

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary
David Breese
Allan Reynolds, absent
Steven Sehen
Clerk: Jody Brown

Reporters: Abby Butler, The Reporter
Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend

Mayor Edward H. Snow, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Rev. Larry Light from the New Hope Church led the invocation.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$37,197.71 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,892.31 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$268,805.73 was presented to the Board.
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$19,200.00 was presented to the Board.
The Water Meter Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.
The Screw Press Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,487.38 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,148.18 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher Code Enforcement Official submitted a monthly report for October 2016. He stated that the walk up the East Brook Corridor with the property owners went well. He will be scheduling on for the West Brook Corridor as well.

CODE TRAINING Stephen Dutcher said he is short a few hours of training and requested permission to attend training. Trustee Breese made a motion for Steve to attend STBOA training at the cost of \$30.00 to receive 4 hours of continuing education credits. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

FLOOD COMMISSION A resolution was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to pass the resolution of support for the selection of an Engineering consultant, Milone & MacBroom, to the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District's Stream Management Program for use with the Village of Walton. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

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

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT Paul Olsen stated that notification was received from the Community Foundation Grant has been approved. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to accept the grant from the Community Foundation in the amount of \$11,850.00 for the TRACS systems. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

RIFLE GRANT Paul Olsen requested permission to apply for a grant. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to authorize the Police Department to apply for a grant from the NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$1,776.98 for rifles. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT Roger Hoyt, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a written report for October 2016.

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

WATER ST. Bill Brown stated that an additional study have been requested. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion

FEASIBILITY STUDY	to amend the Delaware Engineering agreement for the Water St. Utilities Feasibility Study to add an environmental site assessment, contingent upon CWC approval authorizing additional grant funding to fund the ESA Amendment to increase project cost by \$9,500.00. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
PUBLIC INPUT	<p>The Mayor invited anyone who wanted to speak to state their name and address.</p> <p>Maureen Wacha and Keath Davis of the Walton Chamber of Commerce will be putting up the Christmas lights this weekend. Keath asked if anyone from the Village had a contact with NYSEG so the Chamber could get the Christmas lights turned on for West St.</p> <p>Maureen Wacha, South St., complained that she received a letter because she hadn’t scheduled an appointment to have the water meter changed at her apartment house on Union St.</p> <p>Bob Vitti, West St., stated that he felt his water was over stated on his bill. He had stopped in the Village Office today to question his readings for 44 West St. and 38 West. St.</p>
TRUSTEE REPORTS	<p>Trustee Breese the WTPA met on October 18th. The new display cases are underway. The stain glass windows have been repaired and are being put back in place. Arts in the Parlor will be starting again from January to May and September to November.</p> <p>Trustee Sehen everything covered by Department Head.</p> <p>Trustee O’Leary asked if anyone was present from the Walton – A Community That Cares group. There was no one present from the association, so she stated that her questions could wait.</p>
MAYOR’S REPORT	<p>Mayor Snow read a letter received from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Christmas Parade. The Walton Lion’s Club will be co-sponsoring the parade. Trustee Sehen made a motion to hold the Christmas parade on November 26th from the school bus garage to Bridge St. to Water St. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mayor Snow read a letter from Town Supervisor Gregory regarding the reassessment of SFCU. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to pay \$1,568.29 towards the cost of the litigation associated with the Sidney Federal Credit Union assessment challenge. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.</p>
2017 ELECTION NOTICE	The 2017 Village Election will be held on March 21 st for: Mayor – 2 year term, two Trustees – 2 year terms and Justice – 4 year terms. Mayor Trustee O’Leary made a motion to authorize the clerk to put the legal notice in The Reporter designating the offices to be filled and the terms. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
2015-2016 AUDIT	The Draft Audit was received from Mostert, Manzanero and Scott. Mayor Snow commented that it is the seconded year in a row without recommendations. Trustee O’Leary said thank you and congratulations to Jody, Misty and Jessica. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to accept the audit as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
CLOSE BANK ACCOUNTS	The clerk requested permission to close five bank accounts; Water Bond, Screw Press checking and savings, and the WWTP Upgrade checking and savings. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to close the requested accounts. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Trustee O’Leary made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Digester negotiations at 6:52 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>No action taken in Executive Session.</p> <p>Trustee Sehen made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.</p>
181 DELAWARE STREET	After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to waive the penalties from the water/sewer bills from the Delaware County portion of the 181 Delaware St. bill. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee Breese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
MEETING in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer