

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, July 7, 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. Stephen McCarthy led the invocation.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$100,900.18 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$15,336.81 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$238,960.72 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$254,412.73 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 June 2014.

TERRACE AVE. WATER PROJECT Bill Brown recommended payment to DeVincentis. The mulch and grass seed is finished so the project is complete. Trustee Breese made a motion to pay the last \$2,000.00 to G. DeVincentis for the completion of the Terrace Ave. water project. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

WWTP UPGRADE-ISOLATION VALVES & PIPING John Moffett submitted the quotes for the MBT project. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion purchase piping from Schmidt’s Wholesale for \$3,658.88 and valves from RM Headlee for \$1,146.00 for valves for the upgrade project. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

PART-TIME OFFICER BEGUNOFF Chief Lauser recommending hiring Marina Begunoff as a part-time officer. Trustee Gregory requesting receiving the resume’s before the Board meetings. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hire Marina Begunoff as a part-time officer at the part-time rate of \$20.00 an hour. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Trustees Breese, O’Leary and Reynolds voted yes. Trustee Gregory voted no. Motion passed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 11 LIBERTY A public hearing had been scheduled for the violations at 11 Liberty St. Stephen Dutcher received a call from the owner, Vincent Garafolo, this afternoon stating that he would address the violations this weekend. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hire someone to secure the building and to have the backyard mowed and debris removed at the owners expense if the violations are not addressed by July 16, 2014. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS The Public Works monthly report was submitted for June 2014. The new sweeper is working well. The DPW crew has completed their work on the gazebo project.

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.

Scott Jackson of 459 Walton Woods Rd requested the Village Board reconsider dedicating one of the fields to Kathy Shelton and allowing the Little League to erect a sign. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary tabled the discussion until more research could be done.

Maureen Wacha, Walton Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone that the *Country Express* will be in Lower Bassett Park on Monday, July 14th from 6 to 8 pm.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Reynolds said thank you to the DPW crew for all the work that they did on the gazebo project.

Trustee Breese – the next meeting scheduled meetings of the “Beautification Committee” will be on July 10th and July 24th at 6:00 in the Village Hall. The committee will be deciding on a name and preparing a mission statement. The committee is working on several ideas, one being a property of distinction award. Trustee Breese will keep the Board up-to-date.

Trustee Gregory and Stephen Dutcher have started working on proposed sidewalk sale restrictions to amend the Village Code such as setting a distance from buildings, nothing on the sidewalk overnight and setting a fine for violations. The proposed code will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

Trustee O’Leary recommended hiring additional summer help. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hire Candace Russell as Swimming Lesson Supervisor at a rate of \$12.00 an hour, Dylan Fisk as a water safety instructor at a rate of \$10.00 an hour, and Joshua Astor as a lifeguard a \$9.00 an hour. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Snow again stated that brush needs to be cut in 3’ lengths and tied. Grass and leaves should be put in clear plastic bags. If brush is not cut in 3’ lengths and tied it will not be picked up and that bags that are not clear will not be picked up.

Mayor Snow was notified that the NYS DOT will not be paving Delaware St. until after the fair. They are waiting for parts that will take six weeks to be delivered. The start date is now August 18th.

The Village’s new website is up and running. Only fifteen businesses have sent in their information to be added to the website.

Mayor Snow read a letter received from The Crafty Kids 4-H group. They would like to remove the graffiti from the playground equipment in Lower Bassett Park. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to have the Crafty Kids 4-H group do a project to remove the graffiti from the playground equipment in Lower Bassett Park with project coordination from Brian Sprague, Park & Recreation Supervisor. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

WATER DEPT. FEES The clerk submitted a schedule for the water department fees. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to approve the fee schedule as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

BUDGET REVISIONS The clerk submitted budget revisions to the Board. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget revisions as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

WWTP CD RENEWAL The clerk presented the rates for the WWTP CD renewal. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to renew the WWTP CD for six months at a .36% interest rate with the Delaware National Bank of Delhi. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

HOLLEY ST. PARKING A letter received from the Henderson's was discussed regarding parking on Holley St. during the fair. Trustee Gregory made a motion to hold a public hearing on August 4th at 6:00 pm to have "No Parking" on the south side of Holley St. from South St. to Fancher Ave. during the Delaware County Fair. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Teamster's negotiations and Police Personnel at 7:15 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION Chief Laauser submitted his written resignation letter dated July 3, 2014 as Chief of Police and requesting to be returned to patrolman effective August 1, 2014. The Board accepted his resignation.

ADJOURN Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer