

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, November 2, 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.

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 \$45,540.87 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$8,133.49 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$212,740.74 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$14,148.10 was presented to the Board.  
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$36.88 was presented to the Board.  
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$82,590.02 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:**

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT** Matthew Myer, Department of Public Works Foreman, submitted a monthly report for October 2015.

**H.E.O. ADVERTISEMENT** A resignation letter was received from Frederick Hatfield effective December 31, 2015. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to advertise for a full-time position with heavy equipment operator experience. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report for October 2015. The biogas digester project is on track and is in the design phase. The funding applications have been submitted and contract negotiations with industries have been initiated.

**DELAWARE OPERATIONS** John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for October 2015. The WWTP is working fine.

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

**MIXED USE DISTRICT** Stephen Dutcher submitted a proposal from the Planning Board regarding the new mixed use district. Trustee Gregory made a motion to have the Zoning Board look at the proposed mixed use district map and local law language. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPT.** Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for October 2015.

**PUBLIC INPUT** The Mayor invited anyone who wanted to speak to state their name and address.

Donald Todd of 146 North St. stated that he would save the questions he has about the Biogas Digester Project until the public meeting. He did ask if the project would continue if the Kraft plant closes. Mayor Snow said that the project would be put on hold if Kraft leaves the Village. The Mayor also stated that he has been in contact with several of the Kraft/Heinz representatives.

Keath Davis of 80 Delaware St. stated the Kraft is looking for a reduction in their assessment and for flood mitigation.

**TRUSTEES** Trustee Gregory – The Fire Department’s survey of the fire hydrants has been completed.

Trustee Gregory also questioned the new stripping on Delaware St. near Townsend St. There is still a legal turning lane in that area.

Trustee Reynolds said Thank you to all the DPW employees for all the work that was completed this season.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** The Mayor answered the Kraft issue during Public Input.

**ELECTION NOTICE** The clerk requested permission to publish a notice for the March 2016 election. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to publish a legal notice in The Reporter for the March 2016 election designating the offices up for election for the term. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PEACE CASTLE LIQUOR LICENSE** A letter was received from Mustafa Sav regarding the liquor license for the Castle. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve a waiver of the 30 day notification. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**GATES – WATER/SEWER BILL** A letter was received from Andrew Gates. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to reduce the sewer portion of the water/sewer bill to reflex the average usage of 11,000 because of a water leak that the water did not go through the sewer system. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNT** The Clerk requested permission to open a new bank account. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to open a bank account for accepting credit/debit cards and e-checks. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Gregory made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 6:47 p.m. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken in executive session.

**ADJOURN** Trustee Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer