

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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

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. Stephen McCarthy of the Reformed Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

**ELECTION RESULTS** David Breese and Allan Reynolds were re-elected as Trustees for a two-year term. Only 42 people voted in the March election.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$51,674.45 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$9,967.22 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$153,969.85 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 March 2014.

**CONTRACT RENEWAL** The engineering contract renewal was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to renew the engineering contract with Delaware Engineering for \$4,550.00 per year which is the same reduced rate since 2009. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. The Board said “Thank you” to Delaware Engineering for holding the rate the same.

**WWTP TURBIDY METERS** Brian Suozzo of Delaware Operations submitted a request for an emergency purchase. After discussion Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase turbidity meters at a cost of \$24,607.40 to be paid for by NYC DEP. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Roger Hoyt, Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report for March 2014.

Trustee Reynolds read the policies for the brush and leaf pickup. Brush needs to be cut in 3’ lengths and tied with twine or string and leaves need to be bagged in clear bags.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** Chief Laauser submitted a monthly report for March 2014. Chief Laauser sent two officers to the Johnson City police officer’s funeral.

**COMPLETE STREETS** Heather Warner, Delaware County Public Health, and Dotti Kuppo, Delaware Valley Hospital provided the Board with literature on the “Complete Streets” program. This program integrates the needs of all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists) to have safe access to streets. Heather also provided sample policies.

**107 PROSPECT AVE. WATER LEAK** A letter was received from Kathy Davis regarding a water leak from frozen water pipes at 107 Prospect Ave. requesting that the Board to pardon the excessive amount. After review, the Board took no action.

504/ADA GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE The grievance procedure was presented to the Board. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to pass to resolution establishing a Section 504/ADA grievance procedure to be compliant with HUD regulations. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE A request was received from the American Legion Post 32 to hold a Memorial Day Parade. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to allow the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. from the Walton School Bus Garage to the Walton Cemetery. 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 identify themselves, and state their address.

Glen LePinnet of Terrace Ave. asked where brush could be dumped. Roger directed him to give him a call and arrangements could be made.

Glen also questioned how Terrace Ave. would be surfaced. It will be milled, filled and paved.

Glen stated that he didn’t feel that a permit should be required for roof replacements and didn’t feel that the cost of materials should be calculated into the cost of the permit.

Glen also suggested that the water from the water tanks should be used to generate electricity for the water pumps.

Glen had a suggestion on taxes and rebates to home owners pulling building permits.

Glen also suggested that we sell mulch.

George Ostrowski from the Vet’s Club donated new flags to the Village.

Gil Williams of Ogden St. wondered how many senior citizen were on the foreclosure list and asked the Village to create a STAR program for the Village tax.

**TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

Trustee O’Leary – The Village is accepting applications for the summer recreation program.  
Trustee Gregory – Nothing at this time.  
Trustee Reynolds – Inquired of the Chief if there was a local law for only parking on one side of Burton St. There is not a law at this time.  
Trustee Breese – everything covered by Dept. Head.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Snow mentioned that the Village Chamber of Commerce had applied to use Lower Bassett Park on June 16, July 14, and August 4 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of the following Wednesday evening. Trustee Gregory made a motion to waive the application fees. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow read the “State of the Village Message” that was prepared by Trustee Gregory. Copy attached.

Mayor Snow is trying to find a space for the Mental Health Clinic so that is can stay in the Village. It was published in the *Daily Star* that the Clinic is still looking to move.

POLICE CLERK POSITION Trustee Gregory made a motion to abolish the position of full-time police clerk and create a part-time police clerk position and giving permission to advertise for a part-time police clerk. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

BANNER - HARBY PARK Mayor Snow read a request from Barry Pudney. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to allow a banner to be place in Harby Park promoting the National Day of Prayer. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

POSTAGE PERMIT FEE The clerk submitted an invoice from the US Postal Service for the permit fee. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to pay the invoice of \$220.00 for the postage permit. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING 2014-2015 BUDGET Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hold a public hearing on the tentative 2014-2015 Budget and Local Law 2-2014 to override the tax levy limit April 23, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. Bob Cairns from *The Reporter* mentioned that he would be covering another meeting at that time. Trustee Gregory made a motion to amend the time of the meeting to 10:00 am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Gregory made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Teamster's negotiations at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:04 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING Trustee Reynolds made a motion to change the date of the September Board meeting from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer