

A special meeting of the Village of Walton Board of Trustees was held on April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton, NY.

Present:

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr.

Trustees: Teresa O’Leary

David Breese

Charles Gregory

Allan Reynolds

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

Village Clerk – Jody Brown

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING 2014-2015 BUDGET Trustee O’Leary made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
Mayor Snow asked for questions or comments. Edward Palmatier owner of 133 Prospect Ave. commented on the state of the Village streets.

Trustee Breese stated that he feels the Board has done well to get the Budget done and have a minimal tax increase. Trustee O’Leary stated that the Village had a lot of catching up to do. Mayor Snow mentioned that last year was started with a \$170,000.00 cash deficit. The Board had to cut the part-time position at the DPW and it also had to cut the full-time Police Clerk position to part-time.

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

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2-2014 Trustee O’Leary made a motion to open the public hearing on Local Law 2-2014 to override the tax levy limit. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow commented on the mandated increases for the retirement system, the increase in insurance premiums, the negotiated wage increases, and that the Village has fewer taxable properties makes it impossible to stay within the levy limit.

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

LOCAL LAW 2-2014 Trustee O’Leary made a motion to pass Local Law 2-2014 to override the tax levy limit. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

2014-2015 BUDGET Trustee Gregory made a motion to pass the 2014-2015 Budget as presented with the amendments to the grant income and the process chemical lines as presented by the clerk. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

WALTON LITTLE LEAGUE Graydon Dutcher was present to present the Little League requested to the Board. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the submitted maintenance requests and the installation of the temporary pitcher’s mound that the Walton Little League will be doing to the fields at Austin-Lincoln Park. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. List attached.

FORECLOSURE PROCESS Mayor Snow stated that two owners have approached him about getting an extension of the date to pay the past due taxes. After discussion, the only way for the foreclosure process to stop would be full payment of taxes. Per Village policy, the 2014-2015 taxes that

come out June 1st will need to be paid before prior years can be paid. Interests will keep accruing and foreclosure cost to date will be added to all the prior years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Breese made a motion to enter executive session at 10:37 am to discuss Police Personnel. Trustee Gregory seconded .Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to close executive session at 11:20 am. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE CLERK Trustee Breese made a motion to hire Sue Wier as a temporary part-time police clerk at a rate of \$12.00 an hour to assist the Police Dept. until the hiring process of a part-time clerk is complete pending approval of counsel. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Trustees' Breese, Reynolds, and Gregory voted yes, Trustee O'Leary abstained. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody L Brown, Clerk