

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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

Reporters: Abbey Butler, The Reporter  
Attorney: David Merzig, 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. Lisa Mays of the United Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$43,196.51 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,870.03 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$180,410.06 was presented to the Board.  
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 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 \$3,990.99 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Capital Upgrade fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,360.20 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:**

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for January 2017.

**CBUD COMPRESSOR PROJECT** The legal notice for the bids will be in The Reporter on Wednesday. The bid opening is set for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The recommendation to award the bids will be presented at the March meeting.

**CEDARWOOD** Jason Craig, Cedarwood Engineering Services, submitted a monthly report for January 2017.

**SLUDGE BUILDING LIGHTS** Jason Craig recommended the installation of LED lighting in the sludge building. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to have Taggart Electric install LED lighting in the sludge building for \$9,640.00 from the building maint. budget line. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPT.** Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for January 2017.

**RIFLE GRANT AWARD** The notice of award was received for the rifle grant. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to accept the \$1,660.00 grant from NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice Services. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to purchase the rifles from Amchar Wholesale Inc. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for January 2017. The Board "Thanked" Steve for getting 2 North St. cleaned up and also the Town of Walton for letting the items be temporarily stored on Town property.

**COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM** Steve Dutcher is working on gaining more points for the Community Rating System and submitted a resolution for approval. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the resolution titled Program for Public Information. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Steve Dutcher will also need to amend Chapter 35 – Littering and Disposal of Waste. Trustee Breese made a motion to hold a public hearing on Local Law 2017-2 to amend Chapter 35. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC  
INPUT**

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

Paula O'Brien, Walton Theatre Preservation Association, spoke about the projects completed and the 2017 projects including a new stage curtain system and possibly extending the stage.

Paul Wood, Camp Ave., read a prepared statement regarding the biodigester project.

**22 GARDINER  
WATER LEAK** A letter was sent to the Board from Joan VanLoan regarding a \$300.00 expense she incurred repairing a water leak and requested the Board reduce her bill accordingly. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to reduce the sewer portion of her bill by \$12.49 for the cost of the water that did not go into the sewer system. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S  
REPORT**

Mayor Snow read a statement regarding the Village's water quality in response to a statement that was made by a member of the School Board. The Village water does NOT contain high lead levels.

**LOCAL LAW  
2017-1  
FORECLOSURES**

The clerk submitted a proposed amendment for the tax foreclosure process. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hold a public hearing March 6, 2017 to hear public opinion on Local Law 2017-1, a local law to set the period of time for tax delinquency enforcement. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ELECTION  
INSPECTORS**

The clerk submitted for appointment the names for Election Inspectors. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to appoint Maxine Locherer as led inspector, Joanne Pomeroy, and Mary Cullen as election inspectors for the 2017 Village Election on March 21<sup>st</sup> at a rate of \$9.70 an hour. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and police personnel at 7:01 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Sehen made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DRUG**

**INVESTIGATIONS** Chief Olsen asked for money for investigations. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to approve the Chief's request for \$500.00 to assist with drug investigations. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CELL PHONES**

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to purchase two cell phones for the police department at a cost not to exceed \$350.00 and the plans of \$20.00 per month each. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**64 EAST ST.**

Trustee Breese made a motion to sell 64 East St. at auction if Mr. Robinson is willing or by sealed bids if he is not and to advertise in the newspapers for a couple weeks with a \$5,000 minimum. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT  
MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer