

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor

Reporters: Bob Cairns – Walton Reporter

Trustees: Teresa O’Leary
Charles Gregory
David Breese
Allan Reynolds

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. Larry Light of the New Hope Church led the invocation.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$7,009.42 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,785.18 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$158,641.50 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted.
Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC WORKS The Public Works monthly report was submitted for April 2014.

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

FLOOD MAPS Stephen Dutcher stated that the new flood maps have arrived and available for viewing. If homeowners have an elevation certificate for their property, he would like a copy for our property files.

42 BRUCE STREET PROPERTY After discussing the conditions at 42 Bruce St., Trustee Gregory made a motion to hold a hearing on May 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with Eric Simonds and the owner of the property. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report for April 2014.

CONTRACT EXTENTION HVAC REPAIRS Bill Brown requested a contract extension because of an equipment delay. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to extend the CBUDSF Building HVAC repair contract until May 31, 2014. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ANAEROBIC DIGESTER PROJECT The Village of Walton will be submitting an application to NYSERDA to assist in funding a new anaerobic digester that would be located at the existing Village WWTP. The application will prepared and submitted within the next two months.

WATER PROJECT – QUARRY & PLATT Bill Brown requested advertising for bids. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for Contract VW2-G-14 for the waterline replacement on Quarry St. & Platt St. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADMIN. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion that one cent out of the of the per gallon fee charged for

FEE the out of district customers for septage accepted at the WWTP for treatment be designated as an administrative fee for the handling of that service and that the same be paid into the general fund upon collection effective May 6, 2014. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC Mayor Snow laid down the ground rules for public input and then opened the floor to the public.
INPUT Mayor Snow asked people to identify themselves, and state their address.

George Tzavellas of Burton St. spoke about the unsafe condition on Burton St. created with parking is allowed on both sides of the street. Kenny Wagner of Burton St. also spoke about the same issue. Cindy Bakker of Burton St. also spoke on this issue. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hold a public hearing on June 2, 2014 for Local Law 2014-4, no parking on Burton St. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

Roberta Austin of Mead St. would like to help with the esthetics of the Village. She suggested that a Beautification Committee be reestablished. She also called for volunteers to help neighbors who need help shoveling or mowing their yards or taking things to the dump. Roberta also suggested that maybe a time limit should be placed on unregistered vehicles in a yard. Mayor Snow asked Maureen Wachua President of the Chamber of Commerce to speak with the owners of the store fronts on Delaware St. to sweep and wash their windows. Roberta also suggested hiring a Planner for the Village.

Wendy Reid Jackson of Upper E. Brook Rd. stated that hypodermic needles were found at Austin-Lincoln Park. She is concerned about the safety of her children. Wendy also stated that she would be willing to volunteer to help with the Village curb appeal.

The Walton Education Foundation will be sponsoring a mock 5K for the "Girls on the Run". The route would be from the High School, down Stockton to the Fair Grounds, around Fancher and back to the High School. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow the use of the streets for a 5K on May 12th at 4:30 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Harvest Hooligans 4-H group would like to raise money to donate two trees for Delaware St. Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve donation of two miniature trees for Delaware St. to be coordinated with Mayor Snow. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

PLANNING Mayor Snow recommended appointing John Clark to the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Trustee
BOARD Reynolds made a motion to appoint John Clark to the Planning Board to fill the vacant seat. Trustee
APPOINTMENT Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

STANDARD The clerk submitted retirement information to be compliant with state regulations. After review, Trustee
WORK DAY O'Leary made a motion to establish the following as standard work days for appointed officials and
REPORTING will report the following days worked to the NYS & Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

WATER/SEWER The clerk submitted new water/sewer rates. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hold a
RATE public hearing on June 2, 2014 at 6:00 pm to hear public opinion on the proposed water/sewer rates,
PROPOSAL Local Law 2014-3. Trustee Reynolds. Carried unanimously.

MORE AVE. A letter was submitted to the Board regarding truck traffic on Move Ave. After review, Trustee
TRUCK Reynolds, Mayor Snow, and Chief Laauser will attend the next Fair Board meeting to discuss the
TRAFFIC concern.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee O'Leary – A list of summer employees was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hire as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. List attached. The Village is still in need of life guards. The swimming lessons are free for residents of Walton, outside Walton the fee is \$45.00.

This & That Country Crew will be painting over the graffiti on the picnic tables in the parks for a community service project on May 18th.

The Walton Booster Club requested the use of fields for the Summer Soccer Program from July 1 – August 7, 2014 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 – 7 p.m. and for the fee to be waived. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to waive the field fee. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory submitted a new fee schedule for the Code Enforcement & Fire Inspections to the Board. Trustee Reynolds asked if the new fees would be generating more revenue. Trustee Gregory said that it was hard to compare. Trustee Gregory made a motion to amend the fee schedule as submitted effective June 1, 2104. Trustee Breese seconded. Trustee Breese, Trustee O’Leary, and Trustee Gregory seconded. Trustee Reynolds abstained. Motion carried. Copy attached.

Trustee Reynolds – Letter of commitment is need for the purchase of a new plow truck to hold the 2013-2014 pricing. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize the clerk to send a letter of commitment to Robert Green Trucking for the purchase of a new 2014 Dodge Ram. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Breese – covered with Department Head.

MAYOR’S REPORT A letter was received from Assemblyman Cliff Crouch requesting a letter of support be written to the NYS Gaming Commission for a resort/casino in Broome County. After discussion, the Board took no action at this time.

A letter was read the Walton Chamber of Commerce regarding the Community Lawn Sale. The date will be July 4th and 5th. Trustee Gregory made a motion that the permit be waived. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

A letter was read from Lara & Oliver Fassler requesting permission to plant a tree between the street and sidewalk at 20 Townsend St and to move the no parking sign. After discussion, the request was tabled until next month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee O’Leary made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Teamster’s negotiations and Police Personnel at 8:28 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. No action was taken during executive session. Trustee Gregory made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:55 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

PART-TIME OFFICERS SALARIES After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to set the part-time police officer’s salary to \$20.00 an hour starting June 1, 2014. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE CLERK After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hire Richard Kelly as the part-time Police Clerk at a rate of \$12.00 an hour for up-to 20 hours a week with a probationary period of one year and the schedule will be set by the Chief. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

FRIESLAND SLUDGE A proposal was submitted to the Board from Delaware Operations for sludge from Friesland. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to accept sludge from Friesland for \$.02 per gallon. Trustee seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer