

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, January 31, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr.
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary
Denise Church
Patrick Meredith
Andrew Rutherford

Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend
Clerk: Jody Brown

Reporters: Glen Graves – Walton Reporter

Rev. Kirkwood Darville of the Assembly of God Church led the invocation

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2011-1 Teresa O'Leary made a motion to open a public hearing on the proposed Local Law 2011-1, NO PARKING on the west side of Gardiner Place from the exit of the parking lot to Church St. Denise seconded. Carried unanimously.
Keath Davis, 80 Delaware St., asked how many accidents had occurred on Gardiner Pl and asked if there was a need to change.
Jack Cole, 41 Gardiner Pl, he felt that it was a good idea to have no parking on the west side of the street.
Paula O'Brien, Howell St., thought it was already a no parking zone.
Teresa O'Leary made a motion to close the public hearing. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

RESTORATION COMMITTEE Paula O'Brien of the Theater Restoration Committee submitted a proposal of electrical work to be done in the "Museum Room" and paid for by them. After discussion, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to allow outlets, switch, and recessed lighting to be installed in the "Museum Room" at the expense of the committee. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$45,592.60 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,130.50 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$125,775.71 was presented to the Board.
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,092.84 was presented to the Board.
The Housing Rehabilitation Fund Abstract in the sum of \$36,697.01 was presented to the Board.
After review, Andrew Rutherford made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC SAFETY Sgt. Laauser submitted his written monthly report for January 2011 and the 2010 Annual Report to the Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted a written monthly report for January 2011.

Building and/or sign permits issued during the month of January 2011 are as follows:
Douglas VanLoan 16 Tripp Ave. Renovations
Steven Belmont 109 Delaware St. Remodel Storefront

93 LIBERTY STREET Stephen Dutcher asked the Board to set a time for a hearing on the unsafe structure on the corner of Liberty and East. The Board agreed to hear this before the meeting on March 7, 2011.

PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent, submitted a written monthly report for January 2011.

CODE CAR - 2000 IMPALA Roger Hoyt asked what the Board wanted to do about disposing of the 2000 Chevy Impala, the old Code Enforcement Car. After discussion, Andrew Rutherford made a motion to scrap the car. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

VILLAGE ENGINEER Dave Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for January 2011.

EQUALIZATION TANK BLOWER Dave Ohman submitted a request to the Board for an equipment purchase for the WWTP. After discussion, Denise Church made a motion to purchase a new EQ tank blower from USA Blue Book at a cost of \$6,537.00. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEW POLICE STATION The final invoice from V&H Builders was presented to the Board. Andrew Rutherford made a motion authorize payment to V&H Builders \$12,225.00 for their last payment request for the first phase of the new police station construction. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Teresa O'Leary made a motion to authorize payment to V&H Builders for their additional work to the heating system during the installation of the walls. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

Tom Howard requested a change order for \$945.00 for 5/8" tongue & groved advantech sheeting instead of the 1/2" that is unavailable. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to approve the change order of \$945.00. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

The first invoice for Tom Howard was submitted to the Board. Patrick Meredith made a motion to authorize payment to Tom Howard Construction for \$36,497.00 for the purchase of the Superior Walls. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Teresa O'Leary reported that Brian Sprague is working with Delhi and Hamden to arrange having swimming lessons this year. There would be a fee for their lessons. Will report more as this progresses.

Denise Church- working on budget with committee.

Patrick Meredith- No Report

Andrew Rutherford - No Report

PUBLIC INPUT Mayor Snow laid down the ground rules for public input asking people to stand, identify themselves, and state their address and then opened the floor to the public.

Mary Phraner, Union St., wanted to have the Board consider a few suggestions in regard to the budget for the Village Pool so that the pool to be open in the evenings and to give priority to Walton residents for swimming lesson times.

Rich Kelly, Bruce St., noticed the hazardous sign on one of the trailers parked at 161 Delaware St. Code Enforcement is working on getting the trailers removed and has been told that they are empty.

Rich also asked about a moratorium on outdoor wood burning stoves. Code Enforcement stated that if there is a complaint to come and see him. Also, the new regulations are very restrictive so no new outdoor burners would be able to be installed.

Rich felt a season pass should be purchased for the year of use of the pool.

Keath Davis, Delaware St., asked about the Flood Commission. Mayor Snow stated that the Commission is working on putting a booklet together. They probably would not come to a Village meeting for six months. Mayor Snow invited Keath to attend a Flood Commission meeting. Keath is concerned about property values, assessments and insurance.

Keath also questioned fire hydrants. Dave Ohman stated that new hydrants are part of the water project.

Keath proposed that everyone pay a dollar a day to use the pool.

- ELECTION INSPECTORS** Mayor Snow appointed the following as election inspectors: Sylvia Fancher, chair, Margaret Haley, Mary Neale and Mary Cullen. Denise Church made a motion to approve the appointment of the election inspectors and to set the salary at \$7.75 per hour. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 827th ENGINEER COMPANY** The 827th Engineer Company is returning home from Afghanistan in February. Melissa Frisbee is organizing a parade to welcome them home. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to allow a parade for the returning soldiers of 827th Engineer Co. in February. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.
- BUDGET MODIFICATIONS** Patrick Meredith made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 budget modifications as submitted to the Board. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously. A copy is attached and becomes part of these minutes.
- INGLIS – SEWER UNITS** A letter was received from Scott and Karen Inglis of 10 South St. requesting a decrease in their sewer units. After discussion, Patrick Meredith made a motion to decrease the sewer units to one at 10 South St for a single-family residence. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - SEWER UNITS** A letter was received from the First Baptist Church requesting a decrease in their sewer units because of the fire. Denise Church made a motion to decrease the sewer units at 55-57 Townsend St. to vacant lots. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 2009-2010 AUDIT** The 2009-2010 Audit was submitted to the Board. Denise Church made a motion to approve the audit. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow read a letter received from Timothy Ludden, 142 Townsend St., requesting tree removal from his property. After discussion, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have the trees removed. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Mayor Snow read a letter from Dan St. Jacques of the Delaware County Agricultural Society regarding the Village Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Jacques commented that they provide exemplary service to the community and sited a specific incident.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN** Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown
Clerk-Treasurer