

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 7, 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-absent

Alan Reynolds

John Clark

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. Larry Light from the New Hope Church led the invocation.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$187,408.48 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$59,654.46 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$118,500.54 was presented to the Board.  
After review and discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted.  
Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**VILLAGE** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for September 2013.

**ENGINEER** The WWTP running well at this time.

**MARKS** Bill Brown requested final payment for Marks Enterprises. After discussion, Trustee Breese made  
**ENTERPRISES** a motion to pay Marks Enterprises the final payment of \$8,000.00 for the telemetry system. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WATER** Bill Brown requested a budget modification. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to  
**PROJECT** modify the Water Project Budget Form E to reallocate remaining administrative funds of  
**BUDGET** \$11,432.34 to the Interest Line item of Budget Form E. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried  
**MODIFICATION** unanimously.

**NYS EFC** Bill Brown requested payment of interest to EFC. Trustee Gregory made a motion to pay EFC  
**INTEREST** the \$11,432.34 interest payment upon receipt of funds from USDA. Trustee Breese seconded.  
**PAYMENT** Carried unanimously.

**WATER** Bill Brown submitted the detail bond resolution from Bond Council to the Board. After review,  
**PROJECT BOND** Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve resolution as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded.  
**RESOLUTION** Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**BIDS – MBT** Lou Dibble requested authorization to advertise for bids. After review, Trustee Gregory made a  
**PROJECT** motion to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of equipment for the MBT  
project with a bid opening date of October 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried  
unanimously.

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

**BREATHALIZER** Chief Lauser requested training for two officers. Trustee Breese made a motion to send two  
**TRAINING** officers, Oliver Tallman and Daniel St. Jacques, to the Otsego County Academy for breathalyzer  
training on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for this training. Trustee Gregory  
seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC** Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for September 2013.

<b>WORKS</b>	Special Thanks to Walt Giedel and the Town Crew for all their help with the paving and the East Brook Wall.
SENYWWC WATER TRAINING	Roger Hoyt requested permission of continuing education training for the Water Department. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow Roger Hoyt, Matthew Myer, and Ernest Smith, Jr. attend the Water Works Conference on Thursday, October 10, 2013 in Sidney at a cost of \$16.00 per person. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
CHIP SEAL DRIVEWAY	Roger Hoyt spoke about the need to seal the right-of-way at the shop. After consideration, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to have the right-of-way sealed at the earliest convenience for an estimated cost of about \$4,000.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
PIPE LOCATOR	Roger Hoyt expressed a need to have the pipe locator repaired or replaced. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to have the locator sent out for repair and if the estimate is too high, to purchase a new one at a maximum price of \$4,500.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
EQUIPMENT EXPO	Roger Hoyt requested permission to attend an equipment expo. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow Roger and Butch to attend the equipment expo on October 16, 2013. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted his monthly report for September 2013. 141 Delaware is down and the hole is being filled in. The bowling alley is still being worked on and not all items have been corrected.
LOWER BASSETT PARK GAZEBO	Patty Wood spoke to the Board about the Gazebo restoration/construction and submitted a proposed sketch. They have raised about \$6,000.00 for this project. Trustee Gregory stated that Heather of the O'Connor Foundation has said that a \$5,000.00 grant is available if the application is filed by November 1 <sup>st</sup> . There were questions about where to place the Gazebo and the design of the structure. Patty has volunteers lined up for the construction and the stump removal. Trustee Gregory "Thanked" Patty for all her hard work and fund raising efforts.
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.  Joan Van Loan owner of 22 Gardiner Pl – requested forgiveness of penalties from 2009 tax paid in May. The Board took no action  Maureen Wacha for the Walton Chamber of Commerce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reminder that the Night of Entertainment is Friday at 7:00 pm at the Theater.</li> <li>▪ There will be a Halloween Dance at the Castle on October 26. Ruby Shoes will be performing.</li> <li>• The Small Business Development Center will be hosting a community service project on October 22, at 6:30 pm in the High School for information about the Healthcare Reform Act. Questions can be emailed to <a href="mailto:aca@waltonchamber.com">aca@waltonchamber.com</a> so that the speaker can have the answers you are seeking.</li> </ul>
<b>MAYOR REPORT:</b>	Mayor Snow read a letter from The Kehr's regarding special consideration for their chickens. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to allow the Kehr's more time to reduce their flock, extending it to December 1, 2014. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
NO JAKE BRAKES	Mayor Snow presented a petition to the Board regarding the use of Jake Brakes. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to hold a public hearing on this issue at 6:00 pm on November 4, 2013. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.
PARKING AT OGDEN ST. FIELD	Mayor Snow read a letter from Linda Belmont asking for permission to park cars on the ball field on Ogden St. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion allow Linda Belmont to park cars on the Ogden St. field on October 19, 2013 as long as any damage to the grass, ruts, etc. are rectified by Linda Belmont. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**FORECLOSURES** Mayor Snow wanted to let the public know that the Village is starting foreclosure proceedings on properties with three or more years past due.

**WIND TURBINES** Mayor Snow wanted the residents of Walton to be aware that the Town is planning to have eight wind turbines constructed on South Mountain, behind the Walton High School. Additional information on the tower proposal may be found at: [www.southmountainwind.com](http://www.southmountainwind.com) .

**TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

Trustee Gregory: There will be a Walton Fire District meeting on October 15, 2103 at the Fire Hall. If you would like to voice your opinion about the old fire horn, this would be your opportunity.

The Theater Restoration Committee is getting quotes for acoustic tiles and will present them to the Board.

Trustee Breese: everything covered by WWTP committee

Trustee Reynolds voiced concern about the shape of the sidewalk on New St. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to remove the sidewalk. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O'Leary: absent

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLIANCE** The clerk submitted a Fair Housing Resolution to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to accept the resolution for providing for a plan for the investigation of complaints concerning housing discrimination in the Village. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**YOGA CLASSES** Deborah Hunt submitted a letter to the Board requesting permission to use the Theater museum room to hold yoga classes. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to allow Debra Hunt to hold yoga classes on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm and Saturday mornings at 9:30 am for rent of \$20.00 per class. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** A letter was submitted to the Board from Walton Central School regarding the Halloween parade. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hold the Halloween parade on October 31, 2013 at 1:15 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. Trick or Treating will also be on October 31, 2013.

**ADJOURN** Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer