

The Village of Walton Hills
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: April 3, 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. Tonight, we have our Legal Counsel, Mr. Bill Mason and Ms. Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council.

Item C – Persons Having Business Before Council. Before we open the floor for anyone having business, Mayor Hurst points out that there is a new cabinet on the wall for all of the information, and each time between council meetings, all of the councilmembers memos are posted over there. He wants everyone to understand that the councilmembers get tons of information. All of the ethics books and everything that is shared with council is on that wall and the agenda is there. This is to make things more organized. He designed it and built it, and we put it together there this week.

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. 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.

Benjamin Blondin 16883 South Meadow Park has a comment. His wife travels for work, so he cannot attend these council meetings physically. He went through the proper channels to request the recordings and he had trouble downloading the file and then requested the CD and the CD was never made or he never got the email after that. He was curious as to, or posing a suggestion of why we can't have these on the internet so we can view them at home? I'm sure I'm not the only one of the 2,250 residents that would like to see it online.

Mayor states thank you.

Katie apologizes. She has had trouble with her CD burner and a couple of people can attest to it. They have trouble reading the CDs. As soon as I get it, I will send you another email.

Benjamin states it is 2018 and the computer is not even made with CD drives. It's old technology.

Katie states, exactly she has to plug it in.

Benjamin states it needs to be updated somehow.

Barbara Romanowski of Allen Drive states she is mainly concerned about Carr Brothers coming in and the land you bought and them bringing over all their stuff over here and all the dust that is going to come through everything. She believes it is going to affect TJ Park and those kids. She believes it is going to affect Allen Drive and Carmony and it might even hit Dellwood or Shaner with that dust coming through. That is her main concern. I don't think the EPA would like it either. Thank you.

Mayor states we are monitoring it and we did have our Village engineers address it and we also may present a game plan and will monitor it through the EPA and if it becomes a problem, we will shut it down.

Alan Theis at 18816 Carmony at the very end of the street and states he is going to get the tail end of this like the people on Allen are. You are going to have a massive amount of dust coming off that rock. Who is doing this bridge tear down? Are we involved in that or what?

Mayor Hurst states this is not a bridge teardown. This is to remove all the rock off Route 8 and we sold our service garage with 7 acres. Our engineers laid it out to where it would not be invasive to the creeks for the drainage and with the trees and everything. When they submit their game plan of what they are going to do, that would be monitored by our engineers and as far as we know, EPA would also be involved in that because the Army Corps of Engineers gave us approval to go forward to this level. This is where we went.

Alan states you have to be worried about the dust because he worked at Rock Crushers. He spent two weeks in Rose Valley, California and he worked about a month and a half in Vietnam at Rock Crushers. They are messy and dirty and there is a lot of dust. You can see 2 miles before you get there. Technology has changed, but who is going to clean up our property if all this dust is all over our houses.

Mayor states if it becomes an issue we will address it. That's why there are blueprints up here to show where we sold the property and where it impacts the residents and where it does not.

John Webb, 7170 Allen Drive, states good evening. He is here in support of people who live in our little neck of the woods. Dealing with the EPA is something I know a little bit about. I did it for 30 years. I was a class 3 operator at Bedford's Waste Water Treatment Plant. He states he can say this first, the EPA has to self-monitor your facility. There are several waste water superintendents in jail right now because they falsified their limitations. The watchdog is going to be Carr Brothers just so you know. He states his question is the close proximity to the park and to the cul-de-sac at the end of Carmony. He states looking at his maps, there is approximately 600 feet from that cul-de-sac to reach property the Village is selling to Carr Brothers. The batter's box for both fields at the park, upper and lower, you have about 300 feet of property that abuts with Carr Brothers. He wants to know if the kids are going to wear particle masks when they go up to bat this year. There are several specific requirements that are required for these facilities. He would think that the Village needs to be very, very cautious about waste water and storm water. That aggregate when it gets stuck on tires, when you wash it off, it runs off somewhere. He would not doubt that there is actually combined sewer in that area where your storm water and your waste water combined. You might be doing something illegal that way too because you're not supposed to have combined sewer. The other thing is the air permits. From what I am reading, and I worked on the water side, from what I am reading the Carr Brothers will decide whether or not they need an air permit. They will make that decision. Are they working under the old permit that they had on Northfield Road? Are they going to stockpile all that concrete, cement, bring it over into our neck of the woods? Are they going to put it in that beautiful wooded area behind us? Are they going to clear trees? Half of that property is wooded and that is a buffer in itself. Are they going to be clearing the land? You also have to look at there is something called a permit by rule. If they are operating under permit by rule, they may try to say we are coming in and we are going to operate and we are going to crush stone and there is a requirement for them that requires them by the mere volume of stone and rock they crush. Are they going to have a contained vessel that is going to trap the dust particles? Are they going to have a water suppression system? If they are going to have a water suppression system, I've got news for you. They are going to be discharging into the storms. That's the way this is going to act. In the newsletter the Mayor mentioned the development agreement has been approved. Are we capable of looking at the development agreement? Are we able to take a look at the site plan?

Mayor states he is welcome to have all that. It may be in the blue box over there. We talked about this since 2013 and we have publicly talked about this.

John Webb states shame on me I guess. If that's the way you want to spin it, good. I would also like to ask if Cajin Trucking are the ones who are going to be hauling concrete to the site?

Mayor states yes, he believes that is the name of the company.

John Webb asks if they are going to be hauling just concrete? Anything else? Are they going to haul anything with VOCs? They are cancerous. Flat out and you're going to grind it and put it into the air. The problem is is that the watchdog is Car Brothers and the people that are on Carmony and Allen and that area. That is dangerously close to a residential area and also dangerously close to PG Young Park. Thank you for the time.

Mayor states thank you. He states he is going to ask the engineers to give me the buffers so I know the exact number. I know our ordinance is a 200 foot buffer and 400 foot buffer but we will get that information about all that. I know they are operating this right now on Northfield Road.

Ron Swede from 18851 Carmony, the last house on the cul-de-sac. This will be his fifth year there. He looked for over a year for the surroundings and the kind of house we live in now and it's like being on vacation all the time. He tells his wife to listen how quiet this is. Part of the mission statement reads to promote and impede the quality of life and maintain the country home atmosphere for the Village of Walton Hills. I guess everyone's mind is made up, so just to generally put it, we're screwed no matter what happens. We just started coming to council meetings a year or so ago and I just found out about this yesterday. He would like to just display his displeasure of what is being done and how it's being handled. Thank you.

Mary Alice Moran from 7500 Linda Lane. She states this is on another topic. She states she was not aware of what was going on but she wanted to thank the Village for their help. The citizen of the year program we had on March 24th, she wanted to thank the Mayor, Lisa, and especially the service department and Carol for putting the advertisement on the sign, Jenna for the work she did to put it together, Mary Brenner, Denny Linville, and Don Kolograf for participating. She wanted you to know that the citizen of the year wanted me to express her appreciation for your participation and everything that was done to recognize her for 2017 and also Brian Spitznagel for his letter of congratulation.

Ed Fox 7133 Allen Drive states John Webb hit most of the points that I wanted to talk about tonight. I did want to hone in on a couple of things. We definitely need to take a look at the development agreement so we have a full understanding of what is going to happen over there. I think that is a good place to start. The other thing is to expand on the site plan concept and it sounds like that is somewhat formative at this point, or is that firm?

Mayor Hurst states it is not firm and it has not been presented. They have to present the plan to us, as stated in the development agreement. They have to stay so far from the property line.

Ed Fox states that that is understandable and the site plan will also tell us some other things about noise levels, particulates, dust, and I would also be interested in hours of operation. We just want to fully understand what we are dealing with back there. He would imagine that the EPA licensing and permitting, with this being a transfer, is that all still required?

Mayor states yes, because it's a new address.

Ed Fox states in a general sense we are familiar with how things got started going back to the summer of last year with the interest of the business community. He would expect that the needs of the business community would be taken care of because they have a distinct interest in things and unlike a lot of us who are raising kids and working and traveling we cannot be as close to this place as we would like to be. So here we ware. I would just say that disappointment is the right term, but I think it is in that business community taken care of. I think it would have been nice if residents were taken care of in a little better

form as a part of this process. Just a general observation. The other thing with adjoining property on facilities like this is that you have to take into consideration the noise, dust, visual disturbances within reason. It will be interesting to see the site plan for sure so we fully understand things. He states he would close with that he knows \$200,000 came in to the Village as a result of the transaction and if it looks like we get to the point where this is going to be a little more than we anticipated from a residential standpoint, I would hope that council and Mayor Hurst would consider taking some of that money and doing some things to mitigate this thing. To me, it's up close and personal. I realize I'm a little further away, but when you look at the baseball diamonds there, I would think that some of the proceeds should be addressing mitigation if it gets to the point where it is going to proceed and it looks like it might be a little bit of a burden. This idea of we will fire it up and then shut it down if it's a nuisance. At that point, the horse is out of the barn. I'm uncomfortable with that.

Mayor states we looked at that. He states we had our engineers and we had this discussion several times with council publicly and in economic development in Executive Session and we looked at all the different variables and the impact. This is a daytime, 8-hour shift program. They are doing it on Route 8. They are putting \$150,000 into the gateway, cleaning up all that rock, and cleaning it back to green space so it becomes more desirable. How that all transpired into rock crushing was long before I became Mayor but it just continued to grow and that's why we have those walls now because it was spilling out into the road.

Ed Fox asks if there is residential around there?

Mayor states Oakwood on the other side by the railroad tracks, but I think it is about 1000 feet away.

Ed Fox states that the front end looks really good, but we are worried about the back end. The residents are not pleased.

Mayor states as we discussed publicly, this is to clean up the front corridor and to control how it is done in the back. The development agreement does give us a lot more control than we have had in the past. This is about business retention. This is about \$350,000 beneficial to the Village but also spurs other development of other companies.

Kathy Leople from 18580 Carmony asks if Carr Brothers is going to stay in the same place? Are we going to have two locations now?

Mayor states yes.

Kathy asks if we know what is going to happen at those two locations?

Mayor states yes. They are going to continue to mix concrete and clean up the front corridor. They are going cut down all the concrete off Route 8 into two different aprons and they are putting in buffers with raised flowerbeds similar to what is down on Canal. They are supposed to present a plan of buffers and a plan of what they are doing as far as where they are going to locate their piles and rock crushing and they are going to give us a plan on where the trees will be removed and all those processes.

Kathy states they are actually growing. They needed more space. It's not just so it is prettier.

Mayor states yes, we inherited 20 more jobs. He asks for any more questions or comments.

Vicki Pelletier of 7033 Shaner states she does not understand why you agreed to this and wants to know who the engineers are who are saying this is okay.

Mayor states Chagrin Valley Engineering. They have been our engineers since 2002.

She asks why this is happening to our Village.

Mayor Hurst states there are a couple of different variables involved but it is economic development and to clean up our corridors to also attract other businesses on Route 8 and our other investments of industrial parkways.

Ms. Pelletier asks why they cannot use the Ford area?

Mayor states it is not for sale yet.

Darren Lindh from 18714 Carmony. He states he works for a construction company that has a concrete crushing operation and he states that usually the stuff piles high six months a year and then they will sub it out and bring in some equipment and in a month or two they chew it up. Is there a restriction on high they can stack it?

Mayor states there are some restrictions. He knows they maxed it out on there on Alexander Road. I don't know, maybe two stories tall. They have their own equipment on site right now. All the equipment off Route 8 would move back there. It's one company. Cajin is a subsidiary of Carr Brothers.

Darren asks if it is going to happen, if we can limit how high. It's a real noisy and dusty mess. He hope it doesn't get out of control.

Mayor asks for any other questions or comments.

Ed Fox comes back up and asks if they can leave with a copy of the development tonight, or do you have to get that for us?

Mayor states he may have it in his office. He may be able to get it after the meeting.

John Webb approaches again and states the assessments that we have on businesses that are there. He assumes that is for a road that is going to be accessible to the Carr Brothers location that the Village sold. The Village owns some property that is a buffer currently between the old service department site and run back towards the end of Carmony. Is the assessment for the road going to run all the back to Carmony?

Mayor states note. The map right there shows where the road is ending. It is going to be in the old service garage area that is where it ends. It will make the property values more valuable because that has never been committed as a road. Bedford owns the flag going down all the way to Westbrook Road.

John states he is familiar with the area and he dumped a lot of garbage back there. Previous to 1974, that was Bedford's incinerator because my dad ran the incinerator. After 1974, we dumped a lot of stuff back there. In fact, Bedford and Walton Hills got in arguments about leaves. Is Bedford giving up property for a road?

Mayor states Bedford is looking at developing that property. They have someone interested in it already and that is what started most of this conversation as well. We were trying to find a way to get grant money to clean the property because we didn't contaminate it so if we took ownership we could get federal money and clean it. It was unacceptable because Bedford didn't want to walk away from their responsibilities with contamination. Bedford is looking at leasing it right now. They have an agreement on the table with another company that is a mulching company. They had to follow EPA permits. I don't know where that deal is but in July last year it was approved by the planning committee.

Councilman Linville states that with respect to what is being discussed, he has walked that property and we are still debating certain parts of that as well. He states he is still raising questions about it. He appreciates the concerns of the residents here tonight.

Councilwoman Allen states we have a lot of due diligence and questions that need to be answered and we need to get that information to them as soon as possible. We are talking about children and seniors that have COPD. She certainly hopes we can make sure that this is going to have no impact on our residents.

Councilman Kolograf states that his position here is the best interest of the residents besides the businesses because we know the residents can't make it here. He doesn't want you to feel – if you had not have come here, we have had these same concerns. We have talked about the buffer zones and how they are going to address it. We have had concerns about Carr Brothers. He has been in the Village 23 years and that site has looked the same since he has been here. He has not seen any improvements. We are very concerned about upholding them to the final agreement. We cannot count on them as the watchdog. We all know that. We have some businesses in the Village that do a great job with their properties and concern for their surroundings and then we have other businesses that do not such a good job and our building department and our zoning inspector is on them all the time. From the time we started this, we have been very concerned about how it impacts the residents. The tough part is that we do have to look at keeping money in the Village and economic development. That does not mean at the cost of the residents, but it is fine balance. We are concerned and we will look at it as we always do. It is very concerning. Someone mentioned about the country home district and we all know that is one of the positive things of Walton Hills is the 1-acre lots that are in a rural setting. He doesn't want you to think if you didn't show up, we are trying to sneak something in or we don't care. We went through the part and I came in at the end of it. We represent you so whether you are here or not, that's our job too.

Item E – ODOT salt contract. Mayor Hurst states that next week he would like to have a special council meeting to pass a resolution allowing him to go out for bids for the ODOT salt. We do this every year. The reason we are doing it before our regular council meeting is because the deadline is fast approaching and this is not controlled by us. This is where we go out and get with all the other communities around us.

Mayor asks for comments or questions from the Council or the audience. He states this will appear next week on the agenda.

Item F - Inside Millage. Mayor Hurst states this is all the communities around us and what their millage is. We have discussed this and at our state of the millage we passed last Tuesday, there were some concerns about why we haven't raised the inside millage, so we decided at that time to put it on this week's agenda for discussion. With that being said, if you'll look at Walton Hills is the lowest, then you have Chagrin Falls Township which does not collect taxes and just runs on property tax, then Glen Willow, then Solden. My recommendation is to stay around Glenwillow or Solon which is less than Oakwood and it is on the agenda for today's meeting. We have not fixed the number because we want to see what everyone's pleasure is. Another thing he would like to point out is that he gave you a memo that shows what we did in 2017. This information about safety services, millage, if the millage would pass, safety services police would remain, general maintenance including snow plowing, salting, ice removal will remain the same. Rubbage and leaf pickup along with chipping services will remain the same. Programs offered by the recreation department will remain the same. We did this three times in fliers to residents. We took up collections. This was not paid for by tax dollars. We also put it in the Liberty News three months in a row. We also had four Town Hall Meetings. The levy failed and now we are at this crossroads where we passed for everyone to start paying for their trash and now we are talking about inside millage. He opens the floor to council members to ask questions or give opinions.

Councilwoman Terlosky states we were talking about 2.2 to 2.7?

Mayor states we were talking about 2.7 plus the 3 brings us 3 mils. If we go 2.7 that still puts us below Glen Willow. Right now we are the lowest. Solon has a lot of land and a lot of empty buildings because they have a high income tax and high property tax.

Councilwoman Terlosky asks how much that might bring in?

Mayor states if we go 2.7 that would cover trash and it would bring about \$200,000 from utilities and I think our businesses would be \$168,000. That would cover our resident's trash.

Councilman Spitznagel states if we do this inside millage, he would be hesitant to say this is to pay for the trash. We did pass a budget last Tuesday and that budget had a surplus of about \$7,000. If you know anything about budgets, they are just that and we are going to be watching that very closely every month to make sure our income is coming in as expected and our expenses are going out as expected. He is of the opinion that if any of those get out of whack and we end up in a deficit there is more that we have to do in Village Hall as far as our operations here downsizing. Even at that, if we raised the inside millage, what we will barely have is enough to keep us going as far as our infrastructure, maintaining it. It is certainly not enough to maintain the roads anywhere near our engineer wants us to maintain our roads. He is hesitant in saying that money is going to cover garbage now because that might be something I cannot live up to depending on how the income comes in. Somebody made a statement at the State of the Village Meeting about our process and how we did this and things like that. I thought about that all weekend and I thought about what my responsibilities are here and who we are responsible to. We always say we are responsible to the residents and we are. We serve two makers, we serve you, we are your voice. As I sit here, you told us last year you wanted us to work with the budget as our revenues are coming in and leave your taxes alone. You voted that by 63%. That's what we are trying to do. At every Town Hall Meeting I was at, I stood up and said okay but if this levy does fail, I will come in the next day and balance this budget and it's not going to be pretty. Now we have people complaining we are paying for trash and we have a sewer charge now that starts in 2019. You told us what to do and that was to work with it in the revenue we have coming in. The other maker that we have to meet and it is more important than us residents, is the Village. The Village doesn't mean you and me. The Village is its own legal entity and by law we are ultimately responsible to that entity. If we have to raise inside millage, that's our duty. We have no choice. As I sit here, I want to do everything I can to not go that route and struggle along until these prospects that we have coming in, gets us some revenue. They are just prospects right now. He will vote to increase the levy 2.7% if it means keeping us out of bankruptcy. The state will tell us we are going to do this, this, and this and we have no control at that point.

Mayor states that we have utility companies that pay us almost nothing for operations in this Village. We plow the roads and they use our equipment on our roads. We provide them safety to the substation and they pay us less than \$10,000 a year. Anywhere else, for the same 100 acres, they are paying \$500,000 to the community. If we did this levy, this would generate \$200,000 guaranteed and it would also guarantee from our business. If we don't have some kind of bond or something to help with the roads, we can't go against our savings. We have to go on predicated money dedicated to the Village. That's what you borrow on.

Councilman Kolograf states Councilman Spitznagel mentioned the balanced budget and the \$7,000 but with that balanced budget there is no capital improvement in there. There are no road repairs or infrastructure needs. You have to maintain your house no matter what and when you start falling behind it's hard to catch up. There are some areas of the roads that need repair and patching, and if we let those go, before you know it you have too many large projects and you never catch up. When we talk about inside millage, that is part of it too. Not just paying the bills, but you still have to do those infrastructure things. Our responsibility is to keep this Village a nice place and keep it maintained. The inside millage is the property tax. For a \$200,000 house, the Village gets about \$14 out of your \$3,000 property tax. The businesses are in the same boat. They pay very low property tax here and we would get a lot of the

property tax from the Village. If we do the inside millage, we would get all that, no different than the levy. The levy was going to cover our shortfall. We feel there are some good things happening, yes, but we have felt that way for a few years now. The Ford plant, we don't own that. We can't do anything except tell Ford to get a buyer and we will do whatever we can to have them move here. Our inside millage has not been raised since 1954 and we are the lowest out of 60 municipalities. Even if we raise the inside millage, we will be the 3rd or 4th lowest. We are worried about not only bringing businesses in and retaining them. We can advertise we have low taxes in the Village. It is amazing how some communities rely solely on property tax to fund everything. In this Village we have had businesses fund our bills.

Councilman Linville states he moved into the Village in 1976 and he thought what a great deal, they pay for everything. There was not anything they did not pay for. At that time, we had septic tanks and we had to get our septic tank cleaned every 2 years they mandated and that was \$200. In 1982, we got sewers put in and in our lack of infinite wisdom, we said we are going to pay for sewer bills for the Villagers. We should not have ever taken that responsibility on but we did. I did an accounting of it at one point and that lasted for 6 million dollars paid out of the Village Treasury to satisfy the sewer bills of our Villagers. We continue to try to pay for everything. We can't do that anymore. He knows 63% said you don't want more taxes. Nobody wants taxes. I have been paying my sewer bill along with everybody else. He states he will vote for inside millage and he is not up for reelection and he still chose to run, he would still vote for the inside millage. The Village needs money. You have to pay for things. If we didn't have a grant, we couldn't even crack seal our roads this year. We have a grant to buy material for that. That's all he has to say and he thinks we will be okay if we all vote for it.

Councilwoman Terlosky states be sure that you know all of us here are concerned about safety for this Village. We aren't going to do anything that is going to harm our children or any of you. Safety is #1 in every decision we make. We have traffic cameras now. We had to lay off a lot of police because of not having money. Traffic cameras are a safety for our police officers so they can be freed up to go around the Village and make sure we are okay. She describes the Village as paradise as well. It is beautiful and she wants to keep it that way. She states she will vote for the millage. She states the trash is not coming out of that. The trash is going to be its own issue. We will raise \$160,000. Things are happening. It is all going to be developed over here soon. The golden goose is sleeping for a while but it will revive itself. The only control we had was zoning and we did that. We want to keep Walton Hills safe. She appreciates the residents coming in and giving your concerns and opinions.

Councilman Linville states we can always revisit these issues if we find ourselves in a position we can afford to roll back things we have done. I would support doing that and I think the rest of my colleagues would support it also. Nothing is ever permanent. We can revisit all these issues at a later date if we need to.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states she appreciates everyone coming in and giving your opinion on how you feel. It's very important. We need to know and we are working on that. Regarding this, whether she is up for reelection or not, she is going to vote yes because we have to do this. She has to pay along with everyone else and pay for trash. She used to live in Chagrin Falls and it is a lot more than it is here as far as taxes. This has to be done and as Denny said, we can always turn this around. This is a necessary. We have a responsibility to keep the Village solvent. She will vote yes.

Councilman Kolograf states he wants to talk about this millage and we will have many discussions on this. We have the Village end and the business end. We are talking an increase of 2.7 on top of our 0.3, so it would be 3 total.

Mayor states yes, he wants to stay competitive with Glen Willow or Solon. That would put us at 3.65 and Glen Willow is at 3.3.

Councilman Kolograf states we would be the third lowest in the county.

Mayor states yes.

Katie states that would give us an additional \$325,000 on top of the \$40,000 we receive.

Katie states she does not have it in front of her but it is a substantial increase because just in the past year the valuation of the public utilities has gone up about 10%. We are looking at the bulk of it coming from public utilities. If we take advantage of the millage, we will be able to take advantage of the businesses' increasing valuations.

Mayor states we are just starting the discussion and then we will start to break it down and we will have another public meeting next week as well and talk about the numbers it would generate.

Katie states she will do several scenarios to show where it would be at 2.2, 2.7, and the max we can go is 3.88. She will have those numbers next week.

Councilwoman Allen states we had three plans for the budget of cutting back in other areas. She agrees with Brian that before voting for any taxes more, you published it in the Journal and the Liberty News. People said no, 63%, do with what you have over, and over, and over. You passed out information but the residents were told the budget is passed and everything is great. At the last minute, we are down to \$700,000 in the bank. We are on the way to being taken over by the county. She told people she was not going to vote for tax increase and she keeps her word. She knows her vote is 1 out of 6, but her word is what is most important. I do see we are struggling. She thinks if we need to go to a four-day work week or cut of a couple of service guys for a couple of months to help build up some money that is something we should be looking at too. She would like to see any legislation go for three full readings instead of an emergency basis again. The opportunity to explain to the residents where we are. She states the state of the Village last week showed some of the residents and that's why tempers got a little hot. People felt like they have been told things are great and everything is great. There is work that needs to be done and we need to still cut back in other areas wherever we can.

Councilman Kolograf states he will disagree with Ms. Allen on some things here. The reason is that he has been on council a while. We have heard from many different residents. They said that we did what we were supposed to do and spend the money that is in the bank. It's the rainy day fund until things get better. Don't go to the people and don't take more taxes. The money is there because we saved it over the years and now is the time to use it to continue to operate. Nobody wants to raise taxes but we also do have to operate this Village. What happened with Walton Hills, we all saw the Ford plant coming. We knew that was going to happen. We had some surprises. Our House, we didn't have the land. We worked really hard and that one really hurt us. We didn't see that one coming. Walton Hills has been very good at retaining businesses. Getting new businesses is even harder. A lot of communities are struggling just in retaining businesses. We have to raise property taxes. Not having capital for some of the roads bothers me because we have to repair some of these things. Since 1954, we probably should have been raising the inside millage a little at a time. You know who benefitted from us not doing it? All of us here. The residents did benefit from the money that was in the bank. We didn't have to pay. We have until July. We have a lot going on and we have some movement with other businesses working on deals and bringing in some bodies. If that doesn't happen and we don't do it by July then we miss another cycle. We could cut the employees, what did it bring us? \$170,000. Not enough. We are still short. We are not going to have a choice. The only way to do it is to cut everybody and if you do that, what do you have? You have another community that is not viable. We have to keep it viable and keep it safe. You go to a 32-hour work week, you lose your employees.

Mayor states that you asked for options and we gave you options. We passed the budget and we can adjust the budget and do any of that. We have a balanced budget on our books at this time. We won't collect those taxes from businesses until July and everything else. He can't control the businesses, he can only control what we have to offer. We offer CRAs, incentive packages, tax abatements, job creations, we are connected with Jobs Ohio. He gave all the properties available in the Village. We are on the state website. The Ford plant was a blessing to the Village. Day one they made the announcement, we started reducing. We reduced 1.6 since last year. You want to lay off people? We laid off people. You want to do that? I recommend we discuss this again next week with several options about the millage. We will continue to discuss this. We can fluctuate the number because that doesn't change the basic concept of what we are trying to accomplish.

Councilman Kolograf states we have a group too that comes in for economic development. The Mayor does most of it but he wants you to know we use the tools that are available to us. We use Tom Jordan who has been involved with other communities and that costs money.

Councilwoman Terlosky states she does not agree with laying off employees. You may cut back on the employee, but what happens? You're cutting back on the service. You have snow coming? You want the streets plowed? If someone has to snow plow, there's overtime and you're going to drive that up more than if they were working the regular time. Overtime will kill you. That's not going to fly. The only way is the inside millage and the trash. We can always take that off down the road. Things are coming in. We know what's going on. Just have faith.

Mayor asks for comments from the audience.

Kathy Leple from Carmony states \$700,000 is a lot of money to me but is that a lot of money for a Village? I don't know. It feels like not a lot of money.

Katie states our budget is around \$9 million a year. That's not with doing any projects. Can we keep going at that pace? Yes, but that's not doing any type of work on infrastructure.

Kathy states right. That's not a lot of money to have as a savings account.

Councilman Kolograf states yes, if you're budget is \$9 million you would want to have about 30%, or \$3 million in the bank.

Katie states that is a fair estimate. Most years we had about \$3 million average until we saw drastic decreases in businesses leaving.

Kathystates okay, so no matter what we do this year, cleaning up the Ford plant and somebody building something in three months' time, that money cannot get any bigger this year and technically the next year or the year after that. That doesn't cover like one piece of equipment. That's a very frightening thing. I've been here a lot longer than you guys think and I remember \$10 million in the bank. We have no options right now.

Mayor states we have options but every option hurts.

Kathy states that doesn't buy a snow plow.

Councilman Kolograf states he wants to make one more point. It comes into the budget and you made a good point. When he first moved here, we had all that money and the Village actually lived on the interest from that \$10 million. Municipalities can only invest in certain things. The government says you can

invest in certain places. We were getting very good interest at that time. A few years ago we were getting less than 1%. We haven't gotten interest like that in years.

Chuck Victor from 18750 Egbert Road states he was just reading the Liberty News and in the Liberty News, that 2.65 acres on Norfield Road, we sold it for a whopping \$17,000 and you had it in the letter to council member on 12/01/15 that it was valued at \$300,000. There's a bit of a difference there. The garage on Krick Road was valued at \$450,000 and we sold it for \$200,000. We need a new realtor. The thing with cutting the budget, there's still a lot of budget to cut. We are paying a lot of positions in the Village really high wages for nothing. We are paying on the average of 1/2 hour of work, we are paying \$400. We have to cut these to save the pennies to make the dollars. That's about it.

Councilman Kolograf states he is interested in which positions you feel we could cut in the Village, or reduce their salary.

Chuck Victor states we gave regular employee top wage, \$80,000 a year.

Councilman Kolograf asks who that is?

Chuck Victor states Rob.

Mayor states he told you not to get into this. He is talking about Rob Kalman.

Councilman Kolograf states Mr. Kalman was the assistant commissioner. Mr. Stucky retired and we promoted Mr. Kalman to that position. We cannot give any salary within our ordinance. There are positions that start at a certain wage and what we did was promote the assistant when the Road Commissioner retired. We promoted him and we eliminated the assistant commissioner. We actually eliminated a position. Mr. Kalman is the street commissioner and has no assistant. We saved about \$60,000. There's the point that there is actually a savings. We start people in positions according to their experience. We have continued to save money.

Mayor states that Mr. Kalman is also our building inspector. We save money on our building inspector contract, I think close to \$25,000 instead of hiring an outside person. As far as the 1/2 hour \$400, you don't know the hour I come in before to review cases and you don't know the 1-1/2 hours I stay after the cases. He is talking about the Mayor's Court. He is talking about the 15-30 minutes that he sits here and watches me go through the 6, 10, 15 who show up. The process goes through three readings and then we get a warrant for their arrest. We sped that process up. Regardless if you pay me, you pay a Magistrate whether it's a 1/2 hour, 10 minutes, 20 minutes, or an hour. That's the law. Right now we are tied up in a lawsuit costing the Village money in the budget. We are going to have to allocate more money for a lawsuit because we are being frivolously sued by a resident. Once again, you don't state all the facts, you just state what you know. This council knows the facts. The council votes on everyone's paycheck. The council agrees. They have debated everyone's paycheck. They have debated every position here. Even people in the audience voted on the Mayor's pay.

Mayor states we are attempting to sell the house by the Community Center. We have separated it into a 1-acre tract and the house is going to be sold this summer. We are all talking about that. The building itself we did talk about it at the community center last week and Katie can elaborate.

Katie states for July 2017 it opened and we certainly didn't cover our costs last year. This year, we already have about 65 rentals of the banquet room and multipurpose room and we have about 5 for 2019. We are on track to very closely cover our costs, which are utilities, the mortgage, and the salary we pay which is a small amount to the banquet coordinator. We are on pace. I feel very confident we will cover the cost of it.

Councilman Kolograf states the church offered the building to us. There was no realtor. They offered it to us first. We were trying to pass the levy and it came at the worst time. We had to think about is this a good way to spend the money? One reason is that we can control it. We could always sell it. This being paid for is really a great thing because we are going to own a piece of property even if we paid 1/2 of it. It's worth buying because if we have to sell it, we are going to make a profit. Our thing about buying it, we own it, we can put what we want there, sell it to who we want. There's a lot more behind it. Certainly, we would not have wanted a recreation thing at that time. He states he is not going to vote for a recreation center to play basketball and vote for a millage at the same time.

Mayor states to clear up a couple other statements. We purchased the 2.6 acres for \$5,000 from First Energy. We had it appraised between \$30,000 and \$180,000. The facts are that we sold it for \$17,000 so that's a 300% increase of that property that we bought. The next thing you made a statement about with the Carr Brothers. We had a valuation. We had it appraised so we could offer it and because we get growth of business and because we get input of \$150,000 on Norfield Road, then we get \$200,000 and we are still ahead of the game of the West Crick Road. We also getting all those businesses to assess for a brand new road there that should have been done 40 years ago. I'm trying to state the facts because right now in the recording, there are only your false statements and not the facts.

Mayor asks for any other comments from residents.

Councilman Linville states in the past 20 years the residents have wanted us to build a rec center for \$20 million and they didn't blink their eyes when they said the \$3 million, so think about that.

Mayor states he would like to move on to other business if there are no other comments. Next week for the inside millage, we will have some scenarios and breakouts and we will have that for more discussion. For next week will have the special council meeting for the resolution of the ODOT for me to go out for bids. He has been approached by Rita to collect our taxes. Do you want them to come and give a presentation next week or would you not feel comfortable with that at this time? I would not invite somebody to a council meeting without everyone's input.

Mayor states that is why he gave the quote from them to have the information so we are not being accused of not looking at every option. He has no problem either way. Our tax department feels finalized. If no one has a problem, he won't invite them and we will move on with our agenda.

Councilwoman Terlosky states it is a waste of time. We are not going to give an agency a percentage of our revenue. It's the worst decision you could make.

Mayor asks for any other business.

Councilwoman Allen states she read in the paper was talking about warehouses were selling at a higher square footage because of the distributions. I can forward the article but I thought it was interesting.

Councilman Spitznagel states we received a memo dated 03/22/18 that was a copy to Katie and Angela about the tax department. He would like to some clarification on this. You make a statement that at this time he is requesting the title of mayor's assistant be eliminated to allow Katie to concentrate mainly on the Village tax department. What does all that mean?

Mayor states he put that out to all his directors because he didn't want Katie to overwhelmed and he is taking on more tasks with typing and grammar and he is relaying on her still for a lot of things, but he does not want all my other directors to rely on her for coming to her, they should be coming directly to me. That's what that was for.

Councilman Spitznagel states he wants to consider changing the start time of the meetings. He knows we have them at 6:00. One argument is people can't make it here, they get off at 5 and they can't make 6:00. If we did move it to 7, we don't know if we get more people here or not but at least that alleviates that argument. He doesn't care whether it's 6 or 7 or 8, and we are here for the residents. He would make a motion to move it to 7:00. The second thing would be something he brought up last year with video streaming of the council meetings. He found out about this because he has a friend who works on a council in a suburb of Chicago. He said he started it a couple of years ago and it is free. We need a laptop and a camera. We set up a YouTube account and they archive them and if you want to say what happened in that meeting in January, you can click on it and watch it. Those were the two things we should discuss either tonight or next week.

Mayor states it is the council's call. You set the meetings and time schedules.

Councilman Linville states he counted 27 people in the audience that is great. He states 6 works for me.

Councilwoman Terlosky states she is not in favor of changing the time. All these meetings are taped. You can see what is going on. You can get that if you want it. She is not in favor of filming either. She states places she knows says it is grand standing with some of the people who are up for election. You are here most of you because of Car Brothers. It is affecting your backyard and that is why you are here. Most of the time there are 4 people here. She does not go for streaming or changing the time.

Councilwoman Allen states she is for 7 or later. She has to eliminate a full day of work, which she was willing to do to take this job. If it was 7:00, it could at least get in a 3/4 day of work. She does not see how grandstanding equates with live streaming for a meeting. If anybody wants to do that because they are up for reelection, they are going to do that regardless. I think anything that makes council and the administration look as transparent as possible and put it out there, I know Katie has had some issues with trying to get meeting minutes together. We still have meeting minutes not on the website from last March. They are still missing.

Katie states she does not think we had meetings every normal meeting in March, but I will double check.

Councilwoman Allen states it is listed but you can't click on it because the meeting notes are not there.

Mayor states we used to have Jane doing our minutes. She is no longer employed here and she retired. Now we send it out to an outside service because we do not employ somebody to do our minutes. If council wishes to hire somebody to do minutes or another service, we will do that if we have to.

Councilwoman Allen states it is for March 14, 2017, along with June 26, 2017, October 10, 2017, November 21, 2017. There are a lot missing.

Mayor asks what she would suggest.

Councilwoman Allen states she suggests live streaming and it is done.

Mayor states how are we going to get the minutes?

Councilwoman Allen states if you are live streaming it is being videotaped.

Mayor states we still have to do minutes for public record.

Councilman Kolograf states he has no problem with livestreaming if it does not cost anything. If there is a fee attached to it, that's different. The meeting minutes, we had Jane doing the meeting minutes. It took up

a lot of time. We eliminated that position when she retired. Like anything here positions get eliminated but the work does not go away. Somebody else takes that work on. We legislate and appropriate. We don't run the duty of the administration. That is run by the Mayor and his staff. They task people to do certain things just like any of us would in our job positions. As far as meeting times, 6 or 7, I don't think it's going to matter. It helps some people and is worse for others. One reason we went to the shorter time is because the meetings were going into the night. They have not lately. There was a time we were here to 11 or 1 at night. We switched to 6 to give us more time. To me, it doesn't matter. I can go either way. I can go to the 7 or the 6. My job here is to keep this body together. We can disagree on this but we have to work together. That is the important part of any business or team.

Councilwoman Terlosky states she is fine with the live streaming because it is free and until the minutes are published people have an option to see what occurred at the meeting. She is good with that. It is not going to change her behavior in the least. She can go either way on the time. She likes the 6:00 because she gets home a little earlier, but if everyone wants 7, she can do that too.

Mayor states we should look into the live streaming. It is council's pleasure whether we start at 6:00 or 7:00.

Councilwoman Terlosky states 6:00.

Councilman Kolograf states to stop for a second. Why don't we have a little more discussion on it? He does not feel it is one of those things to close the door that simple. We can do it this week or next week and talk about it. If you want to take a vote, I'm fine. I would have no problem moving to 7. I would vote for 7.

Mayor states we will discuss it next week and everyone talk amongst yourselves with telephone calls or emails and we will have confirmation next week how we start.

Mayor asks for any other comments or questions.

Councilwoman Terlosky states she does not know how many of you realize the Mayor has Mornings with the Mayor once a month from 9 to 11 in the morning. You can come and ask any question you want about the Village, about how we are spending, what we are doing. Then for the people in the evenings, he has 7 to 9. You say there is no other place to come and hear besides this, she does not know of any other Mayor that offers that opportunity. Come and see other times when you get to ask questions besides tonight. There are a few people here that do come and they get all their questions answered.

No other questions or comments.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Linville makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of April 3, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, at 7:59 p.m. Six ayes approved.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer