

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, October 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary, absent
Denise Church
Rich Morley
George Ostrowski
Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend
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 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Brad Johnson led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #7 – 2009 George Ostrowski made a motion to open the public hearing on Local Law #7-2009 to amend §53-15 “Height, Area, and Bulk” relating to the regulation of fences. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. After discussion and review, Denise Church made a motion to close the public hearing. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW #7 – 2009 The proposed fence law was tabled until it could be rewritten to clarify a few items.

WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL Principal Schneider and members of the Townsend School PTA were present. Misty Phoenix asked the community for their involvement and participation in the education of our children. She invited everyone to the PTA open meetings that are regularly scheduled on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Townsend School Library.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$9,299.90 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,183.00 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$32,698.00 was presented to the Board.
The Small Cities Fund Abstract in the sum of \$18.00 was presented to the Board.
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$63,770.82 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, George Ostrowski made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for September 2009.

VOLUNTEER LAWN MOWER Roger Hoyt mentioned that Francis Bojo has been voluntarily mowing for the Village. His help has been greatly appreciated. The Mayor also thanked Mr. Bojo.

SOUTH ST. SLUICE Roger Hoyt thanked the Town of Walton crew for their assistance with the replacement of a sluice pipe on South St.

VILLAGE ENGINEER David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for September 2009. William Brown was present to answer any questions.

OVER SPDES COMPLIANCE Plant was over compliance for one day in September. Turnkey Solutions was asked to check on the de-chlorination system’s control and alarm functions. Staff will increase the monitoring of the pump operation to reduce the likelihood that air binding will re-occur.

WATER PROJECT The E.F.C. application was hand delivered on October 1, 2009. Regen, LLC, the surveying subcontractor, is working on the final surveying work for easements for the Williams St. to Bush Ave., the extension to the Mental Health Clinic, and the river crossing.

PUBLIC SAFETY Police Chief David Halaquist submitted his written monthly report for September 2009.

VILLAGE VEHICLES After discussion and review, Denise Church made a motion to reassign the 2004 Intrepid to the DPW and to advertise for bids for the sale of the 1997 Lumina. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

HALLOWEEN PARADE A letter from Walton Central School regarding their annual Halloween parade was submitted to the Board. After review and discussion, Rich Morley made a motion to allow the Walton Police Dept. and the D.P.W. crew to assist the school with the Halloween Parade on October 30, 2009 at 1:15 pm. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

HOLIDAY PARADE A letter from the Walton Chamber of Commerce regarding the annual holiday parade and activities was submitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to allow the

Walton Chamber of Commerce to hold its annual holiday parade on November 28, 2009. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT John Esposito, Code Enforcement Official submitted a written monthly report for September 2009.

PERMITS Building and/or sign permits issued during the month of September 2009 are as follows:

Richard Turner	120 North St.	Roof
William Teehan	17 New St.	Roof
Holly Hunter Christovao	10 Bridge St.	Snack Bar
Alma Gransbury	7 More Ave.	Front Porch
Michael Sheldon	61 ½ St. John St.	Roof
Sandra Hogge	4 Bush Ave.	Bathroom – Ramp
Robert Miller	18 Benton Ave.	Roof
Frontier Communications	157 Delaware St.	Roof
Greg Gardocki	6 Quarry St.	Addition, Remove Garage
Kenneth Landry	97 Townsend St.	Roof
Martin Gladstone	70 North St.	Roof
David Edwards	41 Fancher Ave.	Addition
Frank Berkey	7 Benton Ave.	Demolition

11 BENTON AVENUE John Esposito report that 11 Benton Ave has been empty since the flood in 2006 and it is not secured. Rich Morley made a motion to allow Code Enforcement to initiate the process to secure the building according to Village Code. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORTS: George Ostrowski attended Part I of a W.W.T.P. seminar in Lake Placid at his own expense. He will be taking Part II, city funding, in the near future.

PUBLIC INPUT Mayor Snow laid down the ground rule for public input and then opened the floor to the public. Mayor Snow asked people to stand, identify themselves and state their address. No public input.

AFLAC RESOLUTION George Ostrowski made a motion to pass a resolution extending the Village of Walton's Flexible Benefits Plan to allow eligible employees to voluntarily participate in insurance plans made available by AFLAC. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

BANNER PERMIT CHRISTMAS A letter from the Walton Chamber of Commerce requesting that the Village of Walton apply for a banner permit on their behalf from NYS Department of Transportation for their annual holiday decorations was submitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to allow the Clerk to apply for the banner permit on behalf of the Walton Chamber of Commerce after receiving the dates that the decorations will be up. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB THANKSGIVING DINNER Mayor Snow read a request from Lucille Courtney, Treasurer of the Walton Senior Citizens Club to fund the annual Thanksgiving Dinner as has been done in the past. The Clerk reported that \$350.00 has not been budgeted for this event. After discussion and review, the Board decided to wait until the next meeting to see if other funding could be obtained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Denise Church made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:15 pm. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Denise Church made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:35 p.m. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting a 7:36 pm. George Ostrowski second. Carried unanimously.

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

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer