

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor
Trustees: Rich Morley
Teresa O'Leary
Lillian Browne
Kenneth Landry
Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend
Assistant Clerk- Jody Brown

Reporters: Glenn Graves – Walton Reporter
T.J.E. Productions – Channel 23

Mayor Edward H. Snow, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$135,075.37 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$92,930.03 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$163,321.32 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Prescription Insurance Fund Abstract in the sum of \$496.81 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Housing Rehabilitation Fund Abstract in the sum of \$17,139.41 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Small Cities CBDG Fund in the sum of \$185.00 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Lillian Browne made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Chief David Halaquist submitted his written monthly report for December 2008.

GRANT FOR KEVLAR VESTS Chief Halaquist reported that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer John Clark has secured a grant of \$1400.00 for the purpose of purchasing two new Kevlar vests. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to allow Chief Halaquist to purchase two new Kevlar vests for \$1400.00 to be reimbursed by grant funds. Lillian Browne seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

STEP FUNDING Chief Halaquist reported that he has received confirmation that we will receive \$4800.00 from the STEP Program for selective traffic enforcement for 2009. \$1800.00 for the purchase of a new radar and \$3000.00 for personal services to operate the program.

FIRE DEPT. DONATION Chief Halaquist said the Walton Fire Department has donated two AED batteries to the Police Department. The cost to these batteries is approximately \$250.00. Mayor Snow and the Board thanked the Fire Department for their generosity.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Code Enforcement Official Roger Hoyt was absent. A written monthly report for December 2008 was submitted.

Building and/or sign permits issued during the month of December 2008 are as follows:
Stephen J. Hendrickson – 4 Howell St. – bathroom addition

VILLAGE ENGINEER David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for December 2008.

CHANGE ORDER #1 CONTRACT VW1-G-08 David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted Change Order #1 for Drilling Technologies, Inc. for water project contract #VW1-G-08 in the sum of \$57,871.80. After a lengthy discussion and review, Lillian Browne made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for Drilling Technologies for water project contract #VW1-G-08 in the sum of \$57,871.80. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Rich Morley, Teresa O'Leary, and Lillian Browne voted yes. Ken Landry voted no. Motion carried.

David Ohman reported that all work is complete on the West Brook Waterline Crossings. He recommended that the Board authorized the Mayor to execute the Certificate for Substantial Completion to start to closeout the contract and process the final paperwork. Lillian Browne made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Rich Morley, Teresa O'Leary, and Lillian Browne voted yes. Ken Landry voted no. Motion carried. Mayor Snow signed the documents.

DRILLING TECH. INC. David Ohman recommended that the Village provide payment to Drilling Technologies, Inc. for payment application No. 3. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to pay Drilling Technologies, Inc. \$65,826.85 for payment application No. 3, \$57,871.80 for the change order and the 5% retainage. Rich Morley seconded. Rich Morley, Teresa O'Leary, and Lillian Browne voted yes. Ken Landry voted no. Motion carried.

GARY'S COUNTRYSIDE SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC A letter from Gary's Countryside Septic Service, LLC requesting permission to unload septage into the Wastewater Treatment Plant was submitted to the Board. After discussion, David Ohman suggested that the Board table this until he has more information regarding special filtering, extra personal services, compliance issues, etc.

PUBLIC WORKS Joseph Cetta, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for December 2008.

WARRANTY EXTENSION HANDHELD COMPUTER READER An extension of the warranty for the JETT Handheld Computer reader in the sum of \$1200.00 for four years was submitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to approve the warranty extension for the JETT Handheld Computer reader in the sum of \$1200.00. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORTS: Lillian Browne asked if the Village received the \$35,000 due from the flood insurance company. The money has not been received yet.

2008 ELECTION Lillian also stated that she has been getting calls at home about the March 18th election. She asked the clerk to put the information in the "Clerk's Corner". Jody Brown gave the Village Clerk's office telephone number for all interested parties to call and that sample petitions are available. She also gave the web address for sample petitions. Signatures can be collected on petitions now and they need to be filed February 3 through February 10, 2009.

PUBLIC INPUT Mayor Snow laid down the ground rules for public input and then opened the floor to the public. Mayor Snow asked people to stand, identify themselves and state and address.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Maureen Wacha, President of the Chamber of Commerce reported that they had sponsored An Old Fashion Shopping Day and it was well received. Gary Chase won the gift card.

CIVIL WAR The Chamber of Commerce and the Walton Historical Society are co-sponsoring the Civil War Reenactment this year. Pledges can be sent to the Chamber or the Historical Society. She said that even \$25.00 donations add up. \$1,600.00 received to date.

PUBLIC CALENDAR The Chamber has a Public Calendar where organizations can post their organizations events. Call 865-6656 to have your event added to the calendar.

GRANGE HALL DANCES The Dances at the Grange Hall have been well attended and enjoyable. They are held on the first and third Saturdays from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

THANK YOU MAYOR SNOW Donald O'Connell, Stockton Ave. said thank you to Mayor Snow and Rich Morley for all they have done for the community. He also told Mayor Snow thank you for all his work with the Lion's Club, the school and the hospital. He encouraged Mayor Snow and Trustee Rich Morley to reconsider and run for office again.

THANK YOU VIRGINIA O'DELL Ray Baldi, North St., said "Thank you" to Virginia O'Dell for all her years of service to the Village of Walton and that she has done a great job.

INNOVATION Gil Williams, Ogden St., thanked the Mayor Snow, Trustee's Rich Morley and Teresa O'Leary, and Clerk/Treasure Virginia O'Dell for their support for the invocation before the Board Meetings. He also admonished Lillian and Ken for not supporting it but said he respects their opinions.

ANNEXATION Terry Green, East Brook Rd., asked about the procedures for annexation of a property. She is interested in purchasing a property outside the Village through the First-time Homebuyers program and is not eligible because it is outside the Village limits.

RESOLUTION REGISTRATION DAY AND POLLING PLACE After discussion and review, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to not hold registration day for the March 18, 2009 Village Election and to designate the Village Hall, 21 North St. as the polling place for the March 18, 2009 Village Election from noon until 9:00 p.m. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK A discussion of the draft employee handbook ended with no action taken by the Board.

REVISIONS VILLAGE CODE BOOK Proposed Local Law #1-2009 was submitted to the Village Board. After discussion and review, Ken Landry made a motion to hold a public hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. on the proposed Local Law #1-2009 to remove portions of code that are outdated, deleting sections, Chapter 37A residency, Chapter 39-11, 39-12, 39-13, Chapter 40-2 remove name of Clerk, Chapter 43-7 and Chapter 45 from the code and to publish a legal notice in the Walton Reporter. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

T.J.E. PRODUCTIONS CONTRACT Lillian Browne asked to discuss the current contract with T.J.E. Productions. Ms. Browne feels the contract needs to be amended to more clearly specify what services T.J.E. Productions will provide to the Village. T.J.E. has verbally agreed to supplying an unedited content copy of the Board Meetings to the Village.

DELAWARE COUNTY TPAS CONTRACT The annual contract for the Delaware County Planning Department to provide services to the Village of Walton Planning Board (TPAS contract) for a sum of \$3,500.00 was submitted to the Board. After discussion, Mayor Snow will call Nicole Franzese of the Delaware County Planning Board to see what services are included in \$3,500.00 fee.

RESIGNATION VIRGINIA O'DELL Mayor Snow read a letter of resignation from Village Clerk-Treasurer Virginia O'Dell who will retire on January 24, 2009. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Snow expressed his concern about the statements Ken Landry made to the press about the Village being bankrupt and not being able to meet payroll. Ken states that this is his opinion. Mayor Snow told him that these statements are damaging to the Village and while they may be his opinion, it is not fact.

COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS DUES A letter from the Coalition of Watershed Towns regarding dues for 2009 in the sum of \$850.00 was submitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Lillian Browne made a motion to pay the Coalition of Watershed Towns \$850.00 for the 2009 dues. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Lillian Browne made a motion to go into executive session to discuss office personnel at 7:15 p.m. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Ken Landry made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:28 p.m. Lillian Browne seconded. Carried unanimously.

CLERK APPOINTMENT Lillian Browne made a motion to appoint Jody Brown as Clerk/Treasurer, Records Management Officer, and Registrar of Vital Statistics of the Village of Walton effective January 24, 2009. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

CLERK SALARY Teresa O'Leary made a motion to pay Jody Brown a salary of \$37,000.00 effective January 24, 2009. Rich Morley seconded. Rich Morley, Teresa O'Leary, and Mayor Snow voted yes. Ken Landry voted no and Lillian Browne abstained. Motion carried.

BANK RESOLUTION A motion was made by Lillian Browne to remove Virginia O'Dell's name from the bank accounts and to add Jody Brown and Teresa O'Leary to them effective January 24, 2009. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously. Bank resolution is attached.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Ken Landry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Assistant Clerk