

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, May 1, 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:
Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Snow held a brief moment of silence.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$18,287.05 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$6,310.23 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$121,398.97 was presented to the Board.
The Digester Capital fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 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:

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for April 2017. Steve updated the Board on a number of properties he has been addressing.
2 North St. – the “stuff” in growing, working with property owner at this point.
60 High St. – multiple derby cars, now down to one.
11 Liberty St. – property owner notified
15 Griswold St. – no one is to be residing on the third floor, ZBA meeting scheduled for May 24th at 6:00 p.m.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for April 2017. Matthew Myer was present to answer questions.

SAFETY TRAINING Annual safety training available on May 2nd. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to approve all the Department of Public Works to attend safety training on May 2, 2017 at the Walton Fire Dept. at no additional cost. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

WATER TRAINING The spring water conference is June 8th. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve Ernest Smith, Jr. and Jon Hoffman to attend the NY Water Works Spring Conference on June 8, 2017 in Sidney at a cost of \$21.00 each. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

GRIT SCREW-PROJECT Senator Bonacic's office has secured grant funds to assist the Village in offsetting the cost of the Grit Screw Project. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the Project Information Sheet, Grantee Certification, Project Certification,

and Grantee Questionnaire for the Grit Screw Project at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Reynolds made a motion to classify the Grit Screw replacement project a Type 2 Action under SEQR and adopt the attached resolution. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD Jason Craig, Cedarwood Engineering Services, submitted a monthly report for April 2017. Increase of flows in April have led to a flow violation. Rags/wipes are continuing to be an issue at the WWTP and at the pump station on Garden St.

AIR VALVE CONTROLS The valve controls air cylinders for belt alignment and currently both valves have failed. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the purchase of three valves for the press from Grainger at a cost of \$1,465.53 effective with the new budget on June 1, 2017. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPT. Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for April 2017. The Mayor "Thanked" the Police Dept. for the drug arrests.

PUBLIC INPUT The Mayor invited anyone who wanted to speak to state their name and address. No one attended the meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustees Reynolds and Sehen stated all had been covered by Department Heads. Trustee Breese mentioned that the Walton Theatre Preservation Assoc. was working on the ceiling repair in the lobby and they will be paying.

Trustee O'Leary brought up the hiring for the summer programs. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hire Justin Knapp as lawn mower at \$9.75 an hour effective May 15th and Jonathan Brooks as Arts & Crafts Leader at \$12.00 an hour effective June 26th. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snow read a letter from Roger Barnhart, Postmaster requesting that the Village fix the post office apron to their driveway. The Village is not responsible for aprons and the Mayor will speak to Roger directly.

Mayor Snow read a letter from Rev. Light about their sidewalk. Trustee Sehen asked if there was money in the 2017-2018 budget. The Clerk stated that only \$2,000.00 was allocated for sidewalks. Trustee Breese made a motion to do the 50/50 program with New Hope Church for their sidewalk along Stockton Ave. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Trustee Reynolds, Breese and O'Leary voted yes. Trustee Sehen voted no. Motion carried.

Mayor Snow read a letter from Linda Belmont regarding a vendor permit. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the request to pay \$150.00 for a vendor permit for the 2017 season for her hot dog cart. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

KOUNTRY KIDS & KRITTERS A letter from Lisa Nichols was read by Mayor Snow. Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the request from Kountry Kids and Kritters 4-H Group to plant flowers around the Flag Pole in Lower Bassett Park and freshen up the wood chip around the playground equipment. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

- FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS Four requests were submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to approve WVHRCD-10 for \$35,460, WVHRCD-11 for \$28,525, WVHRCD-12 for \$27,175, and WVHRCD-13 for \$31,275 from Community Development Block Grant homeownership and rehabilitation project grant funds. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee O’Leary made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 6:45 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.
- No action taken in Executive Session.
- Mayor Snow made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NOTARY CLASS The Deputy Clerk requested permission to attend a Notary training class at SUNY Delhi on June 14th at a cost of \$139.00. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion that the Village would pay Misty Phoenix her salary if she attends the training class, but mileage and the cost of the training would be at her own expense. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ANNUAL EVALUATIONS After much discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to begin annual performance evaluations on all Village staff; the Department Heads would evaluate their staff and the Mayor and Trustees to evaluate the Department Heads. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN Trustee O’Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer