

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: May 1, 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, Jennifer Allen, Don Kolograf, Denny Linville, and Brian Spitznagel. Councilman Kolograf makes a motion to excuse Councilwoman Brenner-Miller from the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 1, 2018, seconded by Councilman Linville. Five ayes approve.

Item E - Persons Having Business Before Council. David Basso from 18817 Dellwood speaks and states that he has been here for eight years, and his concern is there have been a lot of rumors about the industrial parkway. He addresses the whole committee and the Mayor. He asks if we are going to do anything to that park that is going to hinder the people who live next to it with things such as dust, smell, or noise. Mayor Hurst answers the resident and states that we have also had some other questions and concerns from other residents about the approximately 7 acres that we sold to Cajin Trucking, which is a Carr Brothers subsidiary. He says that they have not presented a development plan or anything. He states the buffer zone in that area is 400 feet and they are over 1000 feet away. He says he knows there are concerns about dust and rock crushing and such. He explains the related incident of Ioppolo Concrete on Bedford side of Krick Road. Discussion ensues about this with the resident. Mayor Hurst says he will invite him to the Planning Commission.

George Main from 7109 Allen Drive speaks and says that he receives a sheet of paper on his mailbox the other day. He thought it contained more information in it than the entire collection of journals. He thought it was amazing and thinks that is something they should think about.

Chuck Victor from 18750 Egbert Road stands and asks that with this Cajin Trucking deal, do we have anything in writing that they are going to provide 25 extra jobs there. Mayor Hurst says yes, we do. Chuck asks if the residents could get a copy of that. Mayor Hurst says they can give him a copy of the purchase agreement. Chuck asks if that states that they are going to provide the 25 jobs on there and the Mayor states yes, it is called a Development Agreement.

Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road stands and states that at the last meeting, the council asked her to drive down the industrial area. She had someone drive her down there. She asks if Krick Road is the road that the village is going to pave and assess all the small businesses or which road it is that we are going to assess. Mayor Hurst says that it is only going to be for a short section. It is called West Krick Road. It is not all of Creek Road. Discussion ensues about the bond and assessment of the businesses. Josephine says that she drove down it, and she did not think it was that bad considering the fact that we have roads in Walton Hills like Rashell is kind of dangerous. She is asking about concentrating on residential and getting grants to do that. Mayor Hurst addresses this and says that Rashell is a residential drive and is a secondary road, and there are no grants provided for that. Discussion ensues about borrowing money and re-do Rashell Drive and assess every resident tax to pay for that, but that is not their intention. Josephine also says that District 6 is supposed to be getting money and we are not in on that. She asks how we could get in on some of that money. Mayor Hurst says that we applied, but we were denied.

David Basso speaks again and asks that since the casino was bought out for a lot of money, is there any chance that they are going to come our way and do some things and bring us some money. Mayor Hurst says that we have discussed it and there are some possibilities as listed in our journal and we did discuss it

publicly several times. There are a lot of opportunities. We are just not at liberty to give a lot of details. Councilman Kolograf speaks on this and states that Ford owns that property and how they market it is the thing. Discussion continues on this.

No further comments or questions from the audience.

Discussion about small cell towers. Mayor Hurst states that he did give a packet to the council of all the ordinances of the other communities and small cell towers. He states he also provided them a memo from the Mayor's and City Manager's Meeting that took place last Thursday that discussed the small cell towers. He says that after discussion with Mr. Mason and all the related information, we felt to have a moratorium put on for six months until we have time to read this legislation and go through it. It is quite substantial. Discussion ensues on this. Councilman Spitznagel speaks and asks that if he is correct in his thinking that the law that was passed at the state level allows municipalities to regulate size and the scope. Mr. Mason says that he has not read through all of it, but he does believe this is the case. Discussion continues. He asks that we have a special council meeting next week to put this out there so we can put this to rest. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for any questions or concerns. None are seen.

Discussion of inside millage. Mayor Hurst explains that this is on for second reading at our council meeting in the month of May. He opens the floor for questions and comments. He states we have not set on an exact memo, and he put out a memo supporting 3 mills so we are still competitive in the economic development. That would bring us to 3.3. That would still make us less than Glenwillow on millage and still give us the competitive edge for location to the interstate and still give us the opportunity to raise the inside millage to generate revenue. Discussion ensues on this between the various councilmembers including Councilman Kolograf and Councilman Spitznagel. Councilman Kolograf states that this piece of legislation was put on for first reading last month. Our intention is to put it on for second reading this month to discuss it. If we do this inside millage and get it in place, we have to do it before July. We are definitely going to do three readings. He makes the point that it can be rescinded and we can roll it back if something comes up down the road. No further comments or questions from the councilmembers. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for questions or comments.

David Basso stands and states that if and when we pass the 3 mill levy, he wants it all to go to this community, and he does not want anyone else to get it. He says that he used to live in Brecksville and moved here, and he feels the people here do not know what they have. Councilman Kolograf states that Brecksville is at 8.21. That is how much of a difference it makes.

Bill Allen from 6990 Walton Road stands. He asks if anyone knows anything about the school and what they are doing. He understands that they just bought Chanel and are going to be renovating it. Mayor Hurst states that they are looking for one in November. Bill asks how much. Mayor Hurst says that he had heard 5 mills, but he does not have official notification.

Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road stands. She asks that with the inside millage, is it going to cover either of the two fees. Mayor Hurst says that no, that is not their intentions at this time. Josephine goes back to what she told us in the second week of May when the levy failed. She does not understand why we are so concerned with the inside millage of other communities. She says we should be concerned about what we need and what we needed was to go back for that 5 mill. Josephine continues with her thoughts on this.

Barb Rohal from 7550 Walton Road stands and approaches the microphone. She makes a comments about our wonderful Village of Walton Hills. She says that all of these comments from everyone being so negative. She says that the councilmembers are doing a wonderful job. She says that some people are so against this millage, but they do not realize that the people here understand. We are here, listen, and take it to heart. Other people only see the dollar signs. They do not want to have to pay any extra money. They

do not want to have to do anything extra, but yet they will complain about all the extra things that we are going to be billed for because we did not pass the levy and now we are working on the millage.

Mary Alice Moran from 7500 Linda Lane stands and speaks. She says that Councilman Kolograf has spoken about Lakewood several times, and it pierces her heart because she has a house in Lakewood. It is not just the taxes. They charged her three years in a row for repairing the sidewalk. The first time, they recommended the company to come in and do it, but they did not like the way it was done so then they recommended another one. They nickel and dime you on a lot of things. Furthermore, they have their own water department, and this is killing with the high rates and rough treatment. Their 17 mills versus our 0.3 – it is astounding that people do not realize what is going on in other communities.

Dave Basso stands and speaks again. He says that his wife brought up a good point and maybe this is something council can work on. She says that it was a disgrace with how many people voted last time.

No further comments or questions from the audience. Mayor Hurst says we will discuss this again next week at the COW and also put it on for second reading at the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of May.

Discussion of BZA recommendation regarding the brick wrap. Mayor Hurst says this is to change our ordinance to allow solid concrete to be formed with the brick face on it so we do not have to do a brick wrap.

No comments or questions from the audience or council. Mayor Hurst says this will also appear on our regular council meeting agenda for second reading.

Discussion on the Walton Hills Lake Club contract. Mayor Hurst explains that we agreed to remove 10% of the \$20,000 for our Parker program and for our other programs that we take activity at the lake and work with the lake on that process. There is an error on the contract where it says \$18,500. It should be \$18,000. Councilwoman Terlosky states that the lake is one of our best kept secrets in the village. No further comments or questions from the councilmembers. Mayor Hurst also gives some examples of what other villages give to others. Councilman Spitznagel also says the same thing that Councilwoman Terlosky said above. Discussion ensues about this subject between the councilmembers. No further comments or questions from the council. No comments or questions from the audience either. Mayor Hurst states that he will put that on our regular council meeting next week.

Discussion on lowering the speed camera citations to 12 miles an hour over the posted speed limit. Mayor Hurst explains that when we started this process at 15 miles an hour over. We have counts from the police chief as well as from Gatsco. He would like to lower it to 12 miles an hour. He says that there are quite a few people speeding at 11 miles over. Councilman Spitznagel states that he considered the argument that this may be a money grab. He took a number count for the week of 4/8/2018 through 4/15/2018. The lowest number of cars that passed the traffic camera was 3733 passes. That was on 4/8/2018 by the Community Center on Alexander Road. The highest was 7747, which was on Friday 4/13/2018. He figured out the percentage of cars passing that camera getting a ticket. The lowest percentage of cars was on Monday 4/9/2018 and Friday 4/13/2018. The percentage of cars was 1/10 of a percent of the cars that passed. The highest percentage actually occurred on one of the lowest days, on Sunday 4/15/2018, with 3953 passes, 8/10 of a percent. There were only two days, that Thursday and Sunday, that were the highest at 8/10 of a percent. The other percentages were 2 days with 1/10 of a percent, 2/10, 3/10, and 4/10 of a percent. He does not think anyone can say this is a money grab as far as the percentage of cars that are getting tickets going down that road. At our current set 15 miles an hour over the speed limit, the highest percentage was on Monday, 4/9/2018, at 6/10 of a percent. The rest of them are all 1/10 of a percent of the numbers passing that vehicle. He does not think that anyone could claim this was a money grab. Mayor Hurst reminds everyone that these counts are on Alexander Road by the Jeep. The cameras were installed today in front of the Community Center, but they will not be operational until tomorrow. Then, the Jeep

will go to another location. Discussion ensues about this between the Mayor and the councilmembers. Councilwoman Allen asks the Mayor to find out what the federal regulation is on the calibration of miles per hour for a vehicle is. Mayor Hurst says that he can ask. Councilwoman Allen is concerned that someone could think they were going 45, albeit still speeding, and end up with a ticket being clocked at 47 miles per hour. Mayor Hurst says he will find out. No further questions or comments from the councilmembers. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for questions or comments.

Bill Allen from 6990 Walton Road stands and offers a bit of advice. He states that to completely avoid a money grab, we ought to put the cameras where we are going to put them, get them all together cumulative, see what happens, and then we could raise it.

Councilman Spitznagel explains that it scares him that the police officer has to walk out into Alexander Road to give that car a ticket. This was one of the reasons he voted for the cameras because he is totally against red-light cameras, but the speed cameras, he voted for them in part to help alleviate our officers.

Councilman Kolograf also speaks that there is increased traffic. He discusses this as well in regard to coming out of his place.

Chuck Victor from 18750 Egbert Road stands and asks about all of the truck traffic we are having on our secondary roads like Egbert Road and Walton Road. There are a bunch of semi's now going down these. He would like to know if the law has changed. Mayor Hurst says no and explains that Egbert Road is a county road and we received county money for that when we rebuilt that. Mayor Hurst is not aware of anything on Walton Road. Usually the trucks that are going down Walton Road are servicing someone on Walton Road. Chuck asks if they have certain routes to take with trucks over 5 tons and things. Mayor Hurst says that he is not aware of it, but he will ask the police to look at it. He says they do travel it once in a while because of the industrial park there. Discussion ensues about this between the councilmembers. Councilwoman Allen says that she agrees with what Councilman Spitznagel was saying about the officers standing on the roads. She is wondering if there is anything the police can do to where they stand on the passenger side of the vehicle for the officer's safety. She also feels safety is a concern when the officers pull over cars on Northfield Road. She asks if we are going to consider putting cameras on Northfield Road. Mayor Hurst says that yes, he said they would consider it after they took care of our secondary roads. He said there are a lot of safety issues with residents walking on Egbert by the metro park system and people trying to ride bikes on Alexander and people walking on Sagamore. We are following the recommendation of our police department and we are following the recommendation of our safety. He states that they do go on the passenger side of the car depending on the time of day. That is why we try to back them up with two cars when they do that. Discussion ensues for this as well. Mayor Hurst states he would like to put it on the special council meeting next week along with the moratorium for the cell towers before the COW so we could pass this and start moving forward on those issues. Then, we will still have more than enough items for the next agenda for the regular council meeting. Everyone is okay with this for next week.

Discussion on increasing the Banquet Room rental rates. Mayor Hurst states that this is for the rental rates for nonresidents, not for our residents. This is the recommendation from Sandy Green. We are looking to raise the nonresident rate to \$850 for the banquet room from \$750. Mayor Hurst says that a lot of our rentals are nonresidents. It is up for the council's consideration. This is only for the Banquet Hall. Katie says that this still puts us quite a bit lower than the surrounding communities, plus we still allow people to bring in outside food, which most places do not. Katie says they would estimate it at a couple of thousand dollars. No further comments or questions from the councilmembers. Mayor Hurst opens this up to the audience and no questions or comments are seen. He says that he will put this on our regular council meeting for everyone's consideration.

Discussion of CIC recommendations for selling the house at 14660 Alexander Road. Mayor Hurst states that he gave them a memo on this that expressed everything. This is village-owned property and after he took all the members through the house and waked the property and went through the garage, it was unanimous to sell it and not to lease it or rent it out. Last year, everyone approved breaking it down to one acre and to sell the garage with it. Mayor Hurst goes over the details of the property and the CIC's recommendation and last week, he met with the realtor. They went over all the issues, walked through the house, and looked at all of the comparisons. We negotiated down to 5.25% commission on the house. If it is a selling point, there would be a warranty for the furnace. The cost would be \$400 and this would be baked into the commission and the final sale. They are estimating that it is \$97.06 per square foot in Walton Hills right now. With that being said, he is asking for the council's permission tonight with a motion to sign a deal with a realtor, put it on the market, and get it off our books and move forward. Mayor Hurst says they are projecting it at around \$185,000. Discussion ensues. He says that if we listed it and sold it at \$160,000, we would walk away with \$146,000 after all commissions. If we sold it for \$170,000, we would walk away with \$155,000, and that is with a 5.18% commission. If we sold it for \$180,000, we would walk away with \$165,000, after all commissions and everything. We only baked into our budget \$100,000 for that house, because we are not realtors and we wanted that comfort zone. Councilwoman Allen asks that the realtor list it at the highest price possible so we could get as much money as possible from it. People always want to negotiate a lower price. Discussion ensues on this as well. Mayor Hurst opens this up for discussion to the audience.

Connie Flauto from 7041 Shaner Drive stands and asks if the Community Center a separate entity as far as finances goes with the village or is it grouped together in the general fund. Katie says this is all part of our general fund and that there is a separate revenue line item for Banquet Hall rentals for the income we take in. Katie says we do not have a monthly mortgage. We do one-year notes so when we rolled that over, that is all part of the notes that we sell and that will begin in November. When we pass that legislation, it will lay out how much is being rolled over and how much is being paid down. Discussion ensues on this with Connie and Katie as well. Connie asks if the house were to sell, would that net go directly on the mortgage. Katie says no, that money would go into capital because it was a capital purchase, and then the council can decide how much they want to pay down when we reissue our note in November.

Dave Basso stands and speaks. He says that this community is very lenient.

No further comments or questions from the audience. Mayor Hurst asks council for a motion to move forward as a matter of record that the council gives him permission to sign this deal for this house. Councilman Kolograf makes the motion to take the recommendation from the CIC from the meeting of April 23, 2018, and move it to council and ask council to recommend giving him permission to sell the house at 14660 Alexander Road. Seconded by Councilman Spitznagel. Councilwoman Allen asks when we will know what the selling price will be, and Mayor Hurst says as soon as it is listed he will let everyone know. No further questions or comments. Five ayes approve. Mayor Hurst says he will meet with the realtor tomorrow and sign papers and move it forward.

Council Comments: Councilwoman Allen has no comments at this time.

Councilwoman Terlosky states that she wants to talk about transparency, which seems to be an issue tonight. She says that anyone can come to any meeting we have. These meetings are taped. She is inviting them to the Meeting with the Mayor. She does not think there is much more we can do to get the information out.

David Basso says that the council should put in the magazine that people should not believe the hear-say and they should come to the meeting and ask the questions on what they want to know. Mayor Hurst says it has been in the magazine for three or four months.

Councilman Kolograf has no comments at this time.

Councilman Spitznagel has no comments at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS: Katie said that she had a conference call with a company named TownCloud. She wanted to get everyone's input before she move forward with it. She did the agenda through TownCloud. It is basically a platform that will allow me to set up templates, generate the agenda, and then it would be published. There is a link that would go on the website. Anyone who is interested in being notified when an agenda is available could sign up for notifications. They would be able to log in and view the agenda and view the attachments. They could sign up for notifications if there is a topic that they are especially interested in hearing more about. She said it is \$25 a month and she thinks it would be another way to get our agenda information out to everyone. There is also the option, if we so choose, to use streaming services or put live recordings, they can be directly attached to this agenda. I can also do live minutes that are not finalized, of course, but during a meeting, I could enter in how a vote goes so it is updated immediately so people could see what legislation passed or did not pass and how it was voted on. A small discussion ensues and

Councilman Spitznagel states that he had a resident ask him if he knew any handyman or handywoman who could do minor things around the house. He called the Village Hall and talked to Lisa, and found him a name. He wonders if there is a way to advertise both in the journal and maybe advertise in the Owl as well for people who are handy people to register with the village at no cost so we have a listing. Councilwoman Terlosky brings up the fact that is someone on this list did something and then they turn around and want to sue the village because we are giving them the list. Mayor Hurst says we do not make recommendations. We only provide a list of contractors, so if they need a bricklayer or they need concrete work or gutter work, that is all we do. These are registered contractors who pay their bonds and insurance and such. Mr. Mason states that all we would do is make a recommendation. This does not protect us no matter what because people sue. Councilwoman Allen asks if we would allow Ms. Flauto to talk.

Connie Flauto from 7041 Shaner Drive speaks and says that the Walton Hills Owl is supported by advertisers. She says at the moment, we have three or four contractors who advertise every single month. It is called Seniors Helping Other Seniors. This man is running a little business-sized card ad. She is not recommending him, but she would say that everyone who advertises in the Owl are not fly-by-night companies. She said that the best recommendation is word of mouth. She also speaks of a site called Next Door. There are a few people who are on that email.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Allen makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of May 1, 2018, seconded by Councilman Linville, at 7:32 p.m. Five ayes approved.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer