

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton, NY.

Present: Edward Snow, Sr., Mayor
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary
Allan Reynolds
David Breese
Charles Gregory
Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend
Clerk: Jody Brown
Reporters: Bob Cairns – The Walton Reporter

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

Rev. Dale Ashby from the United Methodist Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING: ENGINE BRAKES Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the public hearing to hear public opinion on banning engine brakes in the Village of Walton. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow mentioned correspondence from the Village Attorney stating that it is against NYS Law to ban the use of engine brakes. He then opened the floor to public comment. Keath Davis, 80 Delaware St., stated that the newer trucks have much quieter "jake" brakes unless the muffler is bad. He also stated that it could be a safety concern for the truckers also. No one else made comment.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$22,327.97 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$113,164.85 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$134,791.75 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Trustee Allan Reynolds made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC SAFETY Chief Lauser submitted his written monthly report for October 2013.
New phone system and cameras are working fine.

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

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

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for October 2013.
The WWTP running well at this time.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE - PEDESTAL Bill Brown requested the purchase of a spare part. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase a spare pedestal assembly for the RAS/WAS pump from Glauber Equipment Corp. for the cost of \$4,250.00 with 100% being paid by NYC. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

SLUDGE HAULING BIDS Bill Brown mentioned that it was time to advertise for sludge hauling bids. Trustee Breese made a motion to advertise for sludge hauling bids in The Reporter. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. DeVINCENTIS PAYMENT Bill Brown received and reviewed the payment application for the Terrace Ave. project and No.1 recommended that the Village issue payment. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pay \$101,404.90 to G. DeVincentis & Sons for payment application No. 1. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

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. Maureen Wacha, 2 South St., asked for a gazebo update. Trustee Reynolds has reached out to a couple of contractors to get a couple of restoration quotes. Spend A Day In Walton – coming up on November 30, 2013 with a parade that evening. Maureen also mentioned that the Christmas decorations belong to the Walton Chamber of Commerce and they puts them up. Keath Davis asked about two condemned properties and Code Enforcement Official answered. The property on the corner of Delaware and High as the safety items taken care of. The property on East is in probate at the moment.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Snow mentioned that the Walton Varsity Club had raked leaves for the elderly. He has written letters of to each member that participated.

VETERAN’S PARADE Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hold the Veteran’s Parade on November 11, 2013 at 11:00 am from Gardiner Pl. to the old Armory on Stockton Ave. and back. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Gregory: The Bell Tower on the Theater is still leaking. Trustee Gregory made a motion to have the Restoration committee gather estimates on the roof repair. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory and Stephen Dutcher have started to explore ordinances for standards of multi-family residences. Charlie will forward more detailed information to the Board for their review and recommendations. A few example/ideas:

- Requiring that a “LOCAL” point of contact be filed with the village
- Requiring apartments be inspected when vacated and prior to new renters moving in
- Requiring apartments be inspected at the 3-year tenancy point
- Requiring an inspection fee be assessed upon each inspection
- Requiring a minor fee for the initial inspection and a more substantial fee for each follow-up inspection, if required.

Trustee Breese: everything covered with Department Heads.

Trustee Reynolds: everything covered with Department Heads.

Trustee O’Leary: everything covered with Department Heads.

FIRSTTIME HOMEBUYERS W4-76 Approval request was submitted to the Board for the Home Ownership Program. Trustee Breese made a motion to approve W4-76 request for \$25,000.00 for the down payment and closing costs for application W4-76. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

OPEN NEW BANK ACCOUNTS The clerk requested permission to open two new bank accounts for the WWTP upgrade capital project. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to open a checking and a saving account for the WWTP upgrade project. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ENERGY QUOTES Quotes for electricity supply were submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to purchase energy form the lowest bidder, Integys. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

ELECTION NOTICE The clerk submitted an election resolution to the Board, and asked for permission put the legal notice in The Reporter. This year there will be two Trustee seats vacant at the end of the year. Trustee Gregory made a motion to pass the election resolution for the March 18, 2014 election and to have the legal notice in The Reporter. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Reynolds made a motion to enter executive session at 6:45 pm to discuss Teamster's negotiations. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to close executive session at 7:05 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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MEETING The Board decided to ask the Town of Walton Board to seat down and discuss items of mutual interests, such a flood mitigation. The date of November 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm was agreeable to all with an alternative date of November 26. Trustee Gregory will be attending the Town Board meeting and will invite them at that time.

ADJOURN Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer