

A special meeting of the Village of Walton Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr.
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary
Rich Morley
Lillian Browne, absent
Denise Church
Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. was not required to attend
Village Clerk – Jody Brown

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

SOUTH ST. BID AWARD The bids for the West Branch of the Delaware River Stream Corridor Restoration Project were submitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to award the contract to Sweet Meadows, Inc. for \$4,230.00 with completion by the end of May. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

2010 CENSUS Mayor Snow read a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 2010 census. Census Bureau employees will be working in the area between April and July. They need to know the address and physical location of each place where people live or stay. The employees will wear official identification and carry hand-held computers to capture physical addresses and their GPS coordinates.

6 BENTON AVE. RESOLUTION Teresa O'Leary made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing the sale of property acquired by mortgage foreclosure under the provisions of the First Time Homebuyer's Program to be sold at its fair market value, and if possible, to continue in the First Time Homebuyer's Program. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. (Resolution attached)

11 BENTON AVE. Code Enforcement Official, Roger Hoyt, asked what direction the Board would like him to take regarding 11 Benton Ave, owned by Josh Prottas. The property has been vacant since the 2006 flood and is unsecured. Roger has made several attempts to contact the owner to have him secure the property, with no success. Denise Church made a motion to have Roger Hoyt acquire a search warrant and hire a contractor to secure the premises. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW #3-2009 & #4-2009 Rich Morley made a motion to have Attorney David Merzig draft new Local Laws. Local Law #3-2009 the mowing of lawns, weeds and other plant growth in excess of 10" and amending 43-8 to address snow and ice removal from sidewalks. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

PARK & CLERK FEES A list of proposed fees was submitted. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to raise the Park Rental fees at, Yendes - \$50.00, Upper Bassett & Lower Bassett - \$25.00, and raise the Tax, Water, and Sewer Search fee to \$20.00. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHED A letter was received from Maureen Wacha of the Walton Chamber of Commerce asking if they could place a shed behind the old Firehouse off Mead St. After discussion, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to allow the D.P.W. crew, with one days notice, to remove the snow to allow the Chamber access to the shed, at 129 North St., for the removal of the Christmas decorations. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ZBA APPOINTMENT Mayor Snow appointed Lisa Rhinehart to fill a two-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Rich Morley made a motion to approve the appointment. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

BIKE SCHOOL Chief Halaquist submitted a request to have Jeff Clark attend bike school. Rich Morley made a motion to allow Jeffrey Clark to use his vacation time to attend the Otsego Police Academy from June 8, 2009 to June 12, 2009, to use a patrol to attend the classes and to purchase the required uniform. The PBA will use their funds to purchase the bike. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

AIR SYSTEM C-BUD BUILDING Dave Ohman of Delaware Engineering presented a quote for the new compressed air system for the C-BUD building. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to have United Plumbing & Heating furnish and install a new stainless steel compressed air piping system for \$17,240.00 per the quote received. The cost is totally paid by the City of New York. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE Dave Ohman and Joseph Cetta presented the Board with a proposal to move forward with the water system upgrade plan. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to proceed with work to include Phases 1, 1A, and 1B as presented in Delaware Engineering's handout at an estimated project cost of #3,312,00.00; authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract amendment with Delaware Engineering for design, and DWSRF and USDA RD application assistance work with bid/award and construction phase services to follow, including subcontracts for topo surveying, soil borings and archaeological (Phase 1A study) services, as shown on Table 4 of handout package for a not to exceed cost of \$466,000; and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Keough Consulting to work with Delaware and the Village to prepare and submit DWSRF and USDA RD applications for a not to exceed cost of \$14,300. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody L Brown, Clerk