

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor

Reporters: Abbey Butler, The Reporter

Trustees: Teresa O'Leary

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.

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

APPOINTMENTS: David Breese and Allan Reynolds were re-elected for two years as Village Trustees. Chad Hall was elected as Village Justice to complete the last year of a four year term.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$53,400.53 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$13,332.20 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$262,713.09 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$530.00 was presented to the Board.
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$59,735.10 was presented to the Board.
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$67,322.50 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

DPW Matthew Myer, Department of Public Works Foreman, submitted a monthly report for March 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report from March 2016.

TOWNSEND ST. SLOPE PROJECT Bill Brown brought the Board up-to-date on the Townsend St. Project. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the DASNY Project Information Sheet and the Board commitment of a minimum of 30% Village contribution of Project Costs for Townsend St. Slope Stabilization Project. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

SEQR – TYPE II ACTION Trustee Reynolds made a motion to declare the Project a Type II action under SEQR, WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides actions identified in the subdivision (c) of the section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Walton hereby determines that the proposed Village of Walton Townsend St. Slope Stabilization Project is a Type II action in accordance with NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (1) maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and is therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEC PERMIT Bill Brown stated that a DEC permit would be required for this project. Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the stream disturbance permit application to NYS DEC for the Townsend St. Project.

WATER ST. FEASABILITY STUDY The Village was awarded a grant from the Catskill Watershed Corp. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a Feasibility Study. Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. for a Water Street Utilities Relocation Feasibility Study. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

DELAWARE OPERATIONS John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for March 2016.

SALE OF SCRAP The City of Cortland is interested in the old odor control hood. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to declare the old odor control hood as surplus and sell it to the City of Cortland for \$500.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

CONTRACT SPORTS Sportfield Specialties has inquired about industrial wastewater disposal at the WWTP. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Sportfield Specialties to dispose of their industrial waste at the WWTP. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher Code Enforcement Official submitted a monthly report for March 2016. Soil & Water will be paying for the cost of the training and the hotel costs for the Floodplain Training.

PUBLIC HEARINGS Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hold a public hearing on Local Law 2016-1 for the amending of Chapter 25 Flood Damage Prevention. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hold a public hearing on Local Law 2016-2 for the amending of Chapter 53 to add a Mixed Use District. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

NYSEG REGULATOR NYSEG submitted as site plan to the Village Planning Board to put a regulatory on their property on Delaware St. The Village Planning Board has approved the plans and it is now waiting for the Delaware County Planning Board’s opinion. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the conditional use for a regulator to be installed at the NYSEG Delaware St. location pending the Delaware County Planning Board favorable opinion. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPT. Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for March 2016.

PART-TIME OFFICER SMITH The Eligibles List for Police Officer was received from Delaware County. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hire Aaron Smith as a part-time over 20 hours a week police officer from the eligibles list. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Paul Wood, Camp Ave., questioned why the Sportfield Specialty would bring their waste here, why not to Delhi and is there capacity at the plant for it. Bill Brown stated that Sportfield Specialty approached the Village and that the WWTP had capacity for their wastewater.

Paul Wood also asked why would you continue to spend and design the digester if the contracts weren’t in place? When will the unanswered questions be addressed?

TRUSTEE REPORTS: David Breese - Pride in Walton Committee met on March 24th. On April 23rd they will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Delaware St. and Prospect Ave. to continue cutting weeds. All volunteers are welcome.

Trustee O’Leary, Maguire, and Reynolds – everything already covered by Dept. Heads.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Snow stated that the updates to the Digester had already been covered.

BARNYARD SPROUTS A letter was received from the Barnyard Sprouts 4-H Group. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow the Barnyard Sprouts to plant flowers and paint and seal the flowers box in Harby Park. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

EASTERN STAR PARKING A letter was submitted to the Board regarding overnight parking in the pool parking lot. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow the members of the Eastern Star to park overnight in the pool parking lot on May 12, 2016 – May 13, 2016. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

CHAMBER – A letter was received from the Walton Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow LOWER BASSETT the Walton Chamber of Commerce to use Lower Bassett Park for free concerts on June 13, July 11 and August 8, 2016 with rain dates on the Wednesday of that week if needed. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

REIMBURSEMENT The clerk requested permission to pay the reimbursement voucher for Justice Hall. Trustee Reynolds COURT made a motion reimburse Justice Hall for his Justice Court Training Expenses with the prepaid invoices. TRAINING Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE Trustee O’Leary made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations at 6:55 p.m. SESSION Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee O’Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in MEETING the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer