

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 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. Mayor Snow called for a moment of silence.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Trustee Breese made a motion to open a Public Hearing to hearing public opinion on a Mixed Use District on the south side of the Village. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Charlene Gregory, 72 Stockton Ave., is in favor of the new district, but would suggest it stop at Titus Pl.

Charles Gregory, 86 Stockton Ave, also in favor if it stops at Titus Pl.

Maxine Locherer, 17 Howell St., would like to keep the commercial on Delaware St.

Robert Boecke, 3 Sewell Pl., would like Sewell to stay residential.

Paul Wood, 3 Camp Ave., doesn't think it is a good idea. Would like to see commercial back on Delaware St. Has anyone done a traffic study?

Brian Foster, 159 Stockton Ave., the area needs to stay single family residential.

Maureen O'Connell, 147 Stockton Ave., will taxes go up if the district changes? She is against mixed used district.

James Hoyt, 18 Fancher Ave., why change the zone now?

Todd Ogden, 20 South St., isn't it supposed to be contiguous.

Chrissy Evans are a lot of families and kids playing in this area.

Richard Gancio, 36 South St., there is enough traffic already.

Maggie Munigle, 5 Sewell Pl, doesn't feel it is a good idea.

Richard Gifford, 131-133 Stockton Ave., is in favor of the zoning change. He is having a difficult time selling the property because it isn't commercial. He is pretty sure that it was originally zoned in a mixed use district.

Keath Davis, 80 Delaware St., does NYS care about Walton? Who says it has to be contiguous?

Joe Gifford if the property was grandfathered for commercial, if two pieces are combined does that extend to the added property?

Trustee Sehen made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Sehen made a motion to re-zone the south side of the Village from the Castle driveway to William St. as a mixed use district pending attorney approval. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEL. CTY.
MENTAL
HEALTH CLINIC**

Mayor Snow read a letter that was received from the Walton Chamber of Commerce being in favor of the Delaware County Mental Health Clinic moving to Fancher Ave. and not Delaware St.

ABSTRACTS:

The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:

The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$56,873.89 was presented to the Board.

The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$8,815.87 was presented to the Board.

The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$236,664.32 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:

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for January 2018.

SAND FILTER #2 Jason Craig requested Board approve on replacement of sand in another filter. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize Paragon Environmental Construction to replace sand in filter #2 at a cost of \$83,915.00 with was budgeted on line G8130.210, 100% NYC cost and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

POLICE TRAINING Paul Olsen requested permission for training. Trustee O’Leary made a motion to send Officers Dunphy and Smith to Breath Test Operators school at the Broome County Sheriff’s Dept. in Binghamton on March 27th-29th at no cost. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Breese made a motion to send Officer Smith to Taser Instructor school at the Delhi Police Dept. on March 2nd – 3rd at a cost of \$100.00. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Sehen made a motion to send Officer Babcock to Interviews and Interrogations school at the Broome County Sheriff’s office in Binghamton on March 21st-22nd at no cost. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEL. CTY. MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC A memorandum of understanding was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to enter into agreement with Delaware County Mental Health for the purposes of implementing Mental Hygiene Law 9.45 to help minimize the cost to the Village of Walton Police Department to invoice for reimbursement cost up to \$5,000.00 annually. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Matt Myer, Dept. of Public Works Foreman, submitted a monthly report for January 2018.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for January 2018.

GRIT SCREW GRANT Bill Brown requested financing for the Grit Screw, influent pump and lighting repairs. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the Bond Resolution in the amount of \$150,000 to provide funds for the grit screw, new influent pump, and plant wide lighting repairs. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

SHEPARD ST. SEQR – TYPE II Bill Brown recommended the Board do a type II SEQR action. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to pass a resolution finding that the Shepard Street Repairs Project is a Type II Action and is not subject to review under SEQR. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

SHEPARD ST. DASNY APPLICATION Bill Brown asked for the Mayor to sign the grant application. After review, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to authorize Mayor Snow and Deputy Mayor O’Leary to sign the DASNY grant application forms for the Shepard Street Repairs Project. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

SMIP GRANT Bill Brown stated that the preliminary application was accepted by D.C. Soil and Water. Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a full application for Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Stream Management Implementation Program funding. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for January 2018. The C.R.S. has been submitted and approved for the year and the NYS report has been submitted. Two property owners have submitted paperwork for the CWC Grant for a feasibility study for flood proofing their properties.

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

DELHI TELEPHONE COMPANY Jason Miller, Delhi Telephone Company, stated that they would like to put a remote building on the Miller Ave. property and that a conditional use would need to be given from the Board. Their engineering firm also gave a presentation on what the building would look like and where it would be placed. Trustee Sehen made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on March 5th for a conditional use for a commercial utility building in a residential district for Miller Ave. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

Maxine Locherer, 17 Howell St., suggested a microphone for the Board Meetings.

Charlene Gregory, 72 Stockton Ave., wondered how long the Village would own the 4 Water St. property and when it would be sold.

Paul Wood, 3 Camp Ave., asked if the Dept. Head reports could be attached to the minutes and about the Sheffield property going before the Zoning Board.

Keath Davis, 80 Delaware St., commented on the bridge by TA's and Ogden St. bridges.

Joseph Cetta, 70 Liberty St., wondered if the bowling alley building would go back on the tax roll.

Lillian Browne, *The Reporter*, wants all resolutions, agendas, and Dept. Head reports available at the Board Room table. She also wondered how much the cost of the WWTP Grit Screw project would raise the sewer rates.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snow read a letter from Willowemoc. After discussion, Trustee Reynolds made a motion to allow 10 vehicles of the Willowemoc-Downsville Chapter #304 to park in the Village Pool Parking Lot on the morning of April 10th through their return on April 11th. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS The Village Election is March 20th from noon until 9 p.m. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to appointed Maxine Locherer as lead inspector, Joann Pomeroy and Mary Cullen as inspectors at a rate of \$10.40 an hour. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

2017-2018 BUDGET AMENDMENTS Budget Amendments were submitted to the Board. Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Budget amendments as submitted. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

4 WATER ST. INSURANCE A quote was received from NYMIR for 4 Water St. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to add insurance coverage for 4 Water St. with NYMIR for \$393.00 a year for \$390,000 building and \$100,000 content. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

87 & 93 DELAWARE ST. FLOOD BUYOUT RESOLUTION A Flood Buyout Resolution was submitted to the Board. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to pass a resolution to approve Keath Davis, property owner at 87 & 93 Delaware St. to apply for the NYC FBO program to permanently remove this flood hazard risk allowing the DEP to begin assisting them in the real estate process. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

FIRSTTIME HOMEBUYER W4-83 An approval request was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve W4-83 for \$25,000.00 for the CDBG Home Ownership Program and authorize the Mayor to sign. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee O'Leary made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 8:30 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O'Leary made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Trustee Breese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Trustee Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk-Treasurer