

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 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. Steven McCarthy of the Reformed Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING  
LOCAL LAW  
2017-1**

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the public hearing for a local law to set the period of time for tax delinquency enforcement from three years to two years. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow asked if there were any questions or comments. No public input.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Sehen made a motion to pass Local Law 2017-1 as presented. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING  
LOCAL LAW  
2017-2**

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open the public hearing for a local law to amend Chapter 35 "Littering and Disposal of Refuse". Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow asked if there were any questions or comments. No public input. Stephen Dutcher explained that the local law is to earn more points for the Community Rating System.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to pass Local Law 2017-2 as presented. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$49,372.73 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$12,463.46 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$128,697.21 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 \$31,022.65 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

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

**CBUD  
EFFLUENT  
PIPING** Jason Craig recommended the purchase of replacement flanges. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to purchase replacement for all the filter banks from Schmidt's Wholesale in the amount of \$3,498.25 from the G8130.210 budget line which is 100% NYC DEP expense. Trustee Breese seconded Carried unanimously.

**INFLUENT  
VALVE** Jason Craig requested permission to purchase replacement valve. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to purchase a new influent valve at the cost of \$7,000.00 from R.M. Headlee from the G8130.520 budget line which is a 100% NYC DEP expense. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**INTERNSHIPS** S.U.N.Y. Delhi and S.U.N.Y. Oneonta have reached out to Chief Olsen regarding internships. The insurance would be covered by the colleges. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to allow internships with the S.U.N.Y colleges that allow for ride alongs. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for February 2017. Steve will be conducting training classes to gain more points for the Community Rating System. On March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Steve will be meeting with the local Real Estate agents in the Conference Room at the Soil and Water location on West St. Also on March 15<sup>th</sup> Steve will be meeting at the Village Hall at 2:00 with First-time Homebuyers or any interested party.

**VILLAGE CODE CODIFICATION** The last time the Village Code was codified was in the 1970's so there are code that are out of date. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to work with General Code on the recodification of the Village Code for \$13,500.00. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**CBUD AIR COMPRESSORS** The bid opening for the air compressors was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and four bids were received. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to award the WWTP CBUDSF Air Compressor System, Contract VW1-G-17 to S&H Mechanical Inc. for the base bid contract price of \$95,900.00. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Trustee O'Leary made a motion authorize the Mayor to sign all the contract documents. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CWC GRANT AMENDMENT** The Catskill Watershed Corp. has amended the Grant for the relocation of utilities feasibility study for Water St. for an additional \$9,500.00. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment to the existing agreement between the Village of Walton and the C.W.C. for implementation of flood hazard mitigation implementation recommendations modifying Article 3 of the agreement to increase not to exceed payment to the Village to \$29,500 for the project. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT** The Mayor invited anyone who wanted to speak to state their name and address.  
Robert Pesout, 17 Camp Ave., spoke about his objection to the Delaware County Mental Health Clinic expanding to the Fancher Ave. location.  
Steve Harrison, 26 Fitch St., was concerned about the wet lands at that location.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** Trustee Breese attended the Walton Theatre Preservation Association on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Topics of discussion were the ceiling in the lobby and their booth at the Delaware County Fair. The next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow read a letter from the Walton Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the use of Lower Bassett Park for free concerts sponsored by the Walton Chamber of Commerce, waiving the rental fee, upon completion of the park rental application for June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and August 21st. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ELECTION NOTICE** A legal notice needs to be published by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the clerk to publish an Election Notice in The Reporter stating the polling place, hours the poll will be open, the names and addresses of the candidates with office and term. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DELAWARE COUNTY STIPULATION** The resolution for the joint sale of tax acquired properties was submitted to the Board. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to pass a resolution to enter into a stipulation with Delaware County regarding the enforcement of unpaid Village tax. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2016-2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS** The clerk submitted budget amendments to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to amend the 2016-2017 Budget as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**FIRSTTIME HOMEBUYER** A first-time homebuyer request was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to approve application W4-81 in the amount of \$25,000.00 Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRAINING** The Deputy Clerk has requested permission to attend training. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve Misty Phoenix to attend training regarding the NYS retirement system reporting requirements on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Sidney at no cost. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

OSC is offering a seminar for local Officials. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve Mayor Snow, Trustee O'Leary, and Trustee Sehen to go to an O.S.C. seminar in Oneonta on April 6<sup>th</sup> at no cost. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS** The Planning Board would like to change the schedule of their meetings. Trustee Breese made a motion to hold the Planning Board meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations at 7:03 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer