

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 2, 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
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. Stephen McCarthy from the Reformed Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$225,863.48 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$29,182.40 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$138,850.82 was presented to the Board.
The Water Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$50,042.21 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:

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

TREE SERVICE Roger Hoyt submitted an invoice for tree removal. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pay the invoice of \$6,600.00 to Sprattley & Sons for tree removal. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

STBOA TRAINING Stephen Dutcher requested permission to attend training. Trustee Breese made a motion to allow Steve to attend training in Owego on December 4th and 5th at a cost of \$60.00 to be split with the Town of Walton. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

WWTP UPGRADE BID AWARD John Moffett of Delaware Operations presented the Board with WWTP upgrade bid. Trustee Breese made a motion to accept the \$319,000.00 bid from eProcess Environmental Inc. for the membrane thickener installation and to authorize the Mayor sign the contracts. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. It will be 12 to 16 weeks before delivery.

WATER PROJECT COMPLETION Bill Brown recommended accepting the Water Project as complete. Trustee Breese made a motion to accept the Water System Improvement Project as complete and authorize final payment of project expenses. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

TERRACE AVE. WATERMAIN PROJECT Bill Brown recommended having the Mayor sign certificate of Substantial completion. Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign certificate of substantial completion on the Terrace Ave. Watermain replacement project with an effective date of November 20, 2013. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. DeVINCENTIS & SONS CO. Bill Brown recommended payment to G.DeVincentis & Sons. Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the clerk to pay G. DeVincentis & Sons \$113,595.10 for 90% completion of the Terrace Ave. project. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Laauser submitted his written monthly report for November 2013.

SUPERVISOR TRAINING

Chief Laauser requested training for Sergeant Cornwell. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to send Sergeant Cornwell to supervisor training January 6 – 24, 2014 at the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy a fee of \$50.00 for materials. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

PATROLMAN DUMOND

Chief Laauser mentioned to the Board that Chris DuMond would be returning from military duty the week of December 9th. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion for Chris DuMond, as an uncertified officer, to ride with another officer as the seconded officer on duty, at his current rate of \$12.00. Trustee Breese 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.

Charlene Gregory, 72 Stockton Ave., mentioned that the pavement on Garden St. needs repairing or patching.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Snow mentioned that he is glad that the Terrace Ave. Water Project is completed. He also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce did a great job on the Spend a Day in Walton. Mayor Snow mentioned that he had been approached by a few people who are interested in starting business' in Walton.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Gregory: Charlie commented on the successful meeting with the Town Council and wished town supervisor Bruce Dolph success in expanding the county's pilot program on delinquent tax collection to include the village of Walton as well as Franklin.

Trustee Breese: "Thank You" to Patty Wood for the successful Parade.

Trustee Reynolds: Thank you to the DPW crew for their hard work. Thanks to Patty Wood who donated the tree and decorations for the gazebo.

Trustee O'Leary: Thank you to the Prieser's for their letter to The Reporter regarding the Terrace Ave. Water Project.

FLOOD COMMISSION CONTRACTOR

Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize the bid award of \$49,000.0 to Milone & MacBroome to continue the Third Brook Flood Study for the Flood Commission project with the Delaware County Soil & Water. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter executive session to discuss police personnel at 6:39 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. No action taken in executive session.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close executive session at 7:10 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

FAIRCHILD SETTLEMENT

After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to sign the settlement agreement with Jackie Fairchild, paying him \$24,500.00 and accepting his resignation effective November 29, 2013. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

PBA ARBITRATOR PAYMENT

An invoice for PBA arbitration was presented to the Board. Trustee Breese made a motion to pay the \$1,051.00 invoice to Judith A. LaManna of Revette & Revette, PC for the cancellation fee regarding the Fairchild hearing. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

HIRE

After review of applications, the clerk recommended hiring Vicki Hornbeck for the cleaning position.

- CLEANER Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hire Vicki Hornbeck at \$10.00 an hour for up to 10 hours a week to clean the Police Department, the Village Court and the Village Hall. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, January 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm
MEETING in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer