

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 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- absent
Kenneth Landry

Attorney: David Merzig, Esq.

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.

PLAQUE MORLEY Mayor Snow presented Trustee Rich Morley with a plaque for his four years of service to the community.

PUBLIC HEARING C.D.B.G Rich Morley made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Funding Availability. Teresa O' Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. John Eberhard of Delaware Opportunities made the presentation. A second Public Hearing will be needed. The application deadline is April 24, 2009. After questions, Ken Landry moved to close the Public Hearing. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING W. BRANCH CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN Ken Landry made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the West Branch of the Delaware River Corridor Resource Management Plan. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. Scott Gladstone of Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District made the presentation. Attorney Merzig will review the Memorandum of Agreement before the Board makes a decision. Ken Landry made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$24,025.60 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,212.22 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$120,612.26 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Prescription Insurance Fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,356.72 was presented to the Board.
The Village of Walton Small Cities CBDG Fund in the sum of \$62.50 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Rich Morley made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

NORTHEAST FABRICATOR WATER QUALITY William Brodeur and John Phraner of Northeast Fabricator's expressed their concern about the quality of water in their plant on William St.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

VILLAGE ENGINEER David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for February 2009. Most of the major FEMA projects associated with the June 2006 flood are completed and awaiting reimbursement. See Engineer's report.

SEPTAGE HAULER WASTER Attorney Merzig will draft a memorandum of understanding for septage haulers before Delaware Engineering proceeds with the NYSDED paperwork and headworks analysis.

PUBLIC WORKS Joseph Cetta, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for January 2009. Cetta stated that they are trying to stretch the remaining salt supply.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Chief David Halaquist was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

Building and/or sign permits issued during the February 2009 are as follows:

Robert Rhinehart - 9 Pine St. - Garage Demolition

Sandra Hogge - 4 Bush Ave. - Conversion of garage into living space

John Hughes - 278 Delaware St. - Sign

GROSSMAN SEWER A letter from Melissa Grossman, 154 North St., requests a reduction of their sewer units. Roger Hoyt has inspected the property and it is no longer used as a business. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to reduce the sewer units from two to one. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

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 their address.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Maureen Wacha of the Walton Chamber of Commerce submitted a letter suggesting that the \$129.10 NYSEG invoice for electricity used for the Christmas lights on Delaware street be split again this year. Rich Morley made a motion to have the cost of the Christmas Light’s electricity be split between the Village, the Town of Walton, and the Walton Chamber of Commerce, each will pay \$43.03. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Denise Church, Townsend St., asked the Board when the Christmas decorations along Delaware St. would be taken down. Maureen Wacha responded. The Chamber of Commerce is waiting for volunteers and good weather at the same time.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:
Rich Morley thanked Mayor Snow and the Board for the plaque he received.

LOCAL LAW #2-2009 Dave Merzig led the discussion about Local Law #2-2009 requiring written notice of defects prior to the commencement of an action against the Village. After discussion and review, Ken Landry made a motion to have a public hearing on this law on April 6, 2009 at 6:00 pm and to publish a legal notice. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK Attorney Merzig has reviewed the Handbook. It contains standard policies and conforms to New York State and Federal Laws. His only concern is that it will need to stay up-to-date. After discussion and review, Teresa O’Leary made a motion to accept the Employee Handbook. Rich Morley seconded. Rich Morley, Teresa O’Leary, and Mayor Snow voted for. Ken Landry voted against. Motion carried.

FORECLOSURE WCD-04 Rich Morley made a motion to have the clerk pay the Delaware County Treasurer the taxes due on the WCD-04 property of approximately \$1,700.00 before the foreclosure sale, from the Small Cities account. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE Ken Landry made a motion to publish a legal notice for the March 18, 2009 election. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT PARADE Lawrence Miller of the Walton Historical Society submitted a letter to the Board requesting permission for a parade. After discussion and review, Ken Landry made a motion allow the Historical Society to hold a parade on May 23, 2009 at 10:00 am from the school bus garage to the Fair Grounds. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

5th ANNUAL STREET FESTIVAL A letter was received from Lara Yambor of the 1st United Methodist Church of Walton requesting permission to hold their street festival in North St. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to allow the closure of North St. from Union to East on June 20th from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. with a rain date of June 21st, from noon to 5:30 pm. Teresa O’Leary seconded.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Snow stated that he has spoken with our S.E.M.O. representative and our F.E.M.A. reimbursements are in the process and checks should be received in a couple of weeks.

GOOD-BYE Mayor Snow also said good-bye at this, his last regular board meeting.

SUBORDINATION W4-66 Mayor Snow read a letter from a first-time homebuyer requesting subordination of their loan. Attorney Merzig and Delaware Opportunities were both in agreement with this request. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to allow W4-66 to subordinate the mortgage. Ken Landry seconded. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP There will be a budget workshop on March 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Rich Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer