

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 2, 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
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.

PUBLIC HEARING Rich Morley made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 2009-1. Teresa O'Leary seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. The clerk read the Local Law. No comment was made from the public.

LOCAL LAW After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to accept Local Law 2009-1 to revoke Chapter 37A, section 37A-1 through 37A-7, Chapter 39, section 39-11, 39-12, and 39-13, Chapter 43, section 43-7 and Chapter 45, section 45-1 and 45-2, and amending Chapter 40 section 40-2(A) as read. Ken Landry seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$124,789.12 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$96,889.93 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$117,959.96 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Prescription Insurance Fund Abstract in the sum of \$573.81 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Small Cities CBDG Fund in the sum of \$523.23 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Lillian Browne made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Hoyt, Code Enforcement Official submitted his written monthly report for January 2009.

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

Erin Fierst – 5 Elm St. – Raise Floor & Entry
Pineville Nursery – 278 Delaware St. – Storage Shed
Justin Robinson – 16 Liberty St. – Renovations
Delaware Valley Hospital – 1 Titus Pl. – Office Renovations
Chamber of Commerce – 129 North St. – Storage Shed
Kenneth Landry – 7 North St. – Awning
Restoration Committee – Corner of Delaware & Gardiner Pl. – Sign
Kenneth Landry – 7 North St. – Sign

STBOA TRAINING Roger D. Hoyt requested permission to attend a training class to receive 4 hours of continuous education credit on Residential Electrical Inspections. Lillian Browne made a motion to allow Roger Hoyt to attend the STBOA Training Class in Sidney on February 4, 2009 at a cost of \$10.00. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

STOCKTON AVE. SIDEWALK The Mayor read a letter received from Arthur Conner regarding snow being plowed on the sidewalks on Stockton Ave. by the NYS DOT. While the Board understands his frustration, the Board took no action because this is a State Highway.

VILLAGE ENGINEER David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for January 2009. All 2006 Flood projects complete and awaiting FEMA/SEMO reimbursement.

GARY'S COUNTRYSIDE SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC David Ohman reported that the start up cost to the Village for the upload of septage would be approximately \$7,000, \$2,000 for a Ph Meter and \$5,000 for the Headworks analysis. It was suggested that we have contracts in place with the haulers before starting this process. It will take a month to pass the NYSDEC review.

DWSRF WORKSHOP A special Board of Trustee Meeting will held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall to review of the DWSRF infrastructures plan.

WWTP BUDGET WORKSHOP The WWTP Budget will be presented to the Board of Trustee at the Special Board meeting on February 10, 2009 by Lou Dibble of Delaware Operations.

PUBLIC WORKS Joseph Cetta, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for January 2009.

GENERATOR MAINT. AGREEMENT Joseph Cetta submitted a proposal for the annual generator maintenance agreement with Cummins Northeast for the wells at Austin-Lincoln Park. The cost is \$1494.89 per year for 4 years. After discussion and review, the Board decided to look into other options before approving the maint. agreement.

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

OFF DUTY ENCOUNTERS Chief Halaquist requested permission for three officers to attend a two-hour training class on March 3, 2009. There is no fee for this class. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to allow three officers to go to “Off Duty Encounters” training on March 5, 2009 at the Delaware County Sheriff’s Dept. at no cost. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

COPS IN COURT Chief Halaquist requested permission for three officers to attend training on February 10. There will be no cost for this class. Lillian Browne made a motion to allow three officers to attend the “Cops In Court” training in Binghamton on February 10, 2009 at no cost. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

W. BRANCH CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN A request from Scotty Gladstone to hold a public hearing to adopt the management plan was submitted to the board. After discussion and review, Teresa O’Leary made a motion to hold a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall for the presentation of the West Branch of the Delaware River Corridor Management Plan. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The clerk is requesting permission to attend a one day, free seminar on Records Management in Delhi on April 23, 2009. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to allow Clerk Jody Brown to attend the Records Management Seminar in Delhi on April 23, 2009. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

KICK-OFF TO SUMMER Mayor Snow read a letter from the Walton Chamber of Commerce, submitting their Kick-Off to Summer Event. This event will be held June 6, 2009 on Delaware St. from 9 to 4 and a concert in Lower Bassett Park from 5 – 7. This event will be in conjunction with the annual lawn sale days. Chamber President is requesting permission to grant a Lawn Sale permit exemption for these lawn sales. Teresa O’Leary made a motion for the exemption for the lawn sale permits. Lillian Browne seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORTS: Teresa O’Leary stated that the Public Safety Committee has reviewed the Police Budget for 2009-2010.
Rich Morley stated that the Park & Recreation Committee has reviewed the Summer Recreation Budget.
Lillian Browne stated that the Public Works Committee has reviewed that Budget also.

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.

MEET THE CANDIDATES Maureen Wacha, Chamber President, stated that a Meet the Candidates night will be held in the High School Cafeteria on March 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm to meet the candidates that are running for Village Office.

VOTER REGISTRATION Denise Church wanted a clarification of how Village residents can register to vote for the up coming Village election. Voter registration forms are available at the Post Office and here at the Village Hall.

H.U.D. – W2-39 A letter was received from the National Bank of Delaware County about subordinating its W2-39 loan. Attorney David Merzig and Delaware Opportunities are both in agreement with this request. Lillian Browne made a motion to allow the subordination for W2-39. Rich Morley seconded. Rich Morley, Teresa O’Leary and Lillian Browne voted yes. Ken Landry voted no. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT ELECTION INSPECTORS Mayor Snow appointed Judith Wildenstein, Margaret Haley, Sally Rigas and Mary Neale as election inspectors. Lillian Browne made a motion to approve the appointment of the election inspectors and set a salary of \$7.75 per hour. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

T.J.E. CONTRACT John Esposito submitted a new contract for T.J.E. Productions. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to accept the new 2-year contract with T.J.E. Productions. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

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 and review, the Board would like the opinion of the Village Planning Board.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK An email from the DeForest Agency and one from Linda Hitt regarding the need to have an employee handbook in place was discussed. Ken Landry will speak with Owen McKane of the DeForest Agency about some corrections and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

RESTORATION COMMITTEE Paula O'Brien of the Village of Walton Restoration Committee was present requesting permission to do improvements in the Walton Theater. They would like to have patching and painting done on walls, install new carpet in the dressing rooms and general clean up. Loren Skiff will be doing some of the work as his Community Service Requirement with Richard Turner supervising. There will be no cost to the Village. Lillian Browne made a motion to allow this work to be done by Loren Skiff and Richard Turner. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION Paula O'Brien stated that the Walton Restoration Committee would like to submit a grant for \$15,000.00 to restore the stained glass windows. Paula will find out if any funds will be needed from the Village and report to the Board at the special meeting on February 10.

YOGA CLASS Mayor Snow read a letter from Deborah Hunt requesting permission to use the Theater Museum for Yoga Classes on Saturdays starting February 14. Paula O'Brien will check to see if the Yoga Classes will be in conflict with any of the work being planned and report back to the Board at the special meeting on February 10.

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

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer