

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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

Reporters: Bob 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.

Rev. Kirk Darville of the Assembly of God Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING WFD INC. Trustee Gregory made a motion to open the public hearing to public opinion on the incorporation of the Walton Fire Dept. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Rich Kelly, Vic President of the Walton Fire Dept. was present to answer questions. He explained that the incorporation would protect the members of the fire department from any personal liability. It is not clear who the Fire Dept. needs permission from in order to incorporate, so the Dept. is seeking permission from the Fire Commissioners, the Village and the Town of Walton to cover all bases. There will be no change in service. Rich was unaware of any problems in other fire departments who were not incorporated.

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

Trustee Gregory made a motion to pass a resolution approving the incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$27,817.41 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$13,191.05 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$147,640.45 was presented to the Board.
The Small Cities Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.
The WWTP Upgrade Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,542.95 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:

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report for January 2014. John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for January 2014 on the WWTP upgrade project.

Bill Brown submitted a water system inventory to the Board with estimated construction costs on watermain replacements.

John Moffett stated that the bid opening was extended to February 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm for the aeration equipment. A special meeting will be held on February 19, 2014 at 9:00 am to award the bid.

PUBLIC SAFETY Chief Lauser submitted a monthly report for January 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report for January 2014. Roger is working with the Health Dept. to change to a less corrosive chemical.

PH METER Roger Hoyt informed the Board that he will need to replace the PH meters. He is getting quotes.

SECURITY CAMERAS Roger Hoyt is working to get the security cameras at the wells back up and running. He is getting quotes.

SEWER CAMERA Roger Hoyt submitted quotes for a sewer camera. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to purchase a sewer camera from J&J Equipment for \$13662.00 with NY City paying half the cost. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted a monthly report for January 2014.

CODE TRAINING Steve Dutcher requested continuing education training for code enforcement. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to approve the request to attend code training for 6 hrs. of continuing education credits on February 26th in Sidney at a cost of \$30.00 to be shared equally with the Town of Walton. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

- FLOOD TRAINING** Steve Dutcher requested continuing education training for flood plain management. Trustee Breese made a motion approve the request for four days for flood plain training in Emmetsburg, Maryland in April at a cost of \$125.20 to be shared equally with Town of Walton. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 64 EAST ST.** After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to have 64 East St. secured so the cats would leave the property. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE LAW** Trustee Gregory and Steve Dutcher have been working on a multi-family residence law. After review and discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to hold a public hearing re: Local Law 2014-1 on March 2, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- WALTON THEATER PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION** Paula O’Brien spoke about the events that are planned for the 100 years celebration of the Theater. March 29th will be the kick off with the Historical Society sponsoring an open house. April 26th the Delaware River Stage Co. will be doing a play, “Within the Law”, which was the first to be performing in 1914. June 7th or June 14th will be a Community Picnic/Block party. In August they will be doing a booth at the Fair. September 14th will be a silent film day. Paula will keep everyone informed as more events are planned.
- 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 identify themselves, and state their address.
- NOON WHISTLE** Tracy Williams, County. Rte. 23, Walton, would like to restore and maintain the noon whistle at no cost to the Village. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow Tracy Williams to move forward with restoring the noon whistle, pending approval from the Village Attorney. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- RECREATION BUDGET** Jonathon Brooks, S River Rd, Walton, submitted a written request to pursue a grant for the Summer Recreation Program. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to allow Jonathon Brooks and Lori Connolly to pursue a \$5,000.00 grant for the summer program. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- TRUSTEES REPORTS:**
 Charles Gregory – Working on a Fire Inspection fee schedule with Code Enforcement Official.
 David Breese – covered by department heads.
 Allan Reynolds – covered by department heads.
 Trustee O’Leary – the Walton Police Department has received notice that the Stop DWI funding will be increasing by \$3,000.00 for this year. Officer Erwin leads in DWI arrests.
- MAYOR’S REPORT** Mayor Snow mentioned that the capital charges on the water bill will remain until the water project has been paid off, in 2049. The amount will periodically decrease.
- ELECTION INSPECTORS** Mayor Snow appointed the following as election inspectors: Sylvia Fancher, Chair, Joann Pomeroy Mary Cullen, and Gladys Jaques. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to approve the appointment of the election inspectors and set the salary at \$8.00 per hour. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CLOSE WATER CAPITAL ACCOUNTS** The clerk requested permission to close the Water Capital accounts now that the project is complete and all invoices have been paid. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to close the Water Capital Savings and the Water Capital Checking accounts. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CVS** A letter from CVS was submitted to the Board requesting a leak adjustment to the water bill because of a toilet that was running. After discussing, no action was taken.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Gregory made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Teamster’s negotiations, DPW personnel, and Code Enforcement at 7:30 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- No action was taken during executive session.
- Trustee O’Leary made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer