

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 1, 2016, 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, absent

David Breese

Timothy Maguire

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.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL Trustee Reynolds made a motion to open the Public Hearing for hearing public opinion regarding Local Law 2016-1, Mixed Use District. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL

LAW 2016-1 Eleanor Anbari, 17 Griswold St, asked why the area for the mixed use is so big and why Griswold and High St.? What about signs and parking. Ms Anbari feels that Griswold and High should be left alone.

Joan McClenon, 83 Mead St., stated that won't be any recourse for a business opening up next door and asked about parking and why just the south side of Mead St.?

Michael DeGroat, 10 Townsend St., stated that there is some value to the rezoning for Townsend & Liberty St. that are currently in the business district where you cannot have a residence on the first floor. This makes it hard to sell or to rent. These buildings were originally built as residences and now there is no flexibility for use. The new zoning will be more flexible. He is also concerned about the setbacks.

Trustee Breese asked for clarification from Steve Dutcher, Code Enforcement or Shelly Johnson, Delaware County Planning, regarding how it was decided about the new zone. Shelly Johnson responded that this was looked at years ago when the new zoning law was put in place. A district need to be continuous, no spot zoning. The current trend is changing back from businesses to residences. The parking issues are addressed in other sections of the Village Code. Use variances is must cases should be denied. The mixed use zone is addressing issues that keep coming up before the ZBA.

The Mayor suggested removing Benton, Griswold, and High St. from the mixed use district.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken by the Board.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$29,252.78 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,563.86 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$140,040.83 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,100.00 was presented to the Board.
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$7,636.25 was presented to the Board.
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Maguire made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher Code Enforcement Official submitted a monthly report for January 2016. The new Flood Maps have been completed by FEMA. A new local law with additional language will need to be adopted and approved by FEMA and NYS DEC to remain compliant with or lose eligibility for the community to purchase flood insurance. The Board will need to address at the March meeting.

FLOOD TRAINING Steve Dutcher requested permission to attend training. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to send Steve Dutcher to continuing flood training at Saratoga Springs on May 16th – May 18th at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 with the Town paying half. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

PROPERTY VIOLATIONS Steve Dutcher has sited four properties for unsafe conditions and is requesting a hearing date if violations are not taken care of. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to have the hearing on March 7th at 6:00 p.m. for 53 Stockton Ave.-roof, 19 Shepard St. – Porch, 29 Shepard St. – Porch, 98 ½ St. John St. rubbish & porch, and 100 St. John St. rubbish and porch. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPT. Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for January 2016 and said Thank You to the NYS Police, the Delaware County Sheriff's Department and our officers for all the work that they have been doing in the Village.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT Matthew Myer, Department of Public Works Foreman, submitted a monthly report for January 2016. Matt was unable to attend.

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report from January 2016. Currently in contract negotiations with industries who will utilize the digester. The Townsend St. Project is being reviewed for options and potential sources of financing.

DELAWARE OPERATIONS John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for January 2016, but was unable to attend.

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

Dave Cornwell, 4 Wells St., expressed his concern about Police coverage. He was wondering if the Board has considered increasing coverage. The Mayor stated that we are waiting for a current Civil Service List and that increasing the police force has an impact on the budget.

Frank Wood, 87 Stockton Ave., presented handouts to the Board regarding revenue bonds and information about anaerobic digesters and other funding sources.

Maureen Wacha, 2 South St., wondered if a date had been set for the informational meeting regarding the digester. The Walton Chamber of Commerce is requesting a copy from Delaware Engineering regarding costs and revenue for the digester project.

Domonic Milazzo, 32 Maple St., wondered why the Village was getting into private business. Jim Suozzo stated that several communities have started digesters such as Cortland and Johnstown. The digester will be a good source of revenue.

Len Govern, 1227 East River Rd., asked who the Bond Council is for the Village. The clerk responded that Joan Blikamp of Walsh & Walsh is the Village's bond council. He also asked if the \$1.5 million grant will cover the cost of the pipeline. The Mayor responded that it will be enough for the pipeline.

Donald Todd, 146 North St., asked about the additional truck traffic on South St. There should only be about 5 trucks coming in and one going out.

Keath Davis, 80 Delaware St., warned about changing the code to be more restrictive for business' in the flood plain.

Robert Vitti, 6413 Dunk Hill Rd., complained about the permit fee for a roof. Steve Dutcher responded to Mr. Vitti that a maximum amount was placed on the roof permit fee. Mr. Vitti also complained about sewer units for business'.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snow read a letter regarding grant request. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize Jon Brooks and Lori Connolly to submit two grant requests for the summer recreation programs, one for \$5,000 and one for \$1,000 on behalf of the Village. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

2016 ELECTION INSPECTORS The clerk submitted the proposed election inspectors. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to appoint Sylvia Fancher, lead inspector, JoAnne Pomeroy and Maxine Locherer as inspectors for the March 15, 2016 election at a rate of \$9.00 an hour. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ELECTION NOTICE A legal notices needs to be posted by March 5th. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the legal notice for the March 15th election at the Village Hall from noon until 9:00 p.m. with the candidates and their addresses and the term. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

BOND RESOLUTION The Bond Resolution was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to pass the Bond Resolution as submitted for the water meter project for a not to exceed amount of \$250,000.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

WATER METER PROJECT

2015-2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS The clerk submitted amendments to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the amendments as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING A M.O.U. was submitted to the Board. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the memorandum of understanding with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District for the implementation of the West Branch Delaware River Stream Corridor Management Plan. Trustee Maguire seconded. Carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTING/PAYROLL SOFTWARE The clerk submitted a quote to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the purchase of new accounting and payroll software for a cost not to exceed \$23,500.00 to be split between the General, Water, and Sewer funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Breese made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel at 7:55 p.m. Trustee Maguire seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

PART-TIME OFFICER Trustee Breese made a motion to hire Fredrick Babcock Jr. as a part-time police officer so he can attend the Police Academy. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Trustee Maguire seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer