

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, August 3, 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  
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.

A moment of silence was observed.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Heather Warner, Delaware County Public Health, and Dotty Kruppo, Delaware Valley Hospital spoke about the Complete Streets Program and asked if the Board would be interested in passing a Complete Streets Policy. They submitted sample policies for the Board to review.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$34,016.54 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$6,835.50 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$108,109.47 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$20,181.90 was presented to the Board.  
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,262.71 was presented to the Board.  
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$15,000.00 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:**

**DELAWARE OPERATIONS** John Moffett submitted a monthly report for July 2015. John was unable to attend the meeting but requested the following:

**INFLUENT PUMP REPAIR** One influent pump is out of service. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to do an emergency repair of the out of service influent pump by Pump Service & Supply of Troy under the *Repairs to Equipment* budget line being split between Village 80% and NYC DEP 20% at an estimated cost of \$16,000.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**RAS/WAS PUMP** Delaware Operations recommends the replacement of one of the RAS/WAS pumps. Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase a new RAS/WAS pump from Glauber Equipment Corp. for \$9,129.00 from the *Plant Equipment* budget line being split between Village 80% and NYC DEP 20%. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EQ PUMP** Delaware Operations recommends repairing the impellers in each of the Flygt pumps. Trustee Breese made a motion to have Xylem Water Solutions USA repair the impellers in each pump at a cost of \$1,807.95 ea. from the *Repairs to Equipment* budget line being split between Village 80% and NYC DEP 20%. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CBUD FLOW METER** Delaware Operations recommends replacing the reject flow meter. Trustee Gregory made a motion to replace the CBUD Reject Flow Meter from Turnkey Control Solutions at a cost of \$3,723.43 from the *CBUD Flowmeter Service* budget line at 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ODOR ISSUES** Delaware Operations is currently designing two piping changes that are associated with sludge processing to correct the odor issues at the WWTP and is asking for approval for this project. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to approve Phase I of the odor control project at a cost of \$10,000.00. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SALE OF SCRAP – MIXERS** After approval of the Odor Control Project, Trustee Breese made a motion to declare two Air-O-Lators as scrap and sell them to the Town of Hague for \$10,000.00. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SEPTIC HAULERS** Delaware Operations recommends receiving septage from two local haulers. Trustee Breese made a motion to accept septic from Schmidt Trucking and renew the contract with Gary’s Countryside Septic for septage collected within Delaware County and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**50 GRISWOLD – NOTICE OF VIOLATION** Stephen Dutcher has issued a notice of violation and a stop work order to 50 Griswold St. for excavation in the Flood Plain. The excavation has caused erosion and a potential for a slope failure.

**181 DELAWARE ST. SIDEWALK** The Town has grant money for the replacement of the sidewalk at the 181 Delaware St. property with the assistance for the Village DPW crew to doing the frame.

**MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT** The subject of regrading and paving the Municipal Parking Lot was brought up. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to use \$20,000.00 from the CHIPS budget line to paving the parking lot with the balance of the project coming from the Town of Walton grant fund. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPT.** Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for July 2015. The new car is up and running. The cage is still on order.

**LAPTOP COMPUTER** Chief Olsen requested purchasing a new laptop. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to purchase a new laptop computer with a portable printer for the Police Dept. at a cost of \$450.00 from ISO with Windows 7 installed. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRAINING - INTERVIEWS** The Chief requested training for two officers. Trustee Breese made a motion to send Patrolmen Tallman and Dunphy to Elmira on Sept. 22 and 23 for Interview and interrogation training. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**80 GRISWOLD SIDEWALK** A written request was received from Chad Hall. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to have the concrete delivered to 80 Griswold St. with the removal of the old sidewalk and the framing be provided by the property owner. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**STUMP GRINDER** Roger Hoyt asked for permission to order a stump grinder. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to purchase a stump grinder with a shield from Eklund Family Farm Machinery at a cost of \$6,711.75. Trustee Breese seconded. Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Breese and Trustee O’Leary voting yes and Trustee Gregory voting no. Motion carried.

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

**EFC WATER PROJECT GRANT** NYS is making \$20,000,000 available for water projects administered through EFC. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to submit an application for grant funds, have Delaware Engineering prepare an engineering report, and authorize the Mayor to sign the application for a \$1,639,400 for waterline replacements with the Village portion being 40% of the project. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** Teresa O’Leary – nothing at this time.

Charlie Gregory – The Theater Preservation Committee has designs for the ramp. The cost to them will be \$5,000.00. They are asking for the help of the DPW crew. Trustee Gregory made a motion to allow the DPW crew to

coordinate with Jim Rice of the Preservation Committee to assist with the ramp. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to give Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, a 1 week paid vacation. Trustee Breese seconded. Trustee Reynold, Trustee Breese, and Trustee Gregory voted yes and Trustee O'Leary voted no. Motion carried.

David Breese – Pride Committee continues to meet twice a month. The vacant lot across from Stanton's Garage has been landscaped by volunteers of the Committee.

Allan Reynolds – nothing at this time.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow read the list of properties up for tax foreclosure this year. There are six this year but last year the Village started with a list of more than twenty.

44 Ogden St. – Gass  
10 Fair St. – Houck  
19 Shepard St. – Pesout  
17 Camp Ave. – Pesout  
139 Prospect Ave. – Saporito  
85 East St. – Woodcock

Mayor Snow read a letter that was received from the Walton Chamber of Commerce regarding the placement of the donate flag pole and the Village's response. After more discuss, the Chamber will decide if they will resend their donation and seek other sites.

**NYCOM FALL TRAINING** Mayor Snow brought the Fall Training School to the attention of the Board. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow Jody Brown and Misty Phoenix to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School from Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2015 in Lake Placid the cost of the conference is \$570.00 and \$1095.30 for the hotel room. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY SIGNS** A letter was received from Makayla Klinger. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to allow the Varsity Field Hockey team to hang wooden signs on the telephone poles in the Village with the condition that they are removed promptly at the end of the season. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEW ACCOUNT CBDG FUNDS** The Village has received notifications that they were approved the \$400,000 grant for the first time homebuyers with a renovation component. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to give the clerk permission to open a separate non-interest bearing checking account for the Grant Funds with the NBDC Bank. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**STORMWATER CD RENEWAL** The Stormwater CD with the Delaware National Bank of Delhi is expiring. Trustee Reynolds made a motion withdraw \$19,000 from the CD to do the stormwater filter maintenance project of \$19,250.00 and place the remaining balance into a CD at a rate of .50% for 12 months with NDBC Bank. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SEPT. BOARD MEETING** The September Board meeting will be held on TUESDAY, Sept. 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room. This is a change of the Meeting schedule.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the PBA contract negotiations and Police Personnel at p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Gregory made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION** After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve an exemption to Article 25 of the PBA contract regarding the 20 mile radius residency requirement to Oliver Tallman due to a family issue pending Atty. Merzig's advise. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DETECTIVE POSITION** After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to establish the position of Police Detective and promote Brian Lauser to that position with a \$1,500.00 raise of pay and give Chief Olsen a \$1,500.00 increase. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

94 MEAD ST. Erwin LaTourette received a water/sewer bill of \$770.32 for his property at 94 Mead St. This property did not have a water meter reading since 2004. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to waive WATER/SEWER BILL \$709.52 of the bill leaving the capital charges due. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the MEETING Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer