

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: August 23, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Council Chambers

Mayor Kolograf called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to move roll call to position 2 and council vacancy interviews to position 3. Seconded by Councilwoman Allen. Roll call was taken by Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer. Present: Councilpersons Gloria Terlosky, Jennifer Allen, Denny Linville, and MaryBrenner-Miller. Four ayes approve. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to excuse Councilman Brian Spitznagel from the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Linville. Four ayes approve.

Mayor Kolograf summarizes what we are doing here this evening. Tonight, council is doing interviews along with the Mayor and our law solicitor and Katie. There is about 10 minutes slotted for each person. No participation from the audience and no debates.

Mr. Mason lays out what is happening in the Village. Mayor Kolograf resigned August 1. The Codified Ordinance for the Village states that we have 45 days to make appointment. The Ohio Revised Code says 30 days. When those two things are in conflict, the Ohio Revised code controls. We have 30 days from August 1 for council to make the appointment. If council makes the appointment by August 31, then obviously that person becomes the council member. If they do not or cannot come to a conclusion on who that is, then the decision will fall to the Mayor thereafter to make the decision.

Mr. William Allen – 6990 Walton Road, Walton Hills

Mr. Allen gives his introduction. He feels we have a lot of healing to do. He knows that he is involved in a lawsuit, but he wants everyone here to know that he will not benefit personally from any part of that lawsuit. The lawsuit was only for the person involved to pay back the money to the village that they owed them.

- 1. Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*
He gave this explanation in his introduction.
- 2. What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?*
He states the economic development is two-fold. There is theory and reality. He touches on being in the right place at the right time with the right person. He also thinks we should network with everyone we can. We should also do a bit more with the advertising of our Village. We need to service what we have.
- 3. Do you have any ideas on how to help save the Village money?*
He says he would need to get into the budget to look at that. He thinks we can be more efficient with what we have and work with what we have. He does think council has done a good thing so far, but he thinks we can do a bit more.
- 4. Who do you think the most important element is in our Village?*
He states it is not only one person. It is a conglomeration of everyone sitting here.
- 5. How would you handle a negative situation for a resident with whom you may not agree with completely?*
He thinks the residents need to understand the rules and guidelines that we go through. As long as

we are following the rules and guidelines, then they have to follow them as well.

Diane Canzoni – 18817 Alexander Road, Walton Hills

Ms. Canzoni gives a brief statement as part of her introduction.

1. *Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*
This is included in her introduction above.
2. *What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?*
She believes in going forward with a brighter future. We need to be positive to our current businesses. We need to retain and grow all of the businesses. We also need to be in contact and work with our state representatives.
3. *What do you do for your business?*
She is a distributor of janitorial products. She gives background to this.
4. *What would you do to prevent a repeat of the situation we just had in the Village?*
She thinks we definitely need more communication in order to take care of these situations before they blow up.
5. *What types of changes would you like to see in the Village?*
As a resident, there are always things to change and improve upon. There is such a tight budget right now, she would like to see us at least break even every month.

Denny Harkai – 7120 Hickory Drive, Walton Hills

Mr. Harkai gives his introduction.

1. *Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*
This is included in his introduction above. He gives a breakdown of his skills and qualifications.
2. *How would you handle a negative situation for a resident with whom you may not agree with completely?*
He thinks that we need someone with a skill to disagree without being disagreeable. He thinks we need to enforce old-fashioned concepts such as respect, kindness, forgiveness, etc.
3. *What types of changes would you like to see in the Village?*
He thinks people need to begin cooperating with each other. He thinks we should be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

Benny Kelly – 18916 Rashell, Walton Hills

Mr. Kelly gives a brief statement as part of her introduction.

1. *Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*
He came up with three things. He gives a summary of why he feels he is qualified. He thinks it is all about experience.
2. *What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?*
It is about getting to know the local businesses and finding out the needs of those people and developing partnerships. It is about giving back.
3. *What does Executive Leadership Training (on the resume) mean?*
He explains that he went through Executive Leadership. Every year, out of about 13,000

employees, about 30 individuals are selected for executive leadership. He was identified in 1989 as an Elite leader and was put through Executive Leadership training.

4. *What do you believe is the most important element in our Village?*

He thinks the people, without a doubt, are the most important.

5. *Do you have any ideas on how to save the Village any money?*

He thinks it is just reviewing all of the systems in place and seeing if there is any fat and not being afraid to cut the fat.

Mary Alice Moran

Ms. Moran gives a brief statement as part of her introduction.

1. *Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*

She feels everyone's qualifications are unique. She gives a summary of her background and experience. She gives an overall view of what Risk Management is.

2. *What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?*

She has an interest in this. She thinks outside the box. She gives a couple of ideas that she has on this subject. She wants to try and attract some businesses, find an area and space for them, and see what we can derive from their work. She thinks the real estate taxes are getting us nowhere – it has to be income tax.

3. *What would your ideas to help prevent the situation we had recently in the Village?*

She feels that this was something that had been brewing for a long time. She personally felt embarrassed by the Village many times over the past few years because of comments made. She is not in support of vendettas. She thinks it takes everyone down. Her solution would be move forward in a positive way. Be professional even in those types of situations to try and make everyone feel decent about themselves before walking out of a room. More opportunities for people to get together to raise their opinions and brainstorm.

Comments are made from Councilwoman Terlosky and Councilman Linville regarding her being involved in volunteering and being involved in the Village. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller says that CPCU is one of the toughest designations to get and is quite an accomplishment.

Fred Neilsen – North Meadowpark Drive

Mr. Neilsen gives a brief statement as part of his introduction.

1. *Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*

He ran for council member before, and went door to door, and he had over 400 votes. He feels an obligation to those people to run again.

2. *What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?*

He helped negotiate the contract with the OHHA and Walton Hills. That has been 30 years. Because of the Rocksino, the purses have increased tremendously. There is a chance to go back and renegotiate that contract. There is money there. There is money at the race track. He feels we should be getting money from the race track because 1/3 of the track is in Walton Hills. They use our police. We should be going after this money that is there.

3. *What do you do for a living?*

He is retired, supposedly. He has a small steel business that he has not given up. He has been moving exotic materials for 17 years. He raced horses at Northfield.

Do you think it is necessary for council to vote unanimously?

He answers no.

John Nunnari – 14080 [Ryan] Drive

Mr. Nunnari gives a brief statement as part of his introduction.

1. Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?

He goes through his life experiences and qualifications including the CIC for Village of Walton Hills and various non-profits over the past three years.

2. What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller asks him if he has any ideas to lure potential businesses here. John states he does not have a great answer right now, but he thinks that getting the businesses to move in is a bigger obstacle, but it is also critically important to get them to stay as well. We could do things to make it more attractive for them to come here, and to stay here.

3. What do you believe is the most important element in our Village?

It is all about the citizens of the Village. We want to attract people to live in our Village as well as attract them to stay here.

4. On the letter, it states you are the first Vice President of the Business Advisors of Cleveland. Can you tell us a little bit about Business Advisors of Cleveland.

He explains this. They mentor and counsel entrepreneurs in Northeast Ohio for free. It is member funded. They do about 100 clients per year. Next year, he will be the President.

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Josephine Wardle – Egbert Road

Ms. Wardell gives a brief statement as part of her introduction. She explains that after seeing the experience and resumes of the other candidates, she was so impressed that she is pulling her name. She is willing to help in other areas and help in any other way she can. Councilman Linville comments that Josephine is one that volunteers for everything.

Raymond Weeden – 19346 Rashell Drive

Mr. Weeden gives a statement as part of his introduction.

1. Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?

He goes through his life experiences and qualifications including his work and responsibilities with the sewer district. He says that his combination of his related experience, practical management skills, and leadership style is what makes him uniquely qualified.

2. What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?

He starts by saying that Economic Development carries a lot of different definitions. He thinks Economic Development means the strategic development and sustained growth of a local economy to continuously improve the quality of life of its constituents while relieving them of the burden of excessive taxation. He feels that an analysis and score card of the utilization and effectiveness of the various economic development incentives and policies that are already on the books in Walton Hills. The other thing is to conduct an analysis and score card of the goals that were set in the

Master Plan and make amendments where needed. He also believes that we should continue to strengthen the business political and advocacy relationships.

3. *What does the pin on your lapel mean and what does it mean to you?*

The pin says National Baptist's Laymen's Movement. He is part of a Men's Movement and this movement is nationwide. This movement is primarily about training men to be good, sound, and ethical men of Christian value.

4. *Do you think it is necessary for council to consistently vote unanimously?*

He says no, he does not. He thinks that every member of council brings to the table their own beliefs and their own decision making. What he does believe is important is that once the vote is cast, it is the responsibility of council to speak with one voice and to walk united once the decision has been made.

Sean Sheeler – 17732 Alexander Road

Mr. Sheeler gives a statement as part of his introduction.

1. *Why are you qualified to be a candidate for a council person for the Village of Walton Hills?*

He gives a background summary of his experience and qualifications.

2. *What are some ideas on Economic Development for the Village of Walton Hills?*

The most important thing he can think about is the Ford plant. He would keep at that night and day until that is worked out.

3. *Councilman Terlosky asks who he works for.*

He is self-employed in fixing computers. He is pursuing a real estate license and his next job will likely be with Keller-Williams in Macedonia selling real estate.

Mayor Kolograf states that in the Codified Ordinance, Chapter 220.03, there is a place in there that talks about the last election. He thinks it is important for council to know that that is in there. He reads this ordinance aloud, so all is aware.

Mayor Kolograf says that he and the council would like to make a decision within the 30 days, so that puts us at August 31. If the council comes up with a decision, we would like to maybe have a council meeting that day. We would like to have all of council here. All is in agreement with August 31 at 12:30 p.m. for a special COW meeting to take a vote. The goal is to have a decision by that date. Mr. Mason said that discussing personnel can be done in Executive Session, but the vote has to be out in the open. We can do an Executive Session during this COW meeting on August 31.

Councilwoman Allen and Councilwoman Brenner-Miller make a suggestion that maybe all of these candidates could get together and form a "resident's group" or a "Village Advisory Board" and come together to the council with their ideas.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Kolograf asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of August 23, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Allen. Four ayes approved.