

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, January 3, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr., absent Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary Clerk: Jody Brown
 Denise Church
 Patrick Meredith
 Andrew Rutherford, absent

Reporters: Glen Graves – Walton Reporter and T.J.E. Productions – Channel 23

No member of the clergy was present to lead the invocation, so a moment of silence was observed.

Deputy Mayor Teresa O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING Denise Church made a motion to open the public hearing to hear comments on the proposed franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT No public input. Denise Church made a motion to close the public hearing. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

Teresa O'Leary stated that the only changes to the franchise agreement were a rate increase from 1.5% of the basic service to 3% and the closing of the Delaware St. office. Danny Hodges of Hodges Sales and Service, 167 Delaware St., will accept return of the cable boxes and will have remote controls available for Time Warner. Denise Church made a motion to pass the resolution to renew the television franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable for ten years as submitted. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$78,879.65 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$18,335.39 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$51,166.95 was presented to the Board.
After review, Patrick Meredith made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

VILLAGE ENGINEER Dave Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for December 2010.

BID AWARD Dave Ohman recommended that the Board award the Police Station Shell Bid to Tom Howard
NEW POLICE STATION Construction for \$108,748.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork if the Board had completed the review of references. Denise Church made a motion to award the bid to Tom Howard for \$108,748.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the paperwork. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT Dave Ohman submitted a contract amendment for engineering services for the Police Station in the amount of \$25,000.00. Denise Church made a motion to approve the contract amendment as submitted. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

SUNRISE FAMILY FARMS Delaware Operations has proposed that the Walton Wastewater Treatment Plant accept wastewater from the Sunrise Family Farms in Norwich. The NYS DEC has given their approval. This would earn revenue for the Sewer Fund. Denise Church made a motion to accept wastewater from Sunrise Family Farms in Norwich and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY Sgt. Laauser submitted his written monthly report for December 2010 to the Board.

NO PARKING SIGNS ON GARDINER PL. Sgt. Laauser proposed posting “No Parking” signs on the west side of Gardiner Pl. starting at Candido’s up to the church. Denise Church made a motion to have a proposed law drafted and hold a public hearing at the next regular Board meeting. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION TRAINING Sgt. Laauser requested permission to send Officer Clark to Advanced Criminal Interdiction through Traffic Enforcement Seminar. There is no course fee for this seminar. Denise Church made a motion send Officer Clark to the Criminal Interdiction seminar in Albany from February 7 – 11. Patrick Meredith seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted a written monthly report for December 2010.

Building and/or sign permits issued during the month of December 2010 are as follows:

Lee Gould	18 High St.	New roof
Fred Babcock	14 ½ Howell St.	Pole Barn
Dean Daniels	81 Stockton Ave.	New roof
First Bapt. Church	55 Townsend St.	New roof
Damon Conklin	27 Platt St.	New deck, electrical, plumbing
Episcopal Church	41 Gardiner Pl.	Steeple Restoration
Arlene Bradtke	5 Elm St.	Deck, plumbing, electrical
Francis Bojo	80 East St.	Replace rear roof, electrical
Louis Lurenz	6 Marvin Ave.	Replace roof, electrical

OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS Steve Dutcher mentioned that there are new regulations for outdoor wood boilers.

PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent, submitted a written monthly report for December 2010.

PUBLIC INPUT Deputy Mayor O’Leary laid down the ground rules for public input asking people to stand, identify themselves, and state their address. She gave each person three minutes and then opened the floor to the public.

Gil Williams, Ogden St., read a column by Alma Lynch regarding snow removal. He asked Patrick Meredith what happened with a new snow code.

Bob Miller owns 18-20 Benton Ave., Andy Biggar, East Brook St. and Keath Davis, 80 Delaware St. all commented on the snow code.

Keath Davis commented about the potholes on Delaware St.

Dr. Preiser expressed his concerns about the quality of water on Terrace Ave. Teresa O’Leary read the letter that Dr. Preiser sent to the Board.

Linda Preiser mentioned that the pavement on Terrace Ave. was also in poor shape.

Clayton Stanton, North St., mentioned that the Boy Scouts would help shovel for people in need of assistance. Clayton said the contact is David Davis at 865-5937.

VILLAGE ELECTION POLLING PLACE The time and place of the Village election needs to be established. The clerk proposed holding at the Village Hall again this year. Patrick Meredith asked why this election was not held at the bus garage. The Village Hall is more convenient if the inspectors have questions or concerns and working conditions are better than in a garage. Denise Church made a motion to have the Village Election on March 15, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm in the Village Hall. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, January 31, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown
Clerk-Treasurer