

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, June 1, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor  
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary  
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.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #3** George Ostrowski made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 2009-3 to amend Chapter 22 adding a provision entitled Grass, Brush and Weeds. Teresa O'Leary seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. No public input. After discussion and review, Teresa O'Leary moved to close the Public Hearing. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**LOCAL LAW #3 GRASS, BRUSH AND WEEDS** Rich Morley made a motion to amend Chapter 22 adding the provision entitled Grass, Brush and Weeds as read. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #4** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 2009-4 to amend Chapter 43, Section 8, "Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks". Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. No public input. After discussion and review, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to close the Public Hearing. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**LOCAL LAW #4 SNOW & ICE FROM SIDEWALKS** George Ostrowski made a motion to amend Chapter 43, Section 8, "Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks" as read. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #5** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law #5 to amend the Municipal Code regarding water charges. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously. No public input was offered. Mayor Snow mentioned that the Village is seeking funding for the water project through grants, stimulus money and low interest loans. The rates may go down after the project is finalized and the funding is in place. Rich Morley made a motion to close the Public Hearing. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**LOCAL LAW #5 - WATER RATES** George Ostrowski made a motion to amend the Municipal Code 51-11 (A) regarding water rates. The new rate per 1,000 gallons is \$3.75 and the new capital charge is \$55.57. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached

**PUBLIC HEARING SEQR** Postponed until July 6, 2009.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,327.20 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$96.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$25.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Prescription Insurance Fund Abstract in the sum of \$826.71 was presented to the Board.  
The Small Cities CBDG Fund in the sum of \$28,125.00 was presented to the Board.  
After review and discussion, Rich Morley made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

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

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

Bradley Northrup	37 North St	Addition, Living Room
Brian Albanese	112 Townsend St	Replace Roof
John Meinke	5 Maple St	Attached garage
Allen Reynolds	59 Stockton Ave	Storage Shed
Robert Vitti	44 West St	Office Space
Rodney Carman	169 Delaware St	Repairs & Renovations
Steve Armstrong	23 Shepard St	Front Porch
Gregg Kenny	214 Old Prospect Ave	Side Deck
Robert Vitti	44 West St	Renovations, Store Fronts
Richard Sarrantonio	2 North St	Renovation for Store
Jerrod Stanton	92 Mead St	Renovation for New Bedroom
Cortnie Hannon	23 East St	Pool
Robert MacNeill	18 New St.	Roof
John Davis	29 St. John St.	Roof

**STBOA TRAINING CLASSES** Roger D. Hoyt requested permission to attend two training classes in June for 10 hours of continuing education credit. Residential Sprinklers, on June 10, 2009 in Horseheads, NY the fee is \$25.00 and Flood Plain Training on June 24, 2009 in Dryden, NY the fee is \$20.00. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to allow Roger to attend both continuing education classes at a cost of \$45.00. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ADDRESS NUMBERS** Roger D. Hoyt mentioned that State code requires 4” identification numbers to be on all buildings. This will aid all emergency responders to identify your address.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for May 2009.

**CHEMICAL BIDS** Bill reviewed the chemical bids with the Board. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to except the recommendation from Delaware Engineering and award the bids as follows:  
Slack Chemical - Sodium hypochlorite, Caustic Soda, Sodium Thiosulfate Centahydrate  
Amrex Chemical – Anhydrous Ammonia  
Clean Waters, Inc. – Praestal K2001  
Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously. Bid sheet attached.

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

**WATER WORKS CONFERENCE** Joseph Cetta asked permission for himself, Matt Myer, Ernest Smith, Jr. and Roger Hoyt to attend the Water Works conference on June 11, 2009 at 8:00 am in Sidney. The cost is \$19.00 per person, which includes annual dues, the conference and lunch. Rich Morley made a motion to allow all four to attend. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT** Joseph Cetta recommended to the Board to appoint the following:  
Basketball Leaders, Dennis DuMond and Andrew Gates @ \$58.00 a day.  
Basketball Assistant, Josh Fisher, @ \$7.50/hr.  
Lifeguard, Brian Backus, @ \$7.50/hr.  
Teresa O’Leary made a motion to hire the above for the summer recreation program. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**A-1 TREE SERVICE** Joseph Cetta mentioned that there are 160 trees that need to be trimmed or removed. Morris Johnson, A-1 Tree Service, is willing to except payments over a four-year period. The rate is \$110/hr. Joe Cetta will provide a list of the trees in question to the Board.

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

**BASSETT PARK VANDALISM** Chief Halaquist mentioned that there has been a lot of vandalism in Bassett Park. His recommendation was to post a sign with age and/or height limits for the use of the playground equipment and a sign stating to stay out of the gazebo.

**POLICE CAR** Chief Halaquist reported that a new police car has been approved and has been ordered through a grant from the STOP D.W.I program. It is expected to be delivered in July.

**BIKE PATROL** The Deposit and Sidney Police Departments have extra bikes the Village can use when needed.

**TRUSTEES REPORTS:** Teresa O’Leary asked if we had heard about receiving interest from the Town of Walton for the utility tax money they were holding from Suez Energy. The clerk will speak with Attorney Merzig.

**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.

- RECORDS** Clerk Jody Brown submitted a list of records that have reach the retention date. List attached.
- DISTRUCTION** Denise Church made a motion to allow the destruction of the list of records that have reached their retention date. Teresa O’Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- H.U.D. – W4-69** Approval request #W4-69 for the First Time Homebuyers Program was submitted to the Board for the amount of \$25,000.00. After discussion and review, Rich Morley made a motion to approve W4-69 for \$25,000.00. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DUCK RACE** Teresa O’Leary made a motion to allow Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County to hold the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Race on July 11, 2009 from Riverside Park. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CHALK ART DAY** A letter was received from Walton Central School requesting permission to block North St. from Mead St to Platt St on June 4 from 8:15 am to 3:00 pm. for Chalk Art Day, with a rain date of June 5<sup>th</sup>. Denise Church made a motion to allow Walton Central School to block North St. on June 4 for Chalk Art Day. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 50’S REVISITED** A letter was received from the Walton Booster Club requesting permission to hold the 50’s Revisited Car Cruise and fireworks on July 11, 2009. They are also requesting traffic control from the Village Police Department. Rich Morley made a motion to allow the Car Cruise and fireworks. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.
- BANK ACCOUNTS** Clerk Jody Brown asked permission to open accounts for the Capital Water Project. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to allow the clerk to open a savings and a checking account for the Capital Water Project. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Clerk Jody Brown asked permission to closed four accounts, Saving & Checking for the Medical and Dental accounts and the Prescription accounts. The funds will be run through the Trust and Agency account. Rich Morley made a motion to allow the clerk to close the four accounts. George Ostrowski seconded.
- MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Snow mentioned that F.E.M.A. checks were received today in the amount of \$1,202,257.73. The clerk will check on C.D. interest amounts for a six-month period.
- ZBA APPOINTMENT** Mayor Snow appointed Richard Sarrantonio to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacant seat for the remainder of a three-year term. Rich Morley made a motion to approve the appointment of Richard Sarrantonio. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Teresa O’Leary made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Police and Dept. of Public Works Personnel, and Acting Justice’s salary at 7:15 p.m. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously
- No action was taken during executive session.
- Denise Church made a motion to come out of executive session. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ACTING JUSTICE** Teresa O’Leary made a motion to appoint Richard Gumo as Acting Justice at a salary at \$1,500.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER** Teresa O’Leary made a motion to hire Kenny Eck as a part-time police officer with a probationary period until December 2010. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CETTA RESIGNATION** Mayor Snow read a letter of resignation from Joseph Cetta effective June 19, 2009. Rich Morley made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Teresa O’Leary seconded. George Ostrowski, Teresa O’Leary, and Rich Morley voted yes. Denise Church voted no. Motion carried.
- SPECIAL MEETING** There will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, June 08, 2009 at 7:30 am.
- NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk’s Office, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer