

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: June 5, 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, 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. Ed Fox from 7133 Allen Drive stands. He asks to follow up on the new Cajin Trucking site from some of the previous meetings and discussions. He asks if the Mayor was able to share the correspondence from the April meeting with the non-council planning commission members. Mayor Hurst addresses this with him. Ed also asks if we know the status of the site plan for Cajin. Mayor Hurst addresses this as well with him.

Barbara Romanowski from 7157 Allen Drive stands. She states that there are pink ribbons that are 5 feet from their driveway, and she wonders what these are for. Mayor Hurst addresses this with her. Councilman Spitznagel also speaks to her regarding this. They all think these are for surveying and/or possibly for utility marking. Councilman Kolograf also speaks about his house and the surveying that was done over there as well.

No further comments or questions from the audience.

Council Comments. Councilman Linville has no comments.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller has no comments.

Councilwoman Allen makes a statement about how she was not afforded the common courtesy of giving mention that she had attended the open house for Berger Allied as chair of the economic development committee and the only other council member that was there along with the Mayor and Mr. Jordan.

Councilwoman Terlosky has no comments.

Councilman Kolograf has no comments.

Councilman Spitznagel has no comments.

Item 5 - Discussion of inside millage. Mayor Hurst states this is on for its 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the month of June. He opens the floor for any comments or questions or proposals that anyone would like to discuss. He says we have to pass this before July because of county records and the 2019 tax budget. He also mentions that in discussion with the superintendent at Bedford Schools and with school board members, they are still in discussion, but have not made a commitment, of any kind of levy and most likely if they do a levy, it will be in May of next year. Discussion ensues on this. Councilman Kolograf speaks and states that unless something has changed revenue wise, he has no questions. Katie confirms that nothing has changed and everything is the same. Councilman Spitznagel asks if we finalized the amount that we would be doing. It was confirmed that we would increase it 3 and it would make us at 2.3. Councilman Linville speaks and addresses his feelings about this as well, and he states that there was a community that had a tax increase in the past five years, and things worked out much better than they realized. They were returning money to

the people. Mayor Hurst discusses this further. No further council comments regarding this. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for comments. None are seen.

Discussion of BZA recommendations regarding the brick wrap. Mayor Hurst states this is also on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. No questions from the council on this. Mayor Hurst opens the floor to the audience for comments. None are seen.

Proposals. Mayor Hurst goes through each proposal separately.

**Proposal 97** – Northfield Park Associates has offered to give us \$100,000 as an advance by 9/1/2018, and we have to pay back \$70,000, so \$30,000 would be a donation/gift. This would have to be used exclusively used for the improvements to Route 8 and Alexander for the fluted poles, the mast arms. This falls off the table at the end of June/beginning of July. Discussion ensues on whether we want to take this. Councilman Kolograf speaks and gives his thoughts on this. Councilman Spitznagel also speaks his thoughts on this proposal. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks if there is any way this can be done at a later time. Mayor Hurst states that it would be more expensive to add on later. This was asked when they did the budget. Discussion ensues on this as well. Councilman Kolograf asks for Don Sheehy to come in at the next COW meeting so they can ask some of these questions. Councilwoman Terlosky asks a couple of questions and discusses her thoughts as well. Councilwoman Allen states that she would also like to hear from Mr. Sheehy about this, but she also does not think we should be incurring any more debt at this time. No further comments from the council. Mayor Hurst states he will invite Mr. Sheehy to the meeting next week. He also opens up the floor to the audience for questions or comments. Connie Flauto from Shaner Drive stands and makes a comment that the last thing that should be done when money is tight is add more debt. She gives her thoughts on this. Discussion ensues on the tax increase as well with Ms. Flauto. She does not think it makes sense to add to the debt. No further audience questions or comments.

**Proposal 98** – Back in 2017, the county gave us \$250,000 for Alexander Road from Northfield Road to Walton Road. Mr. Sheehy and our engineers also applied for Public Works Commission and we got a small government grant of \$159,520 and then they also gave us a 0% loan of \$200,000 for 20 years for this project. He says this project will not impact our budget this year. He states this will impact our budget in 2019. We just got the letters that we won the grant and we have this. This will not impact our budget, but we still need to adjust the budget in 2019 to accept this money to spend it on these specific road programs. No questions or comments from the council. Mayor Hurst opens the floor to the audience for questions or comments. None are seen.

**Proposal 99** – We have had long-term flooding across South Meadowpark Road, which impacts about four residents. We are trying to make the pipe under the road bigger. This is going to be paid for by Northeast Ohio Sewer District. This would need to be amended into our budget. We would do the work upfront and then they would reimburse us. He states he hopes to have this done this summer so we can get reimbursed before December 2018, so we have no shortfall of money. After he is given permission to move forward, he would like to invite the residents impacted to come to a meeting so the engineers can explain it and they can give us permission to go on their property with a temporary easement. Councilwoman Allen clarifies that this is a zero cost for us, and Mayor Hurst says that yes – we would front the cost for it, but then we would be reimbursed. Councilman Spitznagel asks what the total is per year that we receive. Mayor Hurst addresses this with him and states that Mr. Sheehee will be here next week to answer any questions as well. He opens up the floor to the audience for comments and questions. Mary Alice Moran from 7500 Linda Lane stands and speaks her concerns. She says that the water comes from the lakes on Linda Lane and the water comes over the levy. She wonders if there was any attention given to the issue of where the water is coming from on Linda Lane. Mayor Hurst addresses this issue with her. No further audience comments or questions. Mayor Hurst states this will also be on the agenda next week.

**Proposal 100** – Mayor Hurst states this is also where the council would make an adjustment to the budget. He goes over this with Councilwoman Allen since she was not on council at that time. Discuss ensues between the councilmembers at this time. Councilwoman Allen clarifies that this does not have to be used for only industrial areas. Mayor Hurst states that our engineers recommended for industrial area because it makes us more eligible. If we use it for other areas, it opens us up to other requirements that we would have to meet. Councilman Kolograf makes his comments. Mayor Hurst opens it up for comments from the audience. None are seen.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councilman Linville has no comments at this time.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller has no comments at this time.

Councilwoman Allen has a couple of questions. She mentions a fire hydrant that was hit recently and asks when this will be repaired. Mayor Hurst states that we put it on the list. He does not know the date it will be repaired. Councilwoman Allen asks if there was a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ever scheduled for the house on Alexander Road. Mayor Hurst states there was, and the variance was approved. Councilwoman Allen also states that she had a resident ask her if there is a possibility of putting in a turning lane because the residents have concerns that sometimes it can get dangerous trying to turn from Dunham Road onto Alexander, especially at rush hour. She realizes this is not the ideal time at all – she is only bringing this to their attention to possibly put on as a future plan. Mayor Hurst states that we had a study done on Alexander onto Walton, and we had one done on Dunham to Alexander. He will ask our engineers. He says that those questions were asked about five years ago. He says that the traffic pattern has changed so maybe we will be eligible for grant money to do that now, but that is another process. He will look into that. Councilwoman Allen asks if it is possible if we could get Mr. John Kane from the Ohio State Forestry to come and give a talk on the effects of grindings and blowing with the trees and forestry. She thinks that is something that may be beneficial for our residents on Carmany and Allen and Shaner with the proposal of Cajin Trucking. Mayor Hurst states we could probably hold a town hall meeting and offer it or offer it to those residents at a meeting. He will make a note and talk to the engineers about it. Councilwoman Allen asks if there has been a meeting date set yet on the proposed overlay zoning. Mayor Hurst said that he is going to read that in his other notes. She asks Katie to get her a copy of the most recent numbers with the cameras. Katie says that it is in there under revenues. She gives her the most recent numbers that she has.

Councilwoman Terlosky has no comments at this time.

Councilman Kolograf has no comments at this time.

Councilman Spitznagel has no comments at this time.

Mayor Hurst states that there is a trip on Thursday through the Recreation Department that starts at 9:30 a.m. and is an all-day trip. Next Wednesday, 6/13/2018, at 9 a.m. is Morning with the Mayor. There is a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Northfield Road with Dakar Studios on 6/15/2018 at 1 p.m. There is a town hall meeting on 6/18/2018 at the Community Building on Alexander Road to inform the residents about the First Energy property and explain the process. There will be a letter sent out next week, most likely. We are also inviting the residents on Dunham Road as well that will be impacted. We moved our regular council meeting to 6/20/2018 at 6 p.m. because the Mayor is going out of town on Tuesday, and everyone agreed. Senior lunch is 6/25/2018 at 11:30 a.m. We also have the Village garage sale on 6/28/2018 until 6/30/2018, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It is from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. all three days. Shredding is this Saturday. We will have a second one in the fall as well.

No further comments from the councilmembers.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Terlosky makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of June 5, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Brenner-Miller. Six ayes approved.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer