

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 04, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor  
Trustees: David Breese  
Stephen Condon  
Teresa O'Leary  
Steve Sehen

Reporter: Lillian Browne, The Reporter  
Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend  
Clerk: Jody L. Brown

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

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INPUT**

Mayor Snow invited anyone who wished to address the Board to give their name and address.

Lillian Browne asked when the next Budget meeting will be. The Mayor said that there is a Budget Workshop scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. She also asked if the Village will be staying under the NYS Tax Cap this year. Mayor Snow explained that the Village has lost \$27,000 in revenue from Governor Cuomo pulling the A.I.M. funding and we have lost \$2,000,000 in assessed value.

Mary Phraner, Walton Little League Secretary, stated that they are ready to start the new season Registrations will be starting very soon and practice will start on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mary asked if it is okay to use the fields are Austin-Lincoln again this year. The Little League is seeking a grant for the Legion Field and for locking cabinets in the dug outs to store equipment during the season. The Little League is asking the Village to pay for an additional port-a-potty by the Legion Field this year.

Laura Scherer, 2 East Brook St, asked if the Village would waive or reduce the \$100.00 fee that was charged for having the DPW respond after hours to turn the water off at her home. The valve for the houses shut-off didn't work. Laura stated that it was broken when the new meter was put in two years ago. Butch Smith stated that the house's shut off valve is the responsibility of the home owner. The Mayor told Ms. Shearer that the fee is charged to cover over-time incurred and would not be waived.

John Masseo, 70 Bruce St., wanted to address the Board again about the designation of addresses. Mayor Snow told him that the Board had already addressed this issue.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$62,754.55 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,794.52 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$92,582.07 was presented to the Board.  
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**POLICE DEPT.** Paul Olsen, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for February 2019.

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for February.

**WATER MAIN SAW** Trustee O'Leary made a motion to purchase a water main saw and replacement blade from Pollard Water at a cost not to \$3,500.00 from budget line F8340.200, and amending the budget line F8340.300 by this amount. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WOOD - RETIREMENT** A letter was received from Ronald Wood stated his retirement date will be April 30, 2019. Butch Smith requested permission to advertise for a replacement. Trustee Condon made a motion to advertise for a full-time Laborer. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for February 2019.

**AIR LIFTS** Jason Craig requested purchase of air lifts. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase six air lifts for the sand filters from Parkson in the amount of \$5,151.00 paid from the budget line G8340.210, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**VFD and SENSOR** Jason Craig requested parts for the sludge conveyor. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to have BDP Industries install a variable frequency drive and a zero speed sensor on the sludge conveyor for a cost of \$3,986.68 from budget lines G8340.200/.210, 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CONVEYOR BELTS** Jason Craig requested purchase of new belts. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to authorize the purchase of two new sludge conveyor belts from Belt Maintenance at a cost of \$9,519.00 from Budget line G8130.200/.210 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEW CONDUIT** Jason Craig requested the installation of new conduit. After review, Trustee Breese made a motion to have Taggart Electric install new conduit to the CBUD sand filters at a cost of \$3,986.00 from the G8130.514 budget line, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**VFD FOR CBUD PUMPS** Jason Craig requested the board authorize purchase of three VFDs for the CBUD influent pumps. After discussion, Trustee Breese made a motion to purchase 3 variable frequency drives from Turnkey Control's at a cost of \$15,078.12 with Taggart Electric doing the installation of the units at a cost of \$2,400.00 from G8130.201, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for February 2019.

**CONTAINMENT BASINS** Bill Brown recommended a purchase order amendment. After discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion authorize the Clerk to amend the purchase order to Advanced Fiberglass Services by \$3,800.00 for the prevailing wages for the containment basins project from G8130.514, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for February 2019.

**FLOOD** Steve Dutcher requested permission to attend training. After review, Trustee Sehen made a

- TRAINING** motion to send Steve Dutcher to an Elevation and Floodproofing workshop held by the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program on March 26 & 27 in Mount Trempter for travel expenses only to be split with the Town. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- TRUSTEE REPORTS** Trustee Breese – The W.T.P.A. met on February 19<sup>th</sup>. They would like the Village to budget for two new doors for the entrance to the Theater, \$2,000. They are also working towards upgrading the sound equipment and lighting. The next meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustee Condon wanted to bring everyone’s attention that part of the DPW shop is in need of replacement. Also, applications for the summer programs are being accepted until April and the pool’s play ground is getting prepped for the coming season.
- MAYOR’S REPORT** Mayor Snow said good-bye to Trustee Sehen and Trustee Breese as this was their last regular meeting and thanked them for their service to the community.
- ELECTION NOTICE** Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to put the Election Notice in the newspaper for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Village Election naming the polling place, the hours the polls will be open, and a list of the Candidates running for office. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Condon made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel at 6:40 p.m. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Breese made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ACADEMY SPONSOR** Paul Olsen recommended sponsoring Noah Meiser to the Police Academy. After discussion, Trustee O’Leary made a motion to hire Noah Meiser as a part-time uncertified police officer so he can attend the Otsego County Police Academy at his cost. Trustee Breese seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN** Trustee Breese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Trustee O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer