

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton, NY.

Present: Edward Snow, Sr., Mayor

Reporters: Bob Cairns – The Walton Reporter

Trustees: Teresa O’Leary
Alan Reynolds, absent
David Breese
Charles Gregory

Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend

Clerk: Jody Brown

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

Rev. Jay O’Connor of the 1st Baptist Church of Walton led the invocation.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,525.00 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$9,044.73 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$122,972.91 was presented to the Board.
The Debt Service Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,828.44 was presented to the Board.
The Water Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$108,395.58 was presented to the Board.
The Park St. Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$177,215.11 was presented to the Board.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve the abstracts of \$450,856.77 as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for April 2013. WWTP running well at this time and no equipment purchases needed.

VACRI CHANGE ORDER Bill Brown made a recommendation for the Mayor to sign change order VW1-G-09 in the amount of \$2,672.25 for additional Currey Well repairs. Trustee Breese made a motion to allow Mayor Snow to sign the changer order for \$2,672.25 for the additional repairs. Trustee O’Leary seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Vacri PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 13 Bill Brown recommended that the Board authorize payment for the total amount of \$80,893.92 for payment application No. 13 for the period ending April 26, 2013. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to approve the \$80,893.92 payment to Vacri from the Water Capital Fund. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

MARKS ENTERPRISES PURCHASE ORDER Bill Brown recommended that the Board authorize the clerk to issue a purchase order to Marks Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$54,960.00 for water system automation, conditional upon the acceptance of the proposal by USDA-RD. Trustee Breese made a motion to have a Purchase Order issued for the water system automation to Marks Enterprises for \$54,600.00. Trustee Gregory seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

EFC INTEREST PAYMENT Bill Brown recommended that the Board authorize the Clerk to pay NYS EFC interest invoice in the amount of \$12,421.19 from the Water Capital Fund. Trustee Breese made a motion to pay EFC the interest of \$12,421.19 from the Water Capital Fund. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

EFC PRINCPAL PAYMENT Bill Brown recommended that the Board authorize the Clerk to pay NYS EFC principal invoice in the amount of \$38,000.00 from the Water Fund. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to pay EFC the principal of \$38,000.00 from the Water Fund. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

VACRI - TRAFFIC SENSORS NYS DOT has traffic sensors in the street on the corner of Townsend and Delaware St. They are requiring that they be replaced as the sensors will be torn up when the milling is done. Bill Brown is recommending that the Board approve a change order to add the replacing of the traffic sensors at a cost of \$6,175.05. Trustee Gregory made a motion to pay Vacri Construction \$6,175.05 to replace the traffic sensors on Townsend St. from the Water Capital Fund. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY Chief Lauser submitted his written monthly report for April 2013.

AMMUNITION REIMBURSEMENT Chief Lauser submitted a reimbursement request from Officer Cornwell who purchased ammunition for the department for training. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to reimburse Officer Cornwell \$97.17. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted his monthly report for April 2013.

11 Liberty St. HEARING Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the Hearing regarding the 11 Liberty St. property. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. Stephen Dutcher stated that the owner of the property had called and stated that the property would be cleaned up by Sunday, May 12, 2013. Trustee Gregory made a motion to close the Hearing. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Gregory made a motion to have Steve send a letter giving the property owner 10 days to have the windows boarded up and the lawn taken care of. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

64 East St. Trustee Breese made a motion to open the Hearing regarding the 64 East St. property. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. Alice Reed was present to represent the property owner. Stephen Dutcher said the property needed to be secured so that the cats could no longer get in, the cats needed to be removed and that the tree debris be removed. Alice was in agreement. Trustee Gregory made a motion to close the Hearing. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Breese made a motion to give the property owner 30 days to remove the cats, secure the house so that cats could not return, clean-up the backyard and clean up the clutter. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for April 2013.

EXCESS EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES Roger Hoyt submitted a list of excess equipment/supplies and requested permission to advertise them for sale. Trustee Gregory made a motion to allow the sale of the excess equipment/supplies as submitted. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. (Copy attached).

LEAVES & BRUSH It was mentioned as a reminder to residents that leaves should be placed in clear plastic bags and placed by the curb, but not in the street. Limbs and brush should be cut to 3' lengths and tied with twine or string (not wire).

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

SUMMER EMPLOYEES Trustee O'Leary submitted a list of candidates for summer employment. (List attached). Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hire the candidate as submitted for the summer for the Parks & Recreation Program. Trustee Breese seconded. Trustee O'Leary and Trustee Breese voted for and Trustee Gregory opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Reynolds: absent

Trustee Gregory – Charlie attended the Walton Town meeting where community gardens were discussed. The Water St. location was mentioned. The Village also has several other locations that may be better suited for this purpose. Trustee Gregory stated that fishing and recreation might be a better use of the Water St. location to help bring in more commerce.

Trustee Breese – Dave and Mayor Snow met with Delaware Operations regarding some cost savings plans. The plans will save about \$65,000.00 in electricity costs.

**MAYORS
REPORT**

Mayor Snow reported that he has met with Congressman Gibson regarding the IRS interest and penalties and the grant money that may need to be returned for the water project. Mayor Snow has also spoken with Senator Bonacic regarding the paving of Delaware St. There is a meeting scheduled for May 16th.

**DELAWARE CTY
MENTAL
HEALTH
CLINIC**

Mayor Snow mentioned that the County is moving the Mental Health Clinic to Treadwell from the Walton location by Delaware Valley Hospital. He feels this will hurt the local economy and cost the County more money to transport patients to Treadwell.

**CLEAN-UP
FOR PRIDE**

Mayor Snow read a note from Maureen Wacha to announce the “Clean-up for Pride” on May 18th sponsored by the PACK group of the Walton Central School. Dawn Northrup leads this group. They will be meeting at 9:00 am at McDonald’s. Volunteers are needed.

**HISTORICAL
SOCIETY –
GAZEBO**

Mayor Snow read a letter from the Historical Society regarding the Lower Bassett Park Gazebo. Patty Wood also spoke about the fund raising efforts and types of designs to consider.

**PUBLIC
INPUT**

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

**WILD ‘N
WOOLY 4-H
CLUB – FIRE
HYDRANTS**

Pam Graupman from the Wild ‘n Wooly 4-H Club submitted a written request for permission to paint the fire hydrants on Delaware St. Trustee Breese made a motion to table the request until the Walton Fire Department could be contacted. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**8th ANNUAL
STREET
FESTIVAL**

A letter was received from the First United Methodist Church requesting permission to hold their 8th Annual Street Festival in North St. from Union to East. Trustee Breese made a motion to allow the Methodist Church to block off North St. from Union to East on June 15th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CHALK ART
DAY**

A letter was received from Walton Central School requesting permission to hold the 16th Annual Chalk Art Day on May 29th. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to have North St. blocked off on May 29, 2013 from 8:15 am to 3:00 pm between Mead St. and Platt St. The rain date would be May 30, 2013. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CLASSIC CAR
CRUISE**

Mayor Snow read a letter from the Walton Booster Club requesting additional Police assistance for the Classic Car Cruise on July 6, 2013. Trustee Breese made a motion to allow additional Police coverage for the Classic Car Cruise. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

LEVY’S

A list of was presented to the Board of all unpaid invoices requesting permission to levy the unpaid invoices onto the property tax bills. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to add the unpaid amounts to the tax bills. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. (List attached).

**SEWER/WATER
UNIT
REDUCTION**

The First Baptist Church is requesting a reduction in the sewer units to indicate an empty lot and to remove the water service on 30 Platt St. Trustee Breese made a motion to reduce the sewer units from 1 to .75 and to remove the water service. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**HOSTWAY
INVOICE**

The clerk is requesting permission to pay the annual fee to Hostway for hosting the Village of Walton website. Trustee Gregory made a motion to pay \$180.35 to Hostway for the annual fee for the hosting of the website. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Trustee Breese made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Police Personnel and possible litigation at 7:47 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, June 3 2013 at 6:00 pm in the
MEETING Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer