles, the mast arm, so that can be amended if we choose to go with the cables. Then, the \$70,000 transfer out is what she hopes to pay down on our note when we reissue in the fall. Otherwise, most other departments are pretty standard expenditures. As far as revenues, it is an extremely low estimate to expect \$100,000 from our traffic cameras, but we don't want to bank on that and cannot depend on that being our main revenue source because we never know what can happen with legislation. She feels pretty good about our tax estimate. Obviously, we were down pretty substantially from the year before. This does not include what we may get from new businesses who are coming into the village because we cannot depend that we are going to see the impact until maybe even 2019. We may see some for a few months out of this year but not enough to substantially impact what we think it could be. She states that our dispatch contract is increased. That went through, so we will be receiving that extra \$35,000 for that.

Councilman Spitznagel states that he is comparing what he had to what she passed out now. The charges in the revenues page, charges for Finances – Line 590-0486. This year, the actual 2017 income, he asks what the charges for the services finance department are. Katie says this is for our administrative fee for doing JEDD collections. The reason it is \$8240 as the 2017 actual is that we changed the cost code that we were posted it in. It was actually going up into the \$130,000s, but it is more applicable to be in a charge for a service in the 590, so \$24,000 is about 3% of the collections for the JEDD. Councilman Spitznagel then asks about the charges for services in 2017 actual was \$168,243, and we are budgeted \$225,796 income. That is a difference of \$57,500. Where does that come in. Katie states that she thinks there was a decrease because of the revenue that we were receiving by Vic contracting out, but then it increases because of assessing for the trash collection. Those two kind of offset, but it is an increase overall. This would be if we continue with the hope of collecting for trash. If we remove that, that is \$150,000 out of the special assessment line, which will then take us to about a \$400,000 deficit. Councilman Kolograf speaks and says that one of the things that was different is in the expenditures was Community Day. He sees in the one that was given out that she had nothing, and now the \$20,000 is back in there. Katie says that she noticed there were a lot of zeros, which were not accurate. It remained at \$20,000 for Community Day. Mayor Hurst says that this budget does reflect the 0% for the police department for 2018, and it also reflects all of our employees paying 15% of their healthcare, whereas last year they only paid 10%. That was budgeted in when they made the modifications in August. The police is down to \$1.7 or so. Katie says yes, roughly, they are down quite a bit. When the Mayor started in 2011, it was at \$2.3.

Councilman Kolograf states that with everyone is looking at the budget and that we are going to have another budget meeting, if that is the case, he thinks we should probably throw out there and talk about is the Lake Club contract. That is something that we always spend time on, and if we are going to decrease it or not, he does not think it is a bad idea. He just wanted to point this out and if we are looking at things, maybe this is something we should discuss too. He states that the Mayor had given some percentages if we decrease it. The present contract of the services they provide to the village is \$20,000, and it has been the same since 2010. He states that it is 2, sometimes 3, days that we give the Parker's program where they go down to the lake, and then there are 6 or 7 days when any resident can go down there without being a member. There are free swim lessons to any residents and their children. He feels it is a great deal at \$20,000. He states the only reason this council and the Mayor brought it up was that we are cutting everything. We have to look at all and we need to look at this contract too, even if it means cutting back some. He states that just to operate Macedonia's pool, just for chlorine they are probably at \$200,000. He thinks the Lake Club spends about \$14,000 a year just on their chlorine and lifeguards. He says he thinks that maybe this was something that we could at least hash out or one of those things, and not come back to

it. Mayor Hurst says that it seems to be more productive when we go line-by-line, page-by-page, and we all take notes and ask and answer our questions. It gives a better perspective. Mayor Hurst sent out another correction on Wednesday to the budget that they had to review. He wants them to go with what Katie gave out tonight, as this is the most accurate. He is sure it is going to adjust a little more if we do absorb the trash and some other variables such as that. This budget does not reflect the asphalt repair that we get the county money for, so we have to look at that in the budget, and it does not reflect any of the road projects including the aprons and the Community Center. If we look at South Meadowpark, we would probably have to put it in the budget and then wait for the reimbursement from the Northeast Ohio Sewer District. Councilman Kolograf states that we had budget meetings all through 2017, because we put a temporary budget out there, so we have gone through this line item by line item quite a few times already. We are tasking this Mayor and his administration to present more things, and maybe we will find something and maybe we will not. They do a great job of running this village at a very low cost. He wants everyone to realize that it is not like they are trying to squeeze it in by the end of this month and we have just had two weeks, we been having meetings, but by the end of the month, we have to pass a permanent budget. This has just been part of the process. Katie says that she is happy to do it now, or if they want to have a special meeting, either is fine.

Councilman Spitznagel says that he has been looking at this over the weekend and he knows that we need to balance the budget. This new one is \$223,177 deficit. That does not include the trash, which is another \$150,000. What scares him is in 2013, we had \$3.6 million in the bank; in 2014, we had \$3.3 million; in 2015, we had \$3 million; in 2016, we had \$1.99 million; and at the end of last year, we had \$796,000. We have all had good intentions over these last years, it is not working out. That is the harsh reality of that. He took this and he has very general numbers. Of course, we have other things to look at with the proposal for the inside millage and that, but that does not come until next year. We have this year to worry about. He has jotted down some ideas. He does not expect anything to get resolved tonight, it is just for mulling over. He went through each department. Councilman Linville asks for a copy of what he is looking at, and Councilman Spitznagel says he will put it on the computer and send it to them so they can look at it. He says he is not going to be anyone's friend with this. For the service department, he says we currently have one street commissioner, and we eliminated the assistant. That street commissioner makes a salary of \$65,700. There is a zoning stipend that is shared between two people. He says that zoning stipend is \$3750 a year, and then Building Inspector's stipend as a licensed building inspector is \$14,000. That all totals up to \$83,500. He does not believe that \$83,500 is too much money for our building inspector. The Zoning stipend, as a side note, he is wondering if that could be rolled in together. The building inspector and the zoning inspector are doing the same thing. He does not know if we have to share that with another person or not. That is just a side note. We have five skilled workers beside the building inspector. We have one facilities maintenance worker. There is listed \$18,000 for a part-time employee, but that is not filled. He said that if we laid off the two bottom guys, with salary, health, and retirements, this does not include Medicare, life insurance, or Worker's Complaints, he comes up to \$107,104.66. That is salary, health, and 14% retirement for each of them. Recreation, he would get rid of the two drivers. It is budgeted for \$15,000. We make \$3500 in income. That is a difference of \$11,500. The trips, either make that cost neutral or get rid of them. That is \$1500 is what we spend. Fuel is \$4000 that would go down accordingly. He left that alone because he has no way of knowing how much that would go down.

Professional Clerk of Court. At one point, he knows she was part time. He says that he would put that person back to part time. He would have to see evidence that we need a full-time employee with paying healthcare. Speaking of healthcare, the healthcare costs that I use was the very bottom end, low end, of \$6884.39 per year with the village expenses. The healthcare runs the gamut from that figure to \$20,831. He does not know who these people are, and he specifically asks to NOT be given names. That figure is very conservative. Putting the Court Clerk back to part time calculates a savings of \$10,600 in salary. That is \$20.40 x 30 hours a week x 52 weeks. She is currently making a salary of \$42,432, healthcare of \$20,831 and the healthcare would go down to \$0, and the retirement would go down from \$5940 to \$4455. Adding all of those up, that is \$32,924 savings. As a side note, he has had conversations with residents

about the Mayor's Court and the Magistrate, and we have had this conversation too. In his opinion, we cannot vote to put it down to two days a week or three days a week or change it in any shape or form. We are in a lawsuit, and that lawsuit contends that we changed the rate of pay while you were in term. The Mayor did not take any money whatsoever for doing that. The court case has not been properly adjudicated yet. So, if it is adjudicated that we were in the wrong, and we changed it back, we would be wrong in doing that. So, in his opinion, we could not change it if we wanted to right now. He did not even look at that. The Impact Group is a group that we hired to do social media and things that we put out and things like that. We have a six-month contract with them. That is \$4000 a month. He would shelve that contract for right now. The reason he is going through all of these is that we have talked about prospects of businesses and things like that coming in, and increased revenues for next year. That is great and we have talked about those things for years. Those are eggs that have not hatched yet. He believes that with \$790,000 or less in the bank, we need to sit on our hands for a while and let that money and income build up, and then work with something solid. Dispatch – We have \$364,000 in salaries. Obviously, we do get income from our dispatch and the Mayor negotiated that very finely, and \$180,000 of that is more than half. He is wondering if there are some efficiencies we can do in that. Maybe there are some efficiencies we can do with that. As Councilman Kolograf mentioned, the Lake Club contract, he thinks that as far as the lake is concerned, he thinks that is our biggest bang for the buck for the recreational opportunities. He would do his best to keep that. Mr. Sheehy answered his question before about moving the completion date of Northfield/Alexander Road so we can split it. That will help our budget tremendously. We can split those expenses between the two years. As the Mayor mentioned, we do have the \$200,000 sale of the garage. That helps our budget, but that is a one-time only. We sold our cell tower, and that helped our budget at the time for that year, but it was a one-time only. We don't get anything for that anymore. We have an accountant. He is not sure if we need a FULL-TIME accountant. He spoke with Katie this afternoon about exactly what the difference is between a fiscal officer and an accountant, and he knows the accountant does a lot of work. He does not know if that work requires full time or if we could put that person down to 30 hours. What he has now is service, rec, professional services of the Court Clerk, and the Impact Group, that adds up to a little over \$177,000. He does not like to be the guy that suggests laying anyone off, but he cannot let the village run out of money. He is going to work early tomorrow morning, and he will put this into hard copy on the computer and he will email this to everyone. He says that whatever we do, he cannot vote for a budget that has a deficit in it. He cannot. He is only one of six.

Katie says that our accountant generally only works about 35 hours a week, and she does not take healthcare. Councilman Spitznagel says that that helps a lot. Mayor Hurst says that we are prepping her to take Vic's place when he leaves in May. Vic makes substantially more money than she does. Katie is the Fiscal Officer. Councilman Kolograf thinks that maybe we should touch base on some of these while we are here because it gives us a little more food for thought and a little more for us to think about for our next meeting. He states that the Court Clerk does other duties as well, and the Mayor confirms this. Mayor Hurst states that she does data entry for the tax department, she does things with the building department when Lisa is not here, and they have all been trained to do the permit issuing. We eliminated Bernie Gram's position so everyone absorbed more work. She also works with the police department for the warrants and keeps those processes in place. He says that that position, if you would look at our past operations in 2008 and 2009, we were paying a lot more money for that position, and it was full time. We are not paying the \$25 or \$26 an hour that we were paying before. Councilman Spitznagel says that he ran his own spreadsheet, and he will send it to everyone, but what he did was he took the personal services and benefits line items from all of those groups and from 2007 to the proposed 2018. He is trying to find the smoking gun. There is not any. The Mayor has cut back and we have cut back. There is nothing out of line year over year. There are some things that have increased a little bit, but mostly it has all gone down. So, he does not want to insinuate in any shape or form that our expenses have gone out of control, because that is not the case. When he is talking about laying off two service guys, that leaves us with four people on the road to do all of that work. If we have to do that, then we have to do that. Things will not get done, and he realizes that.

Mayor Hurst says that if we do this process, it will be two guys on 12-hour shifts when it snows, instead of right now where we have two guys on eight-hour shifts so we are not paying overtime. Councilman Spitznagel says that maybe we can hire in the winter part time or something like that. Mayor Hurst says that is why we have part timers in the budget. The part time that is in the budget is also for grass cutting because we feel that is another over-budgeted cost that we pay someone who could do that. Mayor Hurst says there are a lot of different variable, and he would be glad to go across the board line by line to show everything, because he is confident with what we have done. Mayor Hurst says he would like to schedule a meeting to devote to the budget, because he has some other things on the agenda to move forward with of the next council meeting. Councilman Kolograf says that when we talk about some of these items that Councilman Spitznagel talks about, if we pay overtime or do not get the job done, and if we do not provide the same type of service, do we want that? It is going to be important to make sure we can operate with this. We could lay everyone off, but are we still going to accomplish what we need to accomplish. We have to keep the roads clean. We have to do certain things whether we want to or not. From administration, some of these items are going to be very important for us to break out. We have been using the rainy day fund for years, as requested at the town hall meetings, to keep the costs down for the residents. The Impact Group is also being used for some of the economic development as well. Mayor Hurst says that they help us with the promotion parts and information and loading up the database.

Councilman Kolograf says that is a key piece with him. Mayor Hurst says that most of the memos you see with the misspellings, that is him. Most of this information is him because he does not have the staff. Katie is his assistant part time/part time. Sometimes she does correct a lot of my grammar and a lot of my information. A lot of this information that is seen is what he does on his in-between hours. He says that Councilman Kolograf knows that the Mayor snowplowed this winter. We did not have the manpower. We have one gentleman who has some issues and cannot drive at night. We had another man who had the flu, and another man who was busy with his family functions, but this did not stop the snow from coming down. The Mayor worked 18-hour shifts snowplowing. He is not complaining about it, and he can do as much as the council will allow him to do. A truck pulled out on Hannah Parkway and a big air compressor fell off of his engine and was in the middle of the road. The Mayor turns on his lights, gets out there, picks it up, and puts it in his trunk. He took it to the service garage for them to be in charge of it. A car ran over it. We had to back a car up and stop traffic, etc. That was at 1:30. The police actually help him set up tables now, but we cannot take them off the road and we cannot take them for safety reasons. Councilman Spitznagel agrees with that.

Councilman Linville states that he recalls when we have passed two budgets with \$1.8 million deficits and did not blink our eyes. Councilman Spitznagel says no, because we had \$10 million in the bank. Now we are with \$700,000 left in the bank. That is not all unencumbered. This means that some of that, if not all of it, is spoken for. Councilman Kolograf says that the important thing and big thing was that even when we had a few millions, we were getting interest. The part that a lot of people do not know is that we get very little interest. When the interest rates were high and people were getting 10% and 12%, the village was still only getting only 3% on \$10 million. The reason is that our Federal government states that we can only invest in certain funds at a very low risk. This makes sense because they don't want us to take public funds and invest in high risk and lose money that is not ours. Those funds are funds that are dictated by the federal government and the state. We used to get \$600,000 in just interest, which helped operate the village. He wanted to make a point that we were getting a lot of money on interest, but now, per Katie, we are getting about \$2400 a year. The interest really changed things. Mayor Hurst says that there was a public record request from a councilmember, so he asks Katie to go over this. This is all consisting of the court because there always seems to be some questions every year from 2011 until present of how many court cases, how many he handled, how many that were total tickets written. There is a fluctuation from 2011 and 2012, then when we get to 2014, we will see it jumping tremendously. We then see it continue to climb into the thousand court cases that come before him. If we add the court cases and we add the amount of tickets, there are a substantial amount of tickets. That is where we invented that cost for our police cars. That is where we got the money for our police cars. These are the ordinances that council approved and

voted on in 2011 and it is in the lawsuit. This is the ordinance that shows all of the pay of the Mayor and shows everything that has been voted on and approved by council. There is an ordinance in here from 2014 where the council made the amendments. The reason I bring this forward is if someone has a problem with these issues or this information, it is all factual and is all on the board. The council voted for this. He is not doing anything different that the council did not already do.

Councilwoman Terlosky asks who requested this, because she states that this has been requested many times already. Mayor Hurst states that Councilwoman Allen requested it before. Councilwoman Terlosky asks Councilwoman Allen if she requested this. Councilwoman Allen says yes she did. Councilwoman Terlosky states that her father is the one who is suing us, these people who are sitting here, their taxpayers dollars. Councilwoman Allen asks what that has to do with my request. She is not on the lawsuit. Councilwoman Terlosky states it has already been out there and she can ask her father. She asks what she is going to do with it. Councilwoman Allen states she requested this back in February when the Mayor first gave us the listing and I asked him for the missing years that were no there. Councilman Kolograf states we are on the budget right now. Councilwoman Allen asks Councilwoman Terlosky what she is insinuating. Councilman Kolograf asks that we proceed in a positive way. Mayor Hurst states that this is the memo that requests everything to do with the Community Building. Councilwoman Terlosky asks who requested that and Mayor Hurst says that Councilwoman Allen did. Councilwoman Terlosky asks Councilwoman Allen if she requested this also. Councilwoman Allen says that she believes that that question was just answered. Councilwoman Terlosky says that she has seen this multiple times and look at the paperwork. Councilwoman Allen requested this information. It was not her choice to make copies of all of it and pass out to everyone. Mayor Hurst asks Councilwoman Terlosky that we not debate that at this meeting. He lets everyone know that last week when the lady came forward and made the comments about the building and I spouted off. I was wrong, it was not \$50,000, it was \$49,600, for the operation of that facility and everyone's paychecks and every piece of utility. There is a list of every rental and everything we have done with this facility. This is a decision that the council needs to make a decision on.

Councilman Kolograf asks which facility that is. Mayor Hurst says the building down the road there, the one we purchased last year. The Mayor states we are selling the house, but because the building has seemed to become a contentious issue, we can very well market that as well. Councilman Kolograf states that he has not felt this to a contentious issue. Councilwoman Allen speaks and states she did not mean for this to come across as a contentious issue. She has had questions from residents, and she wanted information about how many times it has been rented or it is about to be rented because the Mayor had made a number of statements. This way, she has factual information in her own hand that when a resident asks, I can give them. Councilwoman Terlosky states she can ask at a council meeting or COW, and we can give her those answers. Councilman Spitznagel states that when he voted to purchase that building, I also requested to make sure we did separate accounting to make sure we know where our numbers are to make sure we do have the factual information. Councilman Linville states he thinks we have doing the accounting well. Mayor Hurst states that he will ask Sandy Green to give us a record every quarter so there is a written report. Councilwoman Spitznagel states that regarding the lady that was here last week, one of the comments that she made was about how poor we are to our businesses. He did reach out to her a couple of days later via email and basically stated, paraphrasing, that you made this statement, what exactly do you mean by that? Is there anything we can do as a community or as a village to help the businesses because you are a business owner. She did not have anything. She talked about a dumpster ordinance that we passed 11 years ago. That was the contention. It is a long story to get to. One is that she made several phone calls to the Rec Department and never left a message. I got a hold of the Rec Department and I was talking to one of the ladies over there. He was trying to gather some information on whether we still need this lady, and would one of you like to take it over. The response was emphatically No, they don't want anything to do with it. She was very straightforward, honest, and candid. She states that this lady is there all of the time. She is there on the weekends. She is there at 11 p.m. She is there at 7 a.m. She is there. She does a lot of upselling with the room as far as people initially wanting to rent the smaller room, and she

ends up renting the bigger room. They went on and on. The response was if you are asking me if she makes her money's worth, the answer is over and over again absolutely Yes. He states he left it at that.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller adds that she spoke to Carol at the Rec Center and discussed with her what had transpired her at the prior COW meeting. She shows her the binder she keeps that if she is not here, there is an answering machine. She writes down who calls and at what time, and she calls everyone back. She said she does not remember ever getting a message from her. She states no, I am not here all of the time, but I am here quite a bit, and I always call everyone back. The log was there to prove it to me. Mayor Hurst asks everyone to look at their schedules to see when we can schedule a budget meeting directly to where we can address the budget and go line by line and spend time on the budget, every single item, and hopefully have a special meeting before the end of the month to pass a budget for 2018. Mayor Hurst opens this to the audience for questions or comments. Councilman Kolograf asks that in this meeting, most of it will be to the budget, but there will be a small time to do the millage, maybe first thing. Katie and Mayor Hurst say yes, they will include that. He asks Katie as the Fiscal Officer what the bottom line is as well as far as having in our reserve. Katie states she would not want to go any lower than we are. Sherry Alexander from 7312 Walton Road stands. She states that she was wondering if it would be possible to make available the expenses and the income for the church. She is one of the people who questioned the wisdom of purchasing that and it would be nice to see if it is fiscally responsible. Mayor Hurst says he will give her his copy. Katie notes that this is only showing the money that has been received so far. It shows all of the bookings we have had. There are a couple of village-sponsored events, but we are at about \$60,000 for this year, and we have five events booked already in 2019. Prices vary that we are going to receive. We generally do not collect the money until we are closer to the events. These are all reserved and booked. Mayor Hurst and Katie says everything is on the front page. No other comments or questions.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Hurst says that we did close off the deal with Cajin Trucking from the CIC, and there is a signed agreement in front of them. At next week's council meeting we were going to do a resolution, but he does not think we need to have one by law. He would like to bring it back up at the next council meeting and hopefully we can get a motion that everyone agrees to. It is a \$200,000 purchase. It is the 7 acres. We changed a little bit of the dates, nothing major, because they said they could not move some of the concrete until August. We allowed that. We do have a sample and renderings in here of what it looks like before and what we would project it looking like afterwards. This will be on next week's agenda for a motion to accept the offer that was made by the CIC. No further questions or comments. This was passed unanimously by the CIC.

No further questions or comments from councilmembers. Mayor Hurst asks that the council look at their schedule and when they are available for the budget hearings either this week or next week. The State of the Village is Tuesday 3/27 at the Community Building. Councilman Spitznagel asks if it is too late to move that to 7 p.m. to think about residents who may want to attend and don't get off until 5 p.m. or so. Katie says that it has already been posted.

Councilwoman Allen formally requests an excuse from the 3/20 council meeting due to her son's registration at Padua. Councilman Kolograf says there will be no problem with that. Mayor Hurst says we will make a motion for that at the meeting.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of March 13, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky, at 7:39 p.m. Six ayes approved.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer