

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

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor

Trustees: Teresa O'Leary

Rich Morley

Denise Church

George Ostrowski

Attorney: David Merzig, Esq.

Clerk: Jody Brown

Reporters: Glenn Graves – Walton Reporter

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Mayor Edward H. Snow, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RESIGNATION OF LILLIAN BROWNE Mayor Snow read an e-mail from Lillian Browne resigning her position as Village Trustee. Mayor Snow thanked Lillian for her service to the Village. Denise Church made a motion to except Lillian's resignation. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT Mayor Snow appointed George Ostrowski to fill the vacant Trustee seat for the balance of the term. George Ostrowski has been sworn in.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Denise Church made a motion to enter executive session to discuss police personnel and D.P.W. personnel at 6:04 pm. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Denise Church made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:37 pm. 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 \$12,024.01 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$7,280.17 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$122,519.01 was presented to the Board.
The Prescription Insurance Fund Abstract in the sum of \$477.20 was presented to the Board.
The Small Cities CBDG Fund in the sum of \$350.00 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Rich Morley made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

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

BIKE PATROL OLSEN Chief Halaquist requested permission for Sgt. Olsen to go to Bike Patrol School on his own time. Rich Morley made a motion to allow Sgt. Olsen to attend Bike Patrol School in Oneonta. The only cost to the Village will be his uniform and equipment. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

STOP D.W.I. PATROL CAR Chief Halaquist is seeking a grant for a new patrol car through STOP DWI.

GTSB GRANT Chief Halaquist is seeking a grant of \$14,500.00 for mobile video cameras through GTSB.

YOUTH COURT Sgt. Olsen has been asked to speak to the Youth Court on May 5, 2009 in Delhi.

CODE

ENFORCEMENT: Roger Hoyt, Code Enforcement Official submitted his written monthly report for April 2009.

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

David Keen	59 Mead St.	Shed
New Hope Church	45 Stockton Ave	Barn Demolition
Theodore Hitt	7 Miller Ave.	Roof Replacement
Lotfia Meggali	9 St. John St.	Permit renewal, renovations
Virginia Munn	146 Delaware St.	Repair Brick Wall
Robert Vitti	38 West St. Ste 5	Sign

BUILDING PERMIT FEES A proposed list of building permit fees was submitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to adopt the new building permit fee schedule as submitted. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously. (copy attached)

141 DELAWARE STREET Code Official is concerned about the condition of the building at 141 Delaware St. The owners were invited to attend the Board Meeting to discuss its safety. The owner, Frank Berkey, did not attend the meeting. Frank advised the Mayor that he would have a structural engineer inspect the building next week.

11 BENTON AVE. The owner of 11 Benton Ave, Josh Prottas, was invited to attend the Board Meeting to discuss the condition of his property on 11 Benton Ave. Josh did not attend the meeting. The Board instructed Code Enforcement Official Roger Hoyt to proceed with the search warrant to secure the building as passed at the April 20, 2009 meeting.

VILLAGE ENGINEER David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for April 2009.

GARY'S COUNTRYSIDE SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC David Ohman is still working to develop a list of contract requirements and standard septage procedures. He will work with Attorney Merzig to draft up a contract for review by the Board.

EQUALIZATION TANK David Ohman recommended that a local contractor with a crane be hired to remove the screw auger on the equalization tank. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to hire a local contractor, with a crane, to remove and reinstall the conveyor screw auger at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

WWTP SERVICE CONTRACTS Rich Morley made a motion to authorize issuance of the service contracts approved in the WWTP budget. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

CHEMICAL BIDS Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have the clerk advertise for bids for the chemicals needed for the WWTP, the water system, and the pool. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

SEQR REVIEW FOR WATER PROJECT George Ostrowski made a motion to declare lead agency status for the SEQR review and to have the clerk advertise for the public hearing on June 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT Clayton Stanton stated that the 8-team tournament, held on May 2, was a success. Clayton said that about 100 people attended and everything went smooth. He gave his "Thanks". Mayor Snow noted that the park was left in excellent condition.

PARK STREET WALL Joseph Cetta encouraged all the Trustees to look at the wall on Park St. He stated that work would need to be done next year.

SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES Joseph Cetta submitted a list of applicants for the recreation program and hourly rates. Teresa O'Leary made a motion accept the applicants for the summer recreation program. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously. (List attached)

POOL OPENING Joseph Cetta stated that the Village Pool will open on June 27, 2009 and that swimming lessons will start on July 6, 2009.

A-1 TREE SERVICE Mayor Snow read a letter from A-1 Tree Service proposing to cut and trim trees in the Village and be paid over a three to four year period. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to have A-1 Tree Service work with Joe Cetta and develop an estimate. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

ALPHA GEOSCIENCE Joe Cetta requested permission to hire Alpha Geoscience to perform a water resource evaluation for the Village at an amount not to exceed \$7,000. This is part of the water infrastructure project. Rich Morley made a motion to hire Alpha Geoscience to perform a water resource evaluation at an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORTS: No reports.

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.

KICK-OFF TO SUMMER FESTIVAL Maureen Wacha spoke about the Festival planned for June 6, 2009. There will be events for the whole family. The Chamber will be sponsoring the Yard sale event, sidewalk sales, dunking booth, a concert in Lower Bassett Park, and much more.

50's REVISITED The Booster Club will hold the 50's revisited and Car show on July 11, 2009.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE KIOSK The Chamber of Commerce is having a Kiosk made to hold information on local businesses for tourist that visit Walton. The Kiosk will sit on State land across from the Walton Motel. Rich Morley made a motion to have the Village pay the \$35.00 per year insurance premium for the structure and that the Chamber will maintain the Kiosk. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW #3 & #4 Code Enforcement Official Roger Hoyt submitted draft local laws regarding lawn maint. and snow and ice removal from sidewalks. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to hold a public hearing on June 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

BOND RESOLUTION FEMA A resolution authorizing the issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 to finance temporarily in anticipation of the receipt of moneys from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for certain flood relief expenses was submitted to the Board. Rich Morley made said motion. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

BOND RESOLUTION WATER A resolution authorizing the issuance of serial bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for future improvements to the Village's water system. Rich Morley made said motion. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

BOND RESOLUTION STORM SEWER A resolution authorizing the issuance of serial bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for future improvements to the Village's storm sewer. Teresa O'Leary made said motion. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

WATER RATES & CAPITAL CHARGE The proposed water rates and new capital charges were presented to the Board. After review, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have a public hearing on June 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm for Local Law #5 to change the water rates and the water capital charge. Denise Church 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 resubmitted to the Board. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to pay the TPAS contract for 2009 at a cost of \$3,500.00. George Ostrowski seconded.

FIRSTTIME HOMEBUYER W4-70 An approval request W4-70 was submitted to the Board from Delaware Opportunities for the First time Homebuyers Program. After discussion & review, Rich Morley made a motion to approve the request for \$25,000.00 for the down payment and closing cost for a first time homebuyer. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously. (Request attached.)

LEVY'S A list of was presented to the Board of all unpaid invoices requesting permission to levy the invoices onto the property tax bills. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to add the unpaid amounts to the tax bills. (List attached). Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Snow read a letter from B. James Olmstead requesting the Village wave the \$25.00 water shut off fee. After discussion, the Board decided to take no action.

ADJOURN Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer