

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 5, 2018, 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
Steven Sehen

Reporters: Lillian Browne, *The Reporter*

Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend
Clerk: Jody Brown

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

Reverend Robert Wilke led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING Trustee O'Leary made a motion to open a Public Hearing to hear public opinion on a Conditional Use for a commercial utility building in a residential district for 2-6 Miller Ave. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

No comments or questions from the Public.

Trustee Breese made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for the Miller Ave. property for a commercial utility building in a residential district, 2-6 Miller Ave. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT Delhi Telephone Company submitted a franchise agreement to the Board. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Franchise agreement on April 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$57,176.98 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,322.04 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$128,965.07 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:

POLICE DEPT. Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for February 2018.

FINGER PRINTS Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize e-Justice to take the finger prints of three of our officers at a cost of \$87 each at the Sheriff's office in Delhi. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Matt Myer, Dept. of Public Works Foreman, submitted a monthly report for February 2018. Mayor Snow said "Thank You" to the Dept. of Public Works for keeping the streets clear.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for February 2018.

FLOODPLAIN TRAINING Trustee Breese made a motion to send Stephen Dutcher to the 2018 Annual NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers training to earn 12 hours of continuing education credits on April 23-25 in Rochester at a cost of \$457.00 to be split with the Town of Walton. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for February 2018. All projects on schedule.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for February 2018. Reminder: Sump pumps are not to be discharged into the wastewater collection system. We have seen a significant increase in flow to the plant during wet weather and snow melt causing increased flow and treatment costs.

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

Charles Gregory, Walton Town Supervisor, asked the Board about the right-of-way by the Veteran's Plaza. Mayor Snow responded that the right-of-way is for the 169 Delaware St. building.

Charles Gregory provided a list of fire hydrants that need repair. Fire hydrant sticks are no longer being sold because of liability issues.

Maureen Wacha, Walton Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Meet the Candidates night will be on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Walton High School Cafeteria.

TRUSTEE REPORTS David Breese – Walton Theatre Preservation Association next meeting will be March 21st at 4:30 p.m. They are trying to get the Classic Flicks better promoted and are thinking of having them quarterly.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snow mentioned that Delaware County Mental Health Clinic will be holding a Public Hearing at the Walton Fire Hall about the location of the new clinic. The date is yet to be announced.

Mayor Snow also thanked Tink and Dave for their years of service as Village Trustees.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the Walton Chamber of Commerce the use of Lower Bassett Park at no cost for June 11th, July 16th, and August 20th for free concerts with the rain dates for Wednesday. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Reynolds made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and police personnel at 6:44 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Reynolds made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

- FULL-TIME OFFICER Trustee O'Leary made a motion to hire Frederick Babcock provisionally as a full-time patrolman effective March 26th starting at Step 4, \$45,996 per year. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CROSSING GUARDS Trustee Sehen made a motion to raise the crossing guards pay to NYS minimum wage of \$10.40 effective January 1st. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS Trustee O'Leary made a motion to pay snow removal contractors per their original estimates and to send letters to property owners with new invoices. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN Trustee Reynolds 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, April 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer