

A special meeting of the Village of Walton Board of Trustees was held on May 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton, NY.

Present:

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr.

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

Trustees: Teresa O'Leary

Village Clerk – Jody Brown

David Breese

Charles Gregory

Allan Reynolds

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

HEARING – Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, explained the history of violations found at the
42 BRUCE ST the 42 Bruce St. property dating back to December 2013 with unregistered cars, truck caps,
SIMMONDS trailers, car parts, lawn tractors, etc. Code Enforcement had sent several notices to remedy and issued tickets. Steve stated that currently the property is in significantly better shape today with the exception of two trailers still on the property. The boat has been parked behind the garage, but would need to be covered.

Mayor Snow told Eric Simonds, resident of the property, that the Village had received numerous complaints about the state of the property.

Eric Simonds stated that the trailers were register and the he used them for work. Steve told Eric that running a business was not allowed in a residential district with a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board was asked if putting the second trailer in the garage was okay and Steve said that wouldn't be a problem.

Trustee Gregory requested that the property become compliant with Village Code and state that his business could not be run from 42 Bruce St. location as it is a residential district.

Trustee Breese asked what the consequences would be if the property were to return to the nuisance state. Steve stated that tickets would be issued and another hearing would be called before the Board of Trustees.

Justin Harper, owner of 42 Bruce St, questioned about his responsibility of the property. Steve told him that ultimately the owners are responsible for the property and if the tenants abandoned the property the owners would have to clean it up. Justin stated that nothing on the property belonged to them and asked Eric directly if that was true. Eric stated that he agreed that nothing belonged to the owners.

Trustee O'Leary asked how long it would take for Eric to get the garage cleaned out enough to house the trailer. Eric said he would be able to do it in a couple of days. The Board has given Eric 7 days to get the second trailer in the garage or off the property.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,836.34 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$8,849.31 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$11,941.26 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.

WATER DEPT. A request to attend the annual water conference was submitted to the Board. Trustee O'Leary
TRAINING made a motion for Roger Hoyt, Matt Myer, and Ernest Smith, Jr. to attend the annual water works conference on June 12 is Sidney for a cost of \$27.00 ea. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

BARNYARD
SPROUTS
4-H GROUP The Barnyard Sprouts 4-H Group would like to volunteer to plant flowers in Harby Park and to do some clean-up on Delaware St. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow the Barnyard Sprout to plant flowers in Harby Park and to do clean-up on Delaware St. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

BROOME
COUNTY
CASINO Mayor Snow presented the Board with a request from Assemblyman Crouch requesting support for a casino in Broome County. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pass a resolution in support of the casino for Broome County. Trustee Breese seconded. Trustee Breese, Trustee Reynolds, and Trustee O'Leary voted yes and Trustee Gregory voted no. Motion carried. Copy attached.

MEETING
ADJOURNED Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT
MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody L Brown, Clerk