

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, May 2, 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, absent

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 Larry Light of the New Hope Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the public hearing regarding **Local Law 2016-1** regarding Flood Damage Prevention. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW 2016-1 A new FEMA map and updated language was received and needs to be approved to stay compliant regarding substantial damage and critical facilities in the floodplain. There was no public input or questions.

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Breese made a motion to pass Local Law 2016-1 as presented. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW 2016-2 Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the public hearing regarding **Local Law 2016-2** Multi-use district. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Steve Dutcher restated the reason for the change in the zoning is due to houses in the business district not being able to be used as residences on the first floor. Michael DeGroat stated that he was in favor of the multi-use district. No further input or questions from the public.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Breese made a motion to pass Local Law 2016-2 as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Trustees Breese and Reynolds and Mayor Snow voting yes, Trustee O'Leary voting no. Motion passed.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$16,083.18 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,617.33 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$22,080.72 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$14.98 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 \$507.50 was presented to the Board.
The Water Meter Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$18,831.75 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:

VILLAGE ENGINEER Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report from April 2016. The Townsend St. Project is moving forward and the soil nail contractor will be here in mid-July. Water St. feasibility study will be completed this month.

DELAWARE OPERATIONS John Moffett of Delaware Operations submitted a monthly report for April 2016. The issues at the WWTP continue with problems from chlorine.

SLUDGE DELIVERIES Butt's Excavating, Inc. would like to bring residential septage to the WWTP. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an annual disposal agreement with Butt's Excavating, Inc. for residential septage within Delaware County at a rate of \$.05 per gallon. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher Code Enforcement Official submitted a monthly report for April 2016. Steve will be attending a conference May 16 – 18 in Saratoga Springs for Stormwater & Floodplain Manger, May 26th in Delhi for Floodplain Management sponsored by D.E.C. and June 21-22 for mandatory code update training in Binghamton.

PROPERTY MAINTANENCE RECOGNITION Steve Dutcher would like to recognize two property owners for their investment in our community. Gail McNee for purchasing 14 Platt St. and fixing it up and for maintaining 60 Townsend St. Corey Northrup for purchasing and rehabbing 38 Townsend St. and 8 Benton Ave.

TIRE DUMPSTER Steve mentioned that there will be a dumpster at the Town Garage for old tires. Tires can be dropped off between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 19 – 21. There is no fee for this service and the Walton Pride Committee will be assisting with pick-up for the elderly and disabled.

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

RADAR SYSTEM The NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice Services donated a Stalker Patrol Dual Deck Radar to the Village Police Dept. estimated value of \$2325.00.

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

WATER WORKS CONFERENCE Matt Myer stated that the water works conference is coming in June. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to send Roger Hoyt, Matt Myer, Ernest Smith, Jr. and Jon Hoffman to the water works conference in Sidney on June 9th at a cost of \$30.00 each. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Maureen Wacha, Walton Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Community Lawn Sale will be held on July 1 and 2. Sign up by calling 865-6656. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to waive the lawn sale registration for this week-end. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Karen Inglis, South St., asked about a noise ordinance in the Village. She stated that a house across the street is loud and there is fighting. Chief Olsen told Karen to call the police department anytime. There is a state law that covers this problem and the police will respond to every call.

Frank Wood, Stockton Ave., gave the Board an outline, copies of recent articles on milk and a trade publication. His point is that the dairy industry is going out.

Paul Wood, Camp Ave., inquired about the unanswered questions from the Digester Meeting. Mayor Snow stated that he will have the answers at the June meeting.

Bruce DuMond, Townsend St., stated that he has done the calculations. He feels that the project is not technically sound and it is not financially feasible. He feels we should have a third party do the calculations.

Keath Davis, Delaware St., stated he has spoken with someone at the Public Service Commission and that we should have an outside company verify information.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Reynolds – covered by Department Head.

Trustee Breese – Pride Committee removed Knotweed at the corner of Delaware St. & Prospect Ave. The next meeting will be May 26 @ 6 p.m. The flower barrels will be placed the second week in May.

Trustee Maguire - absent

Trustee O'Leary – Summer Programs Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hire for the summer parks and recreation positions as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. The pool will open on July 1st and lessons will start on July 5th. We will be having Arts & Crafts, tennis, boys basketball again this year and adding girls basketball and field hockey.

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

JUNK IN THE TRUCK A letter was received requesting permission to use Village property. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion allow Walton Gently Used to use the Village parking lot (by the Loft/Bowling Alley) for a “Junk in the Truck” Sale on June 11th from 9-3 with a rain date of June 18th. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:14 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEW HIRE – LABORER After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to advertise to hire a full-time Laborer for the Dept. of Public Works. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy affixed to budget.

SALARIES Trustee O'Leary made a motion to set the salaries for the part-time employees as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

SERGEANT After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to promote Brian Lauser to Sergeant. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING There will be a special meeting on May 12th at 9:00 a.m. to approve abstracts.

ADJOURN Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer