

# *The Village of Walton Hills*

## *Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Date: September 11, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Council Chambers

Mayor Kolograf called the meeting to order. Mayor Kolograf asks to take a moment of silence in honor of 9/11 and what happened to this country 17 years ago. Roll call was taken by Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer. Present: Councilpersons Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Jennifer Allen, Gloria Terlosky, Fred Neilsen, and Brian Spitznagel. Mayor Kolograf also states that for the record, our law director, William Mason, and our fiscal officer, Katie Iaconis, are present as well.

Item 3 - Persons Having Business Before Council. Lee Nielsen from Tulip Lane stands and speaks. She thanks them for listing the committees in tonight's packet. Her question is how residents can participate and be part of these committees. Mayor Kolograf addresses this with her. She states that she would be interested in what the committees are trying to do for the year, what the plans are, etc. and secondarily how can citizens be more actively involved than simply being here for a meeting and hearing what is going on. She wants to know how others can be more actively involved; not in the council but in supporting the council and supporting the efforts of the community. Mayor Kolograf addresses this as well. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller also addresses this with her. Lee states she is looking for something a little bit different for a more active engagement. Councilman Spitznagel also addresses this with her. Councilwoman Allen addresses this as well. Lee states she would be happy to help organize a process where we access more the intelligence of the village.

Ginny Mone from 18749 Carmany Drive stands and speaks. She thinks that Ms. Nielsen and the village needs to understand that we are in a transition period. We had an event that was very unexpected. She thinks that the council and Mayor are doing the best they can. There are a lot of things that they have to get up to speed with, and she is sure they are going to take care of it. She states she has a lot of trust in them.

No further comments or questions from the audience.

Council Comments. Councilman Linville points out that we have more than 40 residents who are attending tonight's meeting. He thinks that is great. He hopes it continues.

Councilwoman Brenner-Miller comments about how glad they are to be able to honor the Kainsinger's and all the service they have done over the years.

Proclamation for Bob and Jean Kainsinger: Mayor Kolograf states that we have a proclamation that will be read as council to recognize Bob and Jean Kainsinger. This is read aloud by each individual councilmember and presented to them. They are applauded.

Healthcare coverage. Katie addresses this and the changes that are happening with the employee's healthcare coverage. She states we have been part of the Cuyahoga County Regional Health Plan for several years now. She states that this will be their final year of the program. She says that we are in the process of the employee's updating their medicals, so we can shop around for insurance coverage. Discussion ensues on this. She said there will be new legislation at some point once we pick a carrier and find the right coverage levels. Mayor Kolograf said he will bring in our representative to the COW meeting. We are just starting to shop around. Discussion ensues with the council. No further comments from the council.

The floor is opened up to the residents, and Lee Nielsen stands and asks a couple of questions. Katie addresses these with her.

OPWC Alexander Road and Dunham Road grants. Mayor Kolograf states that he passed out an email that Joe Gigliotti sent him. He gave him a summary helping explain some of these things. Mayor Kolograf asks Joe to go through it and give a summary to update us on where we are. Joe stands and summarizes this to the council and residents.

For the Alexander Road project, Joe says that we received a \$250,000 grant from the county, we received a grant from OPWC for \$159,000, and we received a loan from OPWC for \$200,000. He explains the terms of the loan to the council and residents. This adds up to \$609,000, which is the estimated project cost to pave Alexander Road from Walton down to Northfield. He explains the concepts of these grants and any action needed. Discussion ensues on this with the council members. Joe explains that the OPWC would like an answer within the next month or two. Mayor Kolograf opens up the floor to the residents for questions. A couple of questions were posed to Joe, which he addresses.

For the Dunham Road project, Joe says that we have not even made application for funding for Dunham Road, but he quickly goes through the email here that he provided the Mayor with. This is for the concrete portion of Dunham Road only. He gives the recommended funding strategy. We would apply to the OPWC for a grant of \$356,000 and also for a loan of \$356,000. The loan carries the same terms of 20 years interest free. We could also apply to Cuyahoga County again since it is an old county road and still has a county designation. This would be again for \$250,000, which is the maximum that you can ask the county for. These three potential funding elements up, it adds up to the entire project cost of \$963,000. We would only repay the loan of \$356,000 interest free over the course of 20 years. Discussion ensues on this as well with the council and a few residents who have questions or concerns.

Department Chairs and Council President: Mayor Kolograf says that we will need to do department chairs now, and then doing the Council President elections. Discussion ensues on the realignment of the council seats to fill the vacancies created by Mayor Kolograf. The finance chair would go to that person as well. He was on infrastructure and safety. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller puts in her interest in council president, at least interim for the end of the year. She hopes everyone would consider her. It has to be voted on in the regular council meeting, so it will be voted for on Tuesday. He asks if Councilman Nielsen is comfortable with safety and infrastructure. He says that this would be fine for the next three months. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller states that she would like to keep recreation, as she enjoys working with Carol and Carlene. This will all be done at the regular council meeting. No questions or concerns on this from council or residents.

Tax rate resolution: Katie explains that there is a draft of the resolution that has to be passed by October. She would like to have it passed next week, if everyone is in agreement. This is based on the tax budget that we sent to the county showing our 3 mills. She says that this is what the county sends back to us to verify those amounts. We have to pass this legislation to send back to the county. She clarifies what this says. Mayor Kolograf states we would have a resolution for next week's meeting to pass this. Councilwoman Allen just verifies that this is only paperwork. Katie says yes. No further questions or concerns from the council or residents.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Kolograf says that our next council meeting will have this resolution. He would like to have an Executive Session to talk about litigation and economic development.

He says the house is still in the process and we hope it is moving forward. It is all looking positive.

He says that tomorrow he will have his first Morning with the Mayor.

Councilwoman Allen had a meeting with the Citizen's League over the weekend, and Citizen's League wanted to invite the Mayor and Council to possibly come to a Citizen's League meeting later in October as more of an informal sit-down session with residents where residents can talk to us individually if they would like and it would not be as formal as the regular council meetings and/or COW meetings. Mayor Kolograf says that if he had a date, he is sure he could work out a date for council and the Mayor to accommodate.

Councilwoman Allen also states that they received a letter from the residents about the dedication of our Community Room. She wonders if it is something we could talk about here. Mayor Kolograf says that we could talk about it. The email was from Patricia Day. He reads the email aloud. This email proposes that the community room across from the police station officially be named the Bob and Jean Kainsinger room or the Bob and Jean Kainsinger Community Room. Discussion ensues briefly about this. They also bring up possibly having a plaque to put up there and add people to be honored to this plaque. The council will think about this.

Mayor Kolograf recaps what will be on the Council meeting agenda including Executive Session.

Item K – Adjournment. Mayor Kolograf asks for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Brenner-Miller makes a motion to adjourn the COW meeting of September 11, 2018 at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Councilman Linville. Six ayes approved.

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer