

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, December 7, 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. Lisa Mays led the invocation.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$115,457.67 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$33,202.86 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$146,011.99 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,105.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$45,055.25 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee seconded. Carried unanimously.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report from November 2015. All projects are on schedule and grant funding will be announced this month. A public hearing will be held in early 2016.

**DELAWARE OPERATIONS** John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for November 2015. The plant was working well in November.

**SLUDGE HAULING BIDS** John Moffett asked to get bids for the sludge hauling. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for the sludge hauling from the WWTP to the Delaware County Landfill for 2016. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**TRAINING - CODE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS** Stephen Dutcher requested permission to attend training. After discussion, Trustee Gregory made a motion to approve the training request to send Steve to Owego on December 9 and 10 at a cost of \$30.00, to be split with the Town of Walton, to complete his certification hours. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ASSOCIATION DUES** Steve stated that it is time to pay dues. After review, Trustee Gregory made a motion to pay the 2016 flood Association Dues at a cost of \$140.00 to be split with the Town of Walton. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED MIXED USE ZONE** After review of the proposed mixed use district, the Board decided to get public input at the next Village Board meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE DEPT.** Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for November 2015. The Chief stated that the part-time officers have been stepping up to cover for the full-time officers that are out. The Board thanked them also for their service.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT** Matthew Myer, Department of Public Works Foreman, submitted a monthly report for November 2015. The Mayor thanked Matt for taking the lead while Roger is out and said that he is doing a great job.

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** Matt Myer recommended Keith Murphy to fill the H.E.O. position. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to hire Keith Murphy at the rate of \$18.73 effective December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT** The Mayor invited anyone who wanted to speak to state their name and address. The Mayor read a letter received from Robert and Debra Pesout requesting that the Village Code be changed to allow honey bees.

Andy Jackson – WCS- stated that the proximity to the High School grounds was a concern.

David Cucciare, a neighbor to the Pesout's, also voiced concerns because they have had several bee stings. They are unable to use their back deck or yard. Mr. Cucciare also stated that there are family members that are allergic to bee stings. The bees make it very difficult to do their yardwork.

Nancy Stuligross, stated that her husband is allergic to bees. Mrs. Stuligross also voiced her concern for the residents of Walton. She is aware that there specific traffic patterns for bees. And that after a bees stings, it calls for more bees to come. Mrs. Stuligross strongly suggests that the Board doesn't allow bees in the Village.

Amanda Reeder stated that bees are allowed in NYC and that many schools are studying bees. She also stated that the honey bee population is declining.

Michael Stuligross stated that he cannot go to his brother-in-law's house because of his allergy and the bees are next door.

The Mayor polled the Trustees. Trustee O'Leary has concerns. She doesn't like that bees would cause concerns for neighbors and that if the Village allowed the code change the Village will have liability if the someone gets stung. Trustee Gregory's family used to have goats on Stockton Ave. but with the adverse reactions and risks he feels we should keep the code as is. Trustee Breese stated that there are potential problems and there are current problems so he feels that it isn't a compatible use in the Village. Trustee Reynolds stated that he might like a hive, but is aware of the concerns. Mayor Snow that with all the Trustees feeling the same, that the code will stay as it is.

**TRUSTEES** Trustee Reynolds – The DPW and Matt are doing a good job. The lights on Bridge St. should be working.

Trustee Breese – nothing at this time.

Trustee O'Leary – everything handled by the Chief.

Trustee Gregory submitted his resignation letter effective 12/31/2015 and stated that it has been a good Board to work with. The Mayor presented Trustee Gregory with a plaque and best wishes in his new role as Town Supervisor.

**TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT** The Mayor recommended Tim Maguire to fill the Trustee seat vacated by Trustee Gregory. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Tim Maguire as Trustee effective January 1, 2016. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. Tim Maguire said thanks for the opportunity.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. The Mayor presented two resolutions to the Board.

**KRAFT RESOLUTION** After review of the Kraft-Heinz Resolution, Trustee Gregory made a motion to pass the resolution as submitted. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION** After review of the Complete Streets Resolution that was submitted to the Board, Trustee Gregory made a motion pass the Complete Streets Resolution as submitted. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

- 2015-2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS The clerk submitted budget adjustments to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to amend the 2015-2016 Budget as presented. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.
- D.V.H. SIGN REQUEST A letter was received from D.V.H. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to put 15 mile an hour speed limit signs on Titus Place and Robinson Ave. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- TOWN OF WALTON PAVING INVOICE An invoice from the Town of Walton was presented to the Board. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to pay the \$20,000.00 invoice to the Town of Walton for the paving of the parking lot. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.
- T.P.A.S. AGREEMENT The annual service agreement was received from Delaware County Planning. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the annual planning advisory service agreement for 2016 at the budgeted cost of \$3,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 2014-2015 AUDIT A draft copy of the 2014-2015 Audit was presented to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to accept the 2014-2015 Financial Audit from Mostert, Manzanero & Scott and authorize the Mayor to sign the consent letter. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.
- BRIAN ALLEN CONSTRUCTION Brian Allen Construction will be finishing up the 2015 Court Grant and submitted an invoice. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pay Brian Allen Construction \$6545.00 for materials and for the replacement windows in the Village Court from the grant funds received. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Gregory made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 7:25 p.m. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Gregory seconded. Carried unanimously.
- No action taken in executive session.
- ADJOURN Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, January 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer