

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present:	Mayor Stephen Condon	Reporter:	Lillian Browne, <i>The Reporter</i>
Trustees:	Eric Ball		
	Richard Doig	Attorney:	David Merzig
	Nathan Jamieson	Clerk:	Jody L. Brown
	Steven Sehen		

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

**GOOD ENERGY** Javier Barrios presented the Board with information regarding participating in an energy program that could help the Village and its residents save on their energy bills. Good Energy could administer a community choice aggregation program. First, they would do a feasibility study to see if there would be a cost savings in our area. A Board resolution and Local Law would also be needed. A Community Choice Aggregation would afford group buying of electricity and natural gas. NYSEG would still deliver the power, the bills would still come from NYSEG, and NYSEG would still maintain the lines and

**PUBLIC INPUT** Mayor Condon invited anyone who wished to address the Board to give their name and address.

Keath Davis and Tara Vitti of the Walton Chamber of Commerce handed a letter to the Board asking to house a storage container on Village property. The container would be 8x8x20 and the proposed site is 21 St. John St. The Chamber will purchase, maintain the container and site and have insurance on the container. Trustee Jamieson made a motion authorize the attorney to draft and the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Walton Chamber of Commerce maintaining and insuring of an 8x8x20 storage container on the 21 St. John St. property and the Chamber having no rights to the property. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$43,162.17 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,193.93 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$151,436.10 was presented to the Board.  
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for Sept. 2019. Butch Smith wanted to remind people walking their dogs in all Village Parks that dogs must be kept on leashes and it is your responsibility to CLEAN UP after them. The parks are used for recreation and children are playing there.

**BRUSH AND LIMBS** It is the policy of the Village of Walton to pick up brush and limbs that are cut to a maximum of three foot lengths and bundled with string or twine (not wire). Pile bundles near the street, but not blocking the street or in sidewalks.

- FALL LEAVES** Fall leaves will be picked up with the vacuum. Leaves are to be raked to the curb but NOT IN THE STREET are across the sidewalk. The DPW will start leaf pick-up at the end of October when more of the leaves are down.
- WATER TRAINING** Butch Smith asked to send three people to water training to receive their continuing education hours. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to send Matthew Myer, Dalton Walley, and Keegan Higley to SENYWWC water training in Sidney on October 10 to obtain continuing education credits at a cost of \$21 ea. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for September 2019. Currently the plant is operating well. No purchases required this month.
- CODE ENFORCEMENT** Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for September 2019. Steve was not in attendance.
- POLICE DEPT.** Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for September 2019. The Chief Stated the calls were up. 20 more than last year for the month of September.
- RANGE TRAINING** Chief D’Addezio requested sending four officers to training. Trustee Sehen made a motion to have Officers Tallman, Dunphy, Babcock and Wood to attend annual range training in Delhi on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> the cost is the ammunition. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- BREATH ANALYSIS OPERATOR** Chief D’Addezio requested sending two officers to BTO. Trustee Sehen made a motion to send Officers Tallman and Wood to the Breath Analysis Operator Course at SUNY Oneonta on October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- GRAND JURY DISCOVERY** Chief D’Addezio requested sending two officers learn about new law mandates. Trustee Sehen made a motion to send Chief D’Addezio and Officer Babcock the Grand Jury Discovery rules seminar at the Delhi Sheriff’s Office on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for September 2019. Bill updated the Board on all the project statuses. Feasibility Studies to be done this month, waiting grant awards in December for the I&I study and the Water System.
- TRUSTEE REPORTS** Trustee Jamieson is sourcing grants for a Parks grant. Also there will be a Christmas show at the Theater again this year. Details to follow.
- HALLOWEEN PARADE** I letter was received from Principal Hoover. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Clerk to file an application with NYS DOT for the Halloween Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. from the Townsend School to Mead St. to Townsend St. proceeding to Delaware St. and then to Gardiner Pl and back to the school. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.
- VETERAN’S DAY PARADE** The Clerk is still waiting for the details for the Veteran’s Parade. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to file an application with the NYS DOT for the Veteran’s Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> as soon as the details are submitted to the Clerk. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CHRISTMAS** Tara Vitti, Walton Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Parade details will get back to the Board

- PARADE on the details for the Christmas Parade. The Parade will be on Friday night instead of Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, but the route and time are yet to be determined.
- WCS FIELD HOCKEY SIGNS A letter was received from Jackie Brooks regarding the Field Hockey signs. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to allow the WCS Varsity Field Hockey Team to hang their "Hockey Stick" signs in the Village to be promptly removed at the end of the season. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Doig made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 10 FAIR ST. After discussion in Executive Session, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter on the Board's behalf to grant a 60 day extension to the current property owner to complete the sale of the property and then pay the back taxes due the Village. If that was not accomplished by the end of the 60 day extension, the Village attorney was directed to finalize the pending application to Supreme Court for an Order of Foreclosure of the Village tax lien against the 10 Fair St. property. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- PUBLIC HEARING Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to get public input on a Community Choice Aggregation Program, Local Law 2019-4. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN Mayor Condon adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.
- NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer