

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

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor

Reporters: Ron Galley, The Reporter

Trustees: Teresa O'Leary

Lillian Browne, The Reporter

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. Dale Ashby of the United Methodist Church led the invocation.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$100,156.40 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$8,287.01 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$142,667.27 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,829.40 was presented to the Board.  
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,328.49 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:**

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report for June 2015.

**SOIL & WATER GRANT APPLICATION** The application for the Soil & Water Stream Management Grant is due July 13<sup>th</sup>. With the deadline for the application so close, the Board will need to make a decision on which project to apply for: Austin-Lincoln Park or Delaware River. After much discussion, Mayor Snow made a motion due submit a grant application to Soil & Water for the slope failure in the Delaware River off South St. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Mayor Snow, Trustee O'Leary, Trustee Breese, and Trustee Reynolds all voting yes. Trustee Gregory voting no. Motion carried.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to submit the application for the Austin-Lincoln project. No second.

**DELAWARE OPERATIONS** John Moffett submitted a monthly report for June 2015. Plant working fine.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Stephen Dutcher Code Enforcement Official submitted a monthly report for June 2015.

**10 GRISWOLD STREET** Stephen Dutcher has issued a Notice of Violation to Michael Costanzo owner of 10 Griswold St. for all of the rubbish on the property. Mr. Costanzo has been given 30 days to remedy the property. Trustee Gregory made a motion to have the property abated if it is not cleaned up within the 30 day period for a cost up to \$300.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**181 DELAWARE STREET** The building at 181 Delaware St. in scheduled to be demolished by fair week.

**POLICE DEPT.** Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for June 2015. The Board welcomed Tahir Haqq as our new Police Officer. The new police car has been repaired and has been stripped. The new radios will be installed soon.

**SURPLUS GUN** There is a Village owned gun in storage at the Police Department. Chief Olsen asked about the possible sale of the weapon. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to declare the gun as surplus. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. The process for the gun disposal will be looked into.

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for June 2015.

**THEATER AIR CONDITIONING** ANC Inc. was here to discuss the options to upgrade the air conditioning systems for the Theater. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to upgrade the system over the stage with ANC Inc. at the cost of \$6,800.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**AUCTION ITEMS** The Village has several items for sale on the Auctions International site. The bidding closes on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize Roger Hoyt to decide to accept the bids or not. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SIDEWALK 16 PLATT** A letter was received from Gail McNee regarding the sidewalk at 16 Platt St. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to supply the concrete for the sidewalk at 16 Platt St. at a cost of about \$1,000 with Ms. McNee supplying the labor and forms. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**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.

Keath Davis, Walton Chamber of Commerce, expressed their concern of the placement of the donated flagpole being in the back of Lower Bassett Park. They wanted it placed in the middle of the park. The Board has decided it will be placed in the site of the old gazebo as a focal point.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** Allan Reynolds – all handled with Department Head.

David Breese – Pride Committee has received a grant from the O'Connor Foundation for \$1,000.00 to use for planting between Ace Hardware and Feather 'N Stone and tarps to kill Not Weeds. Trustee Breese wanted to thank Bob Vitti for all his continued assistance with supplies and information.

Charlie Gregory – The Theater Restoration Committee is looking a ramp plans.

The Walton Fire Department will be celebrating their 150 year anniversary on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The parade will be starting at 4:00 p.m. from the Fair Grounds to the Fire Hall. There will be food for sale and activities at the Fire Hall with fireworks from More Park at dusk.

Teresa O'Leary – The summer recreation programs have started for the season.

**2014-2015 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS** Budget modifications were submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to accept the 2014-2015 Budget modifications as submitted. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**HOMECOMING PARADE** A letter was received from the Walton Central School regarding the Homecoming Parade. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to send the NYS Permit application for the Homecoming Parade for Sept. 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. from the School Bus Garage to the Fairgrounds. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WWTP CD RENEWAL/ SCREW PRESS PROJECT** The WWTP CD is up for renewal. The highest rate was received from NBDC at .60 for 12 months. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pay off the Screw Press Project B.A.N. with \$260,000.00 from the CD and \$240,000.00 from NYC DEC and renewing the balance of the CD for 12 months at a rate of .60. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:11 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TEAMSTER'S IMPASSE** Trustee Gregory made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Joint Declaration of Impasse and to proceed to mediation. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

PBA MEMO OF AGREEMENT Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Police Negotiations Committee to sign the memorandum of agreement as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

TREE REMOVAL After review of the tree removal proposals, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to have Spratley and Sons remove the trees on the list for \$13,225.00. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer