

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 2, 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  
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. Steven McCarthy of the Reformed Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**CBDG GRANT FUNDING** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the public hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant Application. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Mayor introduced Lynda Hitt from Delaware Opportunities. Delaware Opportunities administers the program for the Village. The Grant money is used to help Village residents afford the down payment on a purchase of a single family residential home. This grant will also have a rehabilitation component. The application is due February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Trustee Breese made a motion to have Delaware Opportunities apply for a homebuyer's grant of \$400,000.00 with a rehabilitation component for low to moderate income homebuyers of single family, owner occupied homes for the Village and to authorize the Mayor to sign the application documents and certifications. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:

The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$39,065.78 was presented to the Board.

The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$6,475.35 was presented to the Board.

The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$76,710.21 was presented to the Board.

The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$104,057.99 was presented to the Board.

The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,866.35 was presented to the Board.

The Small Cities fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.

After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering moving ahead with the Digester project.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR** Bill Brown submitted a proposal for a financial advisor for the Digester project. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing Inc. with an initial not to exceed budget of \$5,000.00. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPT.** Brian diLorenzo, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for January 2015.

The bullet proof vests have been fitted and ordered.

Officer Dunphy and Officer Gray have completed their training.

Chief diLorenzo stated that the Village PD will be warning parents parked in front of the Townsend Elementary School during pick up. If the problem persists, they will be handing out tickets.

**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.

Maureen Wacha, South St., asked about the Joint Meeting with the Town and what would be on the agenda. The meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. will be held at the Town Hall. Ronda will be making the agenda for the meeting.

Keath Davis, Delaware St., wondered if the Village was offering any alternatives to the parking problem in front of the Elementary School.

#### **TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

Trustee Breese – The Pride Committee will be meeting on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Village Hall. The Committee is looking into grants and at applying for tax exempt status.

Trustee Gregory stated that the fire inspection had been done for the Theater and a couple of issues will need to be addressed.

The contract negotiations with the PBA will be starting this week.

The Delaware County Fair Board has decided it will not be having the Fireman's Parade this year at the Fair.

Trustee Gregory stated that the tile work and the insulation of the doors has begun in the Theater. Trustee Gregory made a motion to pay David Gransbury as per the quote that was approved when the job has been completed and inspected. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O'Leary submitted a request for Brian Sprague to attend training. This is a requirement every fifth year. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to send Brian Sprague to Certified Pool Operator Certification Course on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Binghamton and to pay the \$305.00 fee. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow stated that the heating systems in the Theater are being repaired/replaced and a big fan will be installed to circulate the heat in the auditorium.

**NY RURAL WATER MEMBERSHIP** A membership renewal invoice was submitted to the Board. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pay the NY Rural Water Association Dues of \$386.00 for water and wastewater. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CDL CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT** A copy of the Delaware County agreement for drug testing was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Delaware County Consortium for the testing for controlled substances and alcohol as required by Federal Law for employees with CDL licenses. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy of resolution attached.

**ELECTION INSPECTORS** The clerk submitted a request to appoint election inspectors for the March election. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to appoint Sylvia Fancher, Joann Pomeroy as inspectors and Maxine Locherer as an alternate inspector for the March 18<sup>th</sup> election at a rate of \$9.00 an hour. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD** Andy Jackson, Planning Board Chairman, submitted a letter to the Board requesting to change the time of the Planning Board meetings. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to change the time of the Village Planning Board meetings to the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Gregory made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the PBA contract negotiations at 6:53 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close executive session at 7:45 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN** Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer