

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor

Reporters: Bob Cairns, The Reporter

Trustees: Teresa O'Leary, absent

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. Kirk Darville of the Assembly of God Church led the invocation.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$30,191.58 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$7,577.47 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$112,987.00 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$64,966.97 was presented to the Board.
The Small Cities fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC WORKS Matthew Myer, Dept. of Public Works Foreman, submitted the monthly report for December 2014. Mayor Snow told Matt "Thank You" for stepping in while Roger is out.

VILLAGE HALL HEATING The quotes for the heating at the Village Hall were reviewed. After discussion, Mayor Snow made a motion to have ANC replace the radiators in the Clerk's Office for the cost of \$4,425.00. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Matt will set up an appointment with ANC to discuss the heating upgrades/repairs for the theater.

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering moving ahead with the Digester project. The SEQR process is complete and they are seeking funding options for the project and they are meeting with Empire State Development on Thursday.

WWTP – DELAWARE OPERATIONS John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for December 2014. John stated that the MBT project is operational and working well.

BIDS–SLUDGE HAULING John Moffett submitted the results of the sludge hauling bids. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to award the bid for sludge hauling from the WWTP to the Delaware County Landfill for 2015 to Casella at the rate of \$11.25 per ton effective February 1st. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for December 2014. Steve stated that he will be out of the office tomorrow morning. He will be going to Middletown to meet with the Code Official regarding the Community Rating System.

Steve also stated that the State Annual Report has been completed.

POLICE DEPT. Brian diLorenzo, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for December 2014. The Chief is still doing research on the body cameras. He will keep the Board informed of the progress.

HIRE PART-TIME OFFICER Chief diLorenzo asked to hire an additional part-time officer. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hire Nicholas Baxter as a part-time police officer at the \$20.00/hour rate. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

BULLET PROOF VESTS Chief diLorenzo stated that two new vests are needed for our new officers. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase two new bullet proof vests at the cost of \$939.00 each and he will be applying for grants. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEW POLICE CAR PURCHASE Chief diLorenzo stated that a new car is needed for the Police Dept. The 2008 has over 100,000 miles and the cost of maintaining it is increasing. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to purchase a 2015 Ford Interceptor at a State Bid price of \$23,524.08 from Henderson Ford and accessories totaling \$5,000.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION On January 21st Officer Dunphy, Officer Gray and the Police Clerk, Rich Kelly will be visiting businesses to introduce themselves and to up-date the business' emergency contact information.

PUBLIC INPUT Mayor Snow opened the floor to the public. He asked all who wished to speak to stand and state their name and address.

Sandy Gregory, Stockton Ave., is concerned about the speed zone in front of Townsend School and the parking situation there as well. Chief diLorenzo will have the officers patrol the area and will look into the signage of the school zone.

Sandy Gregory, Treasurer of the First Baptist Church, submitted a letter to the Board requesting that the properties of the church be combined for the water/sewer billing. Trustee Breese made a motion to combine 55 Townsend, 59 Townsend, 61 Townsend, and 30 Platt St. into one water/sewer account. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Sandy Gregory also invited everyone to the first worship service at the new First Baptist Church's, 55 Townsend St., Sunday January 11th at 10:45 a.m.

Keath Davis, Delaware St., asked about the Board's response to the petitions he handed in at the last Board meeting. Trustee Gregory read the proposal to amend the fee schedule. After much discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to amend the fee schedule to reflect a maximum fee for a commercial roof, \$400 and \$200 for a residential roof, and a \$200 maximum for renovations/alterations. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Trustee Gregory, Trustee Reynolds and Mayor Snow all voted yes and Trustee Breese voted no. Motion Carried.

Keath Davis asked if there were any anaerobic digester around. There is one in Cortland and one in Binghamton. He also asked if there would be enough gas produced to pay back the bonds. Mayor Snow stated that there will be more than enough gas produced. Keath also asked if there were going to be any public hearings on the project to get the information to the public. Mayor Snow commented that the Board has been talking about this project at the Board meetings for months and that when we get closer with the funding that we could hold informational meetings.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Reynolds "Thanked" Matt for covering while Roger is out.

Trustee Breese – Pride Committee has received a Micro Grant to update the welcome signs at the Village entrances.

Trustee Gregory submitted the bids for the Theater floor and doors. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion award the bid to reinsulate the 9-fire exit doors at a cost not to exceed \$2,700.00 to David Gransbury per bid specs. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Gregory made a motion to award the bid to repair the Theater Lobby and storage area flooring to David Gransbury for a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 per bid specs. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snow stated that the 2013-2014 audit report was completed by Mostert, Manzanero, & Scott. Mayor Snow was very pleased with the results of the audit. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to accept the audit report. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

CBDG
FUNDING
HEARING

There is a new round of funding from CBDG for the homebuyer with a rehabilitation component. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hold a public hearing on February 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the communities views regarding the homebuyer program with the rehabilitation component. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLLING
PLACE &
HOURS

The clerk submitted a request regarding the March election. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hold the election on **Wednesday**, March 18, 2015 in the Village Hall from noon until 9:00 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

WWTP CD
RENEWAL

The clerk submitted the quoted rates for the WWTP CD. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to renew the WWTP CD of \$429,026.76 for six months with the National Bank of Delaware County at a rate of .5%.Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

VILLAGE
COURT
AUDIT

The deputy clerk submitted her audit report for the Village Court. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the audit report of the Village Court accounting records from the Deputy Clerk for the period of November 2013 – October 2014.Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT
MEETING

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

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer