

A special meeting of the Village of Walton Board of Trustees was held on April 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton, NY.

Present:

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr.

Reporters: Lillian Browne

Trustees: Teresa O'Leary, absent

David Breese

Allan Reynolds

Steven Sehen

Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend

Village Clerk – Jody Brown

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Trustee Reynolds made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Public Input – Lillian Browne asked what the increase is and the Mayor responded that we are staying within the 1.15 % allowed for the property tax cap. Lillian Browne stated that she feels the Village does not need a Police Dept. She has spoken with Undersheriff Craig DuMond and the Delaware County Sheriff's department would be gladly take over the P.D. No one else was in attendance.

Trustee Breese stated that all Department Heads pitched in to make more cuts and to go without new equipment.

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

Trustee Breese made a motion to pass the 2017-2018 Budget as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Breese made a motion to raise the sewer charges to 87.07% of the water. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NYS COMPTROLLER REPORT** Lillian Browne asked about the NYS Comptroller's report regarding the Digester Project. Mayor Snow and Trustee Breese both stated that after repeatedly telling the auditors that they were missing key pieces of financial information like the NYSERTA money and the 1.5 million dollar Grant NOT being for only the pipeline, they released the report without the corrections. They also both stated that the Village Board has said over and over that we wouldn't continue with the project if contracts we not obtained.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Breese made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 6:35 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** Trustee Breese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L Brown, Clerk