

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: June 12, 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. Donna Sanders from 7117 Allen Drive stands. She was out of town when there was conversation about the cement company doing some work on Krick Road or being transferred over there. She reads some notes that she made for herself regarding these things. She has some concerns regarding idling and beeping/backing up trucks in her back yard and such. She states she does not want a cement-crushing business happening in her back yard. She would rather that all stay on Northfield. She feels she is losing her country-style living and it is not appreciated. Mayor Hurst addresses this with her and states there is no company moving back there at this time. He goes over the process of what has to happen with that company.

No further comments or questions from the audience.

Council Comments. Councilman Linville has no comments.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller has no comments.

Councilwoman Allen has no comments.

Councilwoman Terlosky has no comments.

Councilman Kolograf has no comments.

Councilman Spitznagel has no comments.

Proposals. Mayor Hurst goes through each proposal separately.

**Proposal 97** – Mayor Hurst summarizes this proposal. Mr. Sheehy is here tonight to answer any questions or comments regarding this. Mr. Sheehy comes to the microphone and Mayor Hurst opens the floor for the council to ask any questions. Councilman Spitznagel asks Mr. Sheehy if we do not proceed with these poles at this time, can they be retrofitted in the future. Mr. Sheehy states no. He goes through the reasoning for this. Councilman Linville asks Mr. Sheehy if the poles that we have the photos of have any tie-outs. Mr. Sheehy states no. He gives the reasoning for this as well. Mr. Sheehy does state that we are at a point where we need to make a decision one way or another because we need to order either the poles or the mast arms. There is a fair amount of lead time, and we need to get moving. Councilwoman Terlosky asks that if we vote yes on this now, when would we actually be implementing it. Mr. Sheehy says that if we go with the mast arms, we will need to redesign it, which would take a bit of time. Then, we would need to bid it out and then hopefully award a bid. That is hopefully a 2- to 3-month period of time. Once we award a bid, it would probably be 4 or 5 months before the mast arms are deliverable. He says 8 to 10 months before it would actually be installed. It will probably be spring. Councilman Kolograf speaks and asks questions and gives his comments. Discussion ensues on this. Councilwoman Allen also speaks

and asks a few questions. Mr. Sheehy addresses her questions and answers them to the best of his ability. No further questions for Mr. Sheehy from the council. Councilwoman Allen states she does not feel we should be spending more money at this time. She makes her feelings known at this time. The majority of the council members support suspending it and putting it on the agenda for next meeting.

Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for comments or questions. Shawn McCormick from 18850 Alexander Road speaks and gives her opinion that she thinks that intersection needs help and upgrades. She says she thinks the mast arms are very decorative, and she is wondering if something not as decorative would be cheaper. Mayor Hurst says he does not think there is an “in-between” option. Mr. Sheehy says that to get a very basic pole, we would save a little bit of the cost for material, but everything else will still be the same. It probably will not be a significant difference.

Mary Alice Moran from 7500 Linda Lane speaks. She asks if we have ascertained whether there is any benefactor to the owner of the commercial property with having these poles. Mayor Hurst says that they are fully aware of our situation through many talks they have had. Discussion ensues on this. Councilman Kolograf speaks and gives his thoughts on this subject as well.

***Proposal 98*** – Mayor Hurst summarizes this proposal. Discussion ensues on this. Councilwoman Allen asks Mr. Sheehy a few questions that she had on the payback and/or grant status for this proposal. Mayor Hurst confirms the status of this. Mayor Hurst opens this up to the audience for questions or comments. None are seen.

***Proposal 99*** – Mayor Hurst summarizes this proposal. He states there is a memo from the engineers that explains all of the details. Mr. Sheehy explains the details of the Northeast Ohio Sewer District and that there is money in the budget to cover this project. Councilwoman Terlosky speaks about the Northeast Ohio bills that just came out. She says that 25% of the bill comes back to the Village to do these projects. She asks Katie if we can borrow into the next year if we needed it. Mayor Hurst states that we never get the money. It sits at the sewer district until we have a project, and then they approve it and then they give us the money. We can bank it for five years and if you do not use any money, it will start dropping off. If we do not have a project after five years, that money is not eligible. Mayor Hurst opens up the floor to the audience for questions or comments. Josephine Wardle from 17850 Egbert Road stands and states that it sounds confusing. She clarifies that we upfront the \$80,300 for the project and within 60 days of receipt of complete request for payment, they reimburse us. Mr. Sheehy states yes this is the way it works and details out the process of reimbursement to her. No further audience comments or questions. Mayor Hurst states we will readdress this in the month of August when we will have better answers.

***Proposal 100*** – Mayor Hurst summarizes this proposal and states we have already gone over this.

Mayor Hurst states that the only one we are going to put on the agenda is Proposal 97 for everyone’s consideration.

No further comments or questions.

**Item 6 – Discussion of inside millage.** Mayor Hurst introduces this and states that this will be on the agenda next week for a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Councilman Kolograf speaks and states his feelings on the matter. He asks if anything has changed regarding revenue. Mayor Hurst states that nothing has changed. He states that Mantua Manufacturing sold the building on Creek Road on Monday. Councilman Linville asks a poll of the audience to see how many are familiar with this issue. He just wants to make sure they are all aware of what is happening here before he votes. Mayor Hurst asks the audience if everyone is aware of what this is, and their heads are all shaking. No further questions or comments regarding this today. Mayor Hurst opens the floor to the audience for questions or concerns. None are seen.

Item 7 – BZA recommendations regarding the brick wrap. Mayor Hurst states this is also on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, so this will be on next week's council meeting. No council comments. Mayor Hurst opens it up for comments or questions from the audience. None are seen.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Hurst gives a few comments. He points out the Director's Reports that were handed out. Mantua Manufacturing building on Krick Road did sell on Monday.

He states that this Thursday was supposed to be a Planning Commission at 6 p.m. This has been moved to next Thursday, 6/21/2018, because the builder did not put in his plans in time and we have to review them. This relates to the Bedford Landfill property, the 19 acres.

Tomorrow morning is Meeting with the Mayor from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

There is a FirstEnergy town hall meeting on Monday, 6/18/2018, at 7 p.m. A letter did go out to all of the residents who live on Alexander Road, Dunham Road, and Nodding Hill so they are all aware of this FirstEnergy property that is up for sale and to explain what overlay zoning is. He says that Mr. Sheehy will be at that meeting.

There is a regular council meeting on 6/20/2018 instead of 6/19/2018 because the Mayor will be out of town on 6/19/2018, and they have all agreed to make it on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

There is a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. for Dakar Studios on Friday, 6/15/2018, at 1 p.m.

Councilwoman Allen asks when the letter went out to the residents, and Katie and the Mayor state that it just went out yesterday. She states that Tinker's Creek Water Shed puts on rain barrel workshops. She is wondering if it would be possible to get this workshop brought into the village for our residents. It has the possibility of a \$50 fee for the resident, but that would include the rain barrel and all of the explanation about it. The residents also have the possibility of being eligible for credit toward their stormwater fees if they have the rain barrels. Mayor Hurst says that we have done it in the past. Katie said that we are part of Cuyahoga County Soil & Water. This year, we did a tree-planting seminar. There was a free class, and the people actually physically planted a tree here on the property. Doing the rain barrels again would be something we could look at doing next year because there is a component for community outreach that we have to do with Cuyahoga County Soil & Water. Katie Giadis from 7214 Walton Road stands. She tells her story about coming to America and how she ended up here at Walton Hills. She tells us of her feelings on the certain changes that have taken place in the Village.

No further comments from the councilmembers.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Hurst asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of June 12, 2018, seconded by Councilman Linville. Six ayes approved.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer