

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: May 8, 2018

Time: 6:25 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, Councilwoman Brenner-Miller, and Brian Spitznagel. Six ayes approve. Mayor Hurst wants the record to reflect that our Law Solicitor, Mr. Mason, is present as well as our Fiscal Officer and Clerk to Council, Katie Iaconis.

Persons Having Business Before Council. David Basso from 18817 Dellwood Drive speaks and states that he was here last meeting. He asked if there was a deal made with the Carr Brothers or if we intend to make the deal with the Carr Brothers. There was no definite answer. Someone said that he should know the facts. He said that he knows the facts that the Carr Brothers are being cited tremendously by this county because they are getting dirt on that road. He said he does not need or want that dust, and he knows from the county that they have not applied for any permits. He just wants an answer on whether we intend to do it or have we done it. He just wants an answer. Mayor Hurst says that we did make a deal with Carr Brothers and we have a development agreement, but they have not presented any kind of plans for us to look at with the planning commission. Councilman Spitznagel asks if any money has transferred hands at this point. Mayor Hurst says that they are still doing their due diligence with phase 1 and phase 2 on the property, so they have not transferred any money.

Helga Renau from 7067 Kral Drive stands and speaks. She had a near-accident experience and she said that her husband asked her to speak here because he is afraid of accidents. He has a comment about the Walton Hills finances. By coincidence, she came across the first-quarter report reading about the trash fee, sewer fee, traffic cameras, and inside millage including the decision to vote against it. She has not seen any positive recommendations in this report on how to improve the finances of our village to avoid the above fees and taxes without losing the few free benefits we have. She speaks more of some examples of things that could be done to help improve our finances. She wants positive recommendations rather than criticizing the current work of council administration. We need proactive work for all of the representatives for the good of the village and for our people in Walton Hills.

Denny Harkai from 7120 Hickory Drive stands and states he just turned 75 and he has been riding motorcycles for 60 years, and he appreciates anything they can do to make the roads safer. He also says we have the race track where we race the radio-controlled cars. They want to do a small expansion to the race track. He gave everyone a folder with some papers in it, and he goes over where it explains what they are wanting to do. This includes rock crawling. He goes through the dimensions and the costs. Mayor Hurst says that Mr. Harkai did come to him about this, and he said he told him he would not approve it without council's approval. He has a very tight budget and he knows that. Discussion ensues with the council regarding this. The council suggests that he talk to his other friends and brainstorm about ideas to fund-raise and such, come back to council on the first meeting in June and present a proposal and then go from there.

Dale Enders from 18570 Dellwood speaks and asks if all traffic cameras are operational. Mayor Hurst says we have two in front of the Community Building properly working right now on Alexander Road and then we have the Jeep that is doing traffic counting and issuing tickets. Dale requests that for a period of time that they park it on Dellwood. The speeding is atrocious and there are people running that stop sign as soon as they hit the rise, it is mad dash to get to the park. Mayor Hurst says we will look at it. Dale also asks why we did not start at 10 or 12 miles over the limit. He also says there will never be a camera on

Northfield Road. Mayor Hurst says that yes, there will be. He says our goal is to do all residential area first to bring compliance. He also comments about the rock crushing for Carr Brothers. Mayor Hurst asks him to drive up to Carr Brothers today and watch them rock crushing with the water and such. Discussion ensues on this.

Chuck[Victor from 18750 Egbert Road stands and asks if there have been any studies done by the EPA yet on the Carr Brothers to see where the rainwater is going to go. Discussion ensues with the Mayor on this as well. Chuck also asks if the EPA has been notified that they are going to move their processing plant over to Krick Road. Mayor Hurst says they will notify the EPA once they have a plan. Mayor Hurst discusses this with Chuck. Chuck also mentions that there is a picture of the council in the hallway by the secretary's booth, and Mr. Rich's picture is still on there. Katie says that we have pictures, we just have not put them in yet. Councilman Kolograf asks the Mayor to go through the process of what happens once we get the site plan. Mayor Hurst goes through this process. Councilman Spitznagel speaks and states that he has every confidence in Mr. Sheehy and Chagrin Valley Engineering. He has every confidence in our Planning Commission. Discussion continues on this as well. Councilman Linville also speaks on this, and joins in the discussion regarding the Carr Brothers as well.

Ed Fox from 7133 Allen Drive stands and speaks. He states he thought what the Councilman said was interesting. When he read the development agreement, it looked like all they had to do was maintain a 20-foot barrier. He thinks we need to be very careful when we do this. Small discussion continues with this resident as well. He states he is here to ask a couple of questions in advance of the Planning Commission phase. He asks if the Mayor would be willing to share that documentation with the non-councilmembers of the Planning Commission. Mayor Hurst says absolutely. Ed then states that what he would like to do at the June 7 meeting, if possible, is place this topic on the agenda because he would like to frame the issue from the resident's perspective as this may be helpful to the Commission to hear it from the residents and also he wants to give them a head's up so they have a feel that we are going to follow this thing through to completion. Mayor Hurst then gives him a brief description of what happened when they developed Arhaus Furniture. Mayor Hurst says they will put this on the topic and talk about it. Ed places a few closing remarks as well on these topics. He just wants residents to be able to be involved from the beginning. Councilman Kolograf also speaks and wants them to understand that they are also his fellow residents as well. Small discussion continues with this. Councilman Spitznagel thanks the residents for coming here and being professional and courteous in their presentation. They know that this issue is something that means a lot to them and is near and dear to their hearts.

Barbara Romanowski on Allen stands and gives a suggestion. She says that they have those sound-proof walls on the freeway. She said that may be a good suggestion to put across there for us with trees in front of it.

Ed Fox from 7133 Allen Drive speaks again and says that he read the development agreement, and the development agreement was very specific about what was going to happen at the existing site. There was quite a bit of funding and everything. When he looked at that, he understands that the business and community are addresses its issues, but when we look at the new site, it is pretty sparse in terms of what the requirements are and what needs to be done. That is what is forcing us to do this. If the new site was as detailed as the existing site, then we would probably feel much better. Mayor Hurst discusses this with him.

No further comments or questions from the audience.

Council Comments. Councilwoman Terlosky speaks about the Carr Brothers deal and she sees it as a jigsaw puzzle. All pieces are in the box that represent all the people involved and who have interest in the process. She says we cannot take it out yet and put it together yet because we do not have yet what Carr Brothers has to give to us. We don't know what their idea is and what they are going to do. She says we

will get all of the professional advice and put it together. Council does not want to do anything to jeopardize anyone's safety. We are going to get all of the pieces to that puzzle and put it together to make sure it is right.

No further council comments.

Discussion of inside millage. Mayor Hurst explains that this will be on for second reading next week at our regular council meeting. He opens the floor for questions and comments from councilmembers. He states that his recommendation was for 3 mills, and that will still keep us competitive with Glenwillow and other communities. Discussion continues on this. Councilman Spitznagel asks Katie to state what the average house in Walton Hills would increase to. Katie says that if we went to the 3.3, it would be \$115 per \$100,000 valuation of your home per year. Mayor Hurst explains what residential and commercial would pay as well as public utilities. Discussion continues in depth with all councilmembers. There is also mention of putting some employees to 32 hours a week as an alternative to this.

Councilwoman Allen states, off topic, that at least once a week, there are lights on all night long at the Community Center.

Mayor Hurst opens this topic to the audience for comments or questions.

Chuck Victor from 18750 Egbert Road stands and asks if anyone knows what Bedford is going to ask us for as far as school millage. Mayor Hurst says they have not made it official. He called them and they have not made it official yet or passed it through their school board.

Katie Giatis from 7214 Walton Road stands and speaks. She wants everyone to work together and make this village work. She loves this village and wants us to keep it welcoming. She gives the council a lot of credit for what they do. She says there are many people who are on a fixed income, and it is very hard. We have to bring it out and call more people out to make them understand what the council is looking for. She asks that if we pass the millage, are we going to raise the garbage or will that stand? Mayor Hurst says that this is an option that the council could remove probably next year. We are not sure what the cameras will bring. She said that if she were an employee of the village and they cut her hours down, she would leave. It is a good point, but it will not work in life.

Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road stands and speaks. She says that, as Councilman Kolograf mentioned, when the levy failed, she did tell the council to get out there and put the levy back on again. The school never stops. That 5 mill levy would have given us more money than we will get now. All the fees that are added on plus the inside millage is costing the residents more money. She thinks that the way this millage was marketed was wrong. She feels they should have gone to the village and found out what the resident's objection was, and then we would have been able to figure out how to resolve these objections. She feels that we should go for the inside millage, the full amount, especially if we are not going to go back for the levy.

No further comments or questions from the audience.

Mayor says this will be on next week's regular council meeting for the second reading at the first meeting in June, and we will bring out all of the information again that we provided.

Discussion of BZA recommendations regarding the brick wrap. There was not a lot of discussion on this. Councilwoman Allen says that Mr. Blondin was here at one of the meetings and says he does concrete work. He believe wholeheartedly in this with the foundations being poured and believes and feels that it makes a stronger foundation for homes. No further comments or questions from the councilmembers.

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

Discussion on the Walton Hills Lake Club contract. Mayor Hurst explains that this expired. This is our second open public discussion about this. We did roll it back 10% to \$18,000 for a contract with our recreation department and our Parker program and also to offset for our residents to participate in the lake programs as well. Nothing is new in the contract. We just reduced the money. This will be put as an emergency. No comments or questions from the council members or from the audience. Mayor Hurst states that he will put that on next week's regular council meeting for emergency for suspension.

Discussion on increasing the Banquet Room rental rates. Mayor Hurst states that we discussed this last week, and everyone was in agreement at that time to raise the rates for nonresidents. Everyone is still okay with this. This will be put on as an emergency for next week's regular council meeting for suspension. No further comments or questions from the councilmembers and no comments or questions from the residents.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councilman Linville has no other business at this time.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller has no other business at this time.

Councilwoman Allen has no other business at this time.

Councilwoman Terlosky has no other business at this time.

Councilman Kolograf has no other business at this time.

Councilman Spitznagel has no other business at this time.

Mayor Hurst states that we have a meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals on 5/14/2018 at 7 p.m. to hear two different appeals for a variance/minimum setback for a home being built at 14900 Alexander Road. The other variance is for an accessory building minimum setback at 17850 Egbert Road. Those will be public meetings next Monday at 7 p.m.

Next Tuesday, 5/15/2018, is our regular council meeting. The items mentioned above will be on the agenda.

Mayor Hurst says that he has been invited to go to Washington DC on 6/19/2018. That is our regular council meeting for the month of June. It is a manufacturing caucus. Everyone will look at their calendar and see when we can do this meeting. We can talk about it at our next meeting.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of May 8, 2018, seconded by Councilman Linville. Six ayes approved.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer