

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, July 6, 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
Denise Church
George Ostrowski
Rich Morley

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.

Rev. Kirkwood Darville led the invocation.

21St. JOHN St. Delaware County Treasurer, Beverly Shields was present to answer questions regarding FORECLOSURE the foreclosure procedure for 21 St. John St. The County is willing to do the foreclosure if the Village would pay the \$51,000.00 that is due the county for back taxes. The County would do a title and lien search for the property, but Ms Shields would not guarantee that they wouldn't miss something. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have the Village hire someone to do the search. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING UNSAFE STRUCTURES Rich Morley made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 2009-6. George Ostrowski seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. There was no public input. Rich Morley moved to close the Public Hearing. Denise Church seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW 2009-6 After discussion and review, George Ostrowski made a motion to accept Local Law 2009-6 entitled "Buildings and Unsafe Structures" as proposed. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$634,527.97 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$405,631.69 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$94,058.64 was presented to the Board.
The Small Cities CBDG Fund in the sum of \$245.00 was presented to the Board.
The Capital Fund in the sum of \$30,541.30 was presented to the Board.
After review and discussion, Rich Morley made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. George Ostrowski seconded.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

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

SEPTAGE HAULING Dave Ohman states that a draft contract and the standard operation procedures have been developed for receiving septage at the WWTP. The Village Attorney has reviewed the documents and if the Board agrees the clerk can send Gary Brooks a copy for his review.

WELLFIELD INVESTIGATION Dave Ohman updated the Board on the progress to find a well source across the river. He states that test wells will need to be drilled. Rich Morley made a motion to have Alpha Geoscience do drilling and testing with a not to exceed amount of \$42,900.00 and to start at the Fairground location. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAPLE ST. - PROSPECT AVE. The Maple St. area has been identified as a high priority for waterline replacement. Dave Ohman asked the Board if they would like to change the scope of the project to drop the Prospect Ave. and substitute in the Maple St. project. Rich Morley made a motion to drop the loop on Prospect Ave. and add the Maple St. area project for a new estimated cost of \$4,142,000.00. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Hoyt submitted a written monthly report for June 2009.

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

Paul Decker - 43 Maple St. - Front Porch
Allen Reynolds – 59 Stockton Ave. – Roof
Marty Fisher – 73 Townsend St. – Addition
Heather Caswell – 6 Terrace Ave. – Roof
Burton Reed – 35 Maple St. – Deck
William Powers – 11 Townsend St. – Add apartment
Nick Mathiousdakis – 20 North St. – Deck
Wilma Hannan – 14 Gardiner Pl – Pizza Oven
David Gardepe - 161 Stockton Ave. – Pool Fence
Michele Reed – 104 St. John St. – Shed
George Lane – 82 Mead St. – Renovations
Vern Wildenstein – 33 South St. – Addition
Joseph D’Addezio – 41 Maple St. – Pool

141 DELAWARE STREET Roger Hoyt stated that the Village had received an engineers report for the building located at 141 Delaware St. stating that it is structurally sound.

PUBLIC WORKS Roger D. Hoyt, DPW Superintendent submitted his written monthly report for June 2009.

ROBINSON BROS. EXCAVATION Mayor Snow “Thanked” Dick Robinson for digging a ditch between Cherry St. and Fancher Ave. to help alleviate the water problem in that area. Robinson Brothers did the work voluntarily.

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

BOOSTER CLUB CAR CRUISE The 50’s revisited car cruise and fire works will be on July 11, 2009. Chief Halaquist stated that everything was set for the weekend’s activities.

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER Chief Halaquist requested that Donald Beers be hired as a part-time officer for assistance during the fair. This will help Patrolman Beers keep his NYS Certification and will help out with police coverage for fair week. Teresa O’Leary made a motion to hire Donald Beers as part-time police officer. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

BIKE PATROL Sergeant Oslan and Patrolman Clark have successfully completed bike patrol training.

SAFETY VEST DONATION The Walton Fire Department has graciously donated safety vests to the Village Police Department.

NEW PATROL CAR Chief Halaquist stated that the new patrol car should be delivered in about two weeks. This car will be totally equipped only needing the decals. The car purchase is being funded from a grant obtained through the STOP DWI Program.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

EXERCISE TRAIL Teresa O’Leary mentioned that the exercise trail has been installed at Austin-Lincoln Park.

LOWER BASSETT PARK A sign will be installed in Lower Bassett Park with a height restriction for the play-ground equipment.

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.

WATER RATE INCREASE Molly Darville, Franklin Rd., questioned the well survey sites, the rate increase and absentee landowners negligence.

Gil Williams, Ogden St., voiced his concern for the elderly with the increase of the water capital charge.

LOWER BASSETT PARK ELECTRICITY Maureen Wacha, Chamber of Commerce, inquired about reconnecting the electricity to Lower Bassett Park. DPW Superintendent, Roger Hoyt and George Ostrowski has checked into options. The cost of the supplies will be \$450.00. The Chamber will have the work done. George Ostrowski made the motion to purchase the supplies to equip Lower Bassett Park with electricity and have the Walton Chamber of Commerce have the Electricity hooked up. Rich Morley seconded. George Ostrowski, Denise Church, Rich Morley voted yes. Teresa O’Leary voted no. Motion Carried.

SMOKE-FREE PARKS Reality Check made a presentation for Smoke Free Parks. They picked up 1,500 cigarette butts by the playground in Austin-Lincoln Park on May 27th. They also gave the Board literature about outdoor secondhand smoke and sample no smoking signs.

LIFEGUARD CLASS Candy Russell is requesting permission to have lifeguard class at the Village pool. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to allow Candy Russell to hold a lifeguard at the pool. George Ostrowski second. Carried unanimously.

TENNIS INSTRUCTOR Teresa O'Leary made a motion to appoint Nancy DiJulio as tennis instructor for the summer program at an hourly rate of \$7.50. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL Mayor Snow made a motion to appoint John Esposito as part-time code enforcement official starting on July 7, 2009 at the rate of \$17.50 per hour for 20 hours a week. George Ostrowski second. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS The clerk presented the board with budget modifications. Rich Morley made a motion to accept the budget modifications as presented. Denise Church seconded. Copy attached.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Rich Morley made a motion to pass a resolution to continue operating the Housing Choice Voucher Program under the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development through Delaware Opportunities and giving the Mayor authority to sign and submit The certifications and document required. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Snow read a letter from Gilbert Williams requesting a reduction in the property taxes for the elderly.

Mayor Snow read a note from Hector Villanueva regarding the state of the sidewalk in front of his property at 7 Sewell Pl.

Mayor Snow read a letter from Cindy Tennant of the Delaware County Mental Health Clinic regarding the quality of the water. Mayor Snow commented that the infrastructure up-grade project will address this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Denise Church made a motion to go into executive session to discuss DPW personal issue at 7:50 p.m. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Teresa O'Leary made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:25 p.m. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer