

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor  
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary  
David Breese  
Charlie Gregory  
Allan Reynolds

Reporters: Robert Cairns – Walton Reporter

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

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

Reverend Lisa Mayes from the United Presbyterian led the invocation.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$30,603.60 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$6,538.56 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$123,375.18 was presented to the Board.  
The Small Cities Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
The WWTP Upgrade Fund Abstract in the sum of \$49,303.31 was presented to the Board.  
After review and discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Stephen Dutcher submitted a written monthly report for December 2013.

**CONDITIONAL USE - 64 STOCKTON** Stephen Dutcher asked for approval for a conditional use. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve Sal Salvia's conditional use for 64 Stockton Ave for an addition to his garage pending approval from the Village Planning Board. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**MOTOR FOR BELT PRESS** Bill Brown recommended purchasing a new motor for the belt press. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase a motor from Charter Machine Co. at a cost of \$1,265.25 allocated 100% to NY City for the belt press at the WWTP. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SLUDGE HAULING BIDS** The bids for sludge hauling were opened on December 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Bill Brown recommended awarding the bid of \$11.75/ton from Del-Tom Sanitation. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to accept the bid from Del-Ton Sanitation for \$11.75/ton. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** Chief Laauser submitted a written monthly report for December 2013.  
No other business.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Roger Hoyt submitted a written monthly report for December 2013.  
No other business.

**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.

No Public Input

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow commented on the number of complaints he has been receiving regarding the pot-holes in Delaware St. This is a NYS Dept. of Transportation roadway and they are responsible for its maintenance.

Mayor Snow mentioned that people have been taking salt out of the salt shed. This is a criminal activity and you will be arrested.

**TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

Trustee O'Leary: NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee notified the Village that the Police Department has been awarded a \$3,600.00 grant to help reduce distracted driving and seat belt usage.

Trustee Reynolds: The new electrical service is in at the tank. The crew did a great job.

Trustee Breese: Everything covered in Committee.

Trustee Gregory: The Theater Restoration Committee was not awarded the grant they applied for to help with the ramp installation. They will seek another grant.

The Code Committee is working on a Rental Residence code. This would require home owners that rent residences to register with the Clerk. A draft will be forwarded to the Village attorney.

**JUSTICE COURT AUDIT** NYS Unified Court System requires an annual audit of the court books. The Deputy Clerk has examined the court documents and prepared a written statement to submit to the Board. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Clerk's review of the 2012-2013 court records. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT. SIREN** A letter was received from the Walton Fire District giving the Village ownership of the Fire Siren. After discussion, it was decided that the siren is of no use to the Village and will be sold as scrap.

**2014 ELECTION POLLING PLACE** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hold the Village election at the Village Hall on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from noon until 9:00 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT. INCORPORATION** The Walton Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of incorporating. Per State law a public hearing is required to hear public opinion before a resolution can be passed to have the Walton Fire Department answer calls in the Village of Walton. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hold a public hearing on February 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm to hear public opinion on the incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer