

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 1, 2010, 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  
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.

Rev. Brad Johnston of the Reformed Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING - WATER ST. DEDICATION** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the dedication of Water St. as an official street. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. A question was raised about plans for sidewalks or a painted pedestrian area. Roger Hoyt and Mayor Snow will look into this. George Ostrowski made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WATER ST.** George Ostrowski made a motion to accept Water Street as a Village street. Water St. will run west from Bridge Street .16 miles and will be 28' wide, with two 10' driving lanes. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SMOKE-FREE PARKS** Heather Warner, Aletha Martinez, and Nicole Failla from Delaware County Public Health made a presentation regarding Smoke-Free Parks. There is grant money to provide signage if the Board adopts a smoke free park policy. Designated areas, such as playgrounds, can be chosen instead of making the entire park smoke free. There will be a public hearing on April 5, 2010 at 6:00 pm to hear input from interested parties.

**HAMDEN HILL RIDGE RIDERS** Earl Sines of Hamden Hill Ridge Riders, submitted a letter requesting permission to use the Austin-Lincoln Park Parking lot as a location to park trucks and trailers so that snowmobiles can access the trail. This permission would give the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders an official trailhead for New York State Snowmobile Association funding. David Sprague was present and stated that by designating Austin-Lincoln Park parking lot as a Park and Ride it could have a positive impact on the Walton economy. Denise Church made a motion to allow the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders to use the Austin-Lincoln Park parking lot to park to access the trail pending Attorney Merzig's opinion. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT** Elenor Oles from the Walton Historical Society requested a donation to help fund the Civil War Reenactment scheduled for May 29, 30, and 31. The Board tabled the request until next month to see if any funds are available in the current budget.

**BANNER PERMIT** Rich Morley made a motion to allow the clerk to file a PERM 33 application with New York State Department of Transportation to have a banner across Delaware St. to advertise the Civil War Reenactment in May. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CIVIL WAR PARADE** Rich Morley made a motion to allow a parade on May 29 from the Walton School Bus Garage to the Fairground at 10:00 am for the Civil War Reenactment. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$30,302.65 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$13,212.55 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$118,300.99 was presented to the Board.  
The Small Cities Fund Abstract in the sum of \$18,000.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,900.00 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:**

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** David Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a monthly report for February 2010.

**GARY BROOKS SEPTAGE HAULING** George Ostrowski made a motion to accept 10,000 gallons of septage per week from Gary's Countryside Septic Service, LLC and to authorize the Mayor to sign the five year contract package. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

**WWTP PURCHASES** George Ostrowski made a motion to purchase a handheld pH meter from USA Bluebook for the testing of septage at a cost of \$553.00 plus shipping with New York City's paying 20% and to authorize Beach Plumbing and Heating to provide two, 82% efficiency boiler units for the sludge building at the quoted cost of \$29,000.00 with New York City's paying 20%. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WWTP – FLOOD PLAIN MAPPING** A detailed survey is needed defining metes and found of the area to be taken out of the flood plain. Rich Morley made a motion to authorize Regen LLC to proceed and complete work to obtain metes and bounds for the area to be taken out of the flood plain and provide the map and description for submission to FEMA for a cost not to exceed a cost of \$2,200.00. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**POOL REPAIR BIDS** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to authorize the clerk to publish a legal notice to advertise for project bidding on the pool repairs when the design work has been completed. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** Sgt. Paul Olsen submitted a written monthly report for February 2010.

**207c POLICY** A revised 207-c Policy was submitted to the Board. Rich Morley made a motion to approve the policy as submitted. Denise Church seconded. Denise Church, Teresa O'Leary, and Rich Morley voted yes and George Ostrowski voted no. Motion carried. Copy attached.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Roger Hoyt, Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report for February 2010.

**WELL REHAB. AUSTIN-LINCOLN #3** Roger Hoyt submitted a proposal for the cleaning and rehabilitation of Austin-Lincoln Well #3. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to approve the cleaning and rehabilitation of Austin-Lincoln Well #3 by Layne Christensen Co. at a cost of \$14,450.00. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

**RECREATION PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to accept employment applications for the recreation program until April 26, 2010 so the appointments can be made at the May 3, 2010 board meeting. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** John Esposito, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a written report for February 2010.  
Building Permits:  
Brad Northrup 36 West St. Demolition

**AMANDA'S LAW** John Esposito spoke about a new law requiring carbon monoxide detectors in all residences.

**TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

George Ostrowski - Police contract negotiation meeting planned.  
Denise Church – nothing to report  
Teresa O'Leary – Budget workshops will be starting  
Rich Morley – nothing to report

**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 identify themselves, and state their address.

Joe Augustine, 22 Mead St., expressed his concern about all the signs on telephone poles.

Mitchell Bartlett, 19 Ogden St., concern about the snow removal code on Ogden St. He also questioned who owned the bridge on Ogden St.

**MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT** Maureen Wacha of the Walton Chamber of Commerce, announced that "Meet the Candidates night will be on March 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. This year there are four candidates running for two Trustee seats in the March 16, 2010 election; incumbents Rich Morley and George Ostrowski. Patrick Meredith and Andrew Rutherford are also running.

**FEMA BUYOUT PROPERTIES** A resolution from the Delaware County Planning Department was presented to the Board for the Village to accept transfer of ownership for three properties from Delaware County, 251.20-5-7 14 Brook St., 251.20-5-14 16 East St, and 273.7-1-23 23 Liberty St, that were purchased through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. George Ostrowski made a motion to pass the resolutions for the transfer of these properties from Delaware County to the Village of Walton. Rich Morley seconded.

George Ostrowski, Rich Morley and Mayor Snow voted yes. Teresa O'Leary and Denise Church voted no. Motion carried. Copies attached.

**SEWER UNITS** A letter was received from Thelma Madrigal requesting a reduction in the sewer units at 36  
**36 TOWNSEND** Townsend St. The property is no longer being used for an adult home. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to reduce the sewer units from 8.5 to 2. George Ostrowski seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S**

**REPORT:** Mayor Snow read a letter from Dawn Cronin regarding the water rates.

Mayor Snow read a letter from Carol Nichols regarding D.P.W., the Townsend – Mead St. storm drain, and the mailmen.

**EXECUTIVE** George Ostrowski made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:35  
**SESSION** pm. Rich Morley seconded. Carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Rich Morley made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:54 p.m. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO** Rich Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Denise Church seconded.  
**ADJOURN** Carried unanimously.

**NEXT** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, April 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.  
**MEETING** in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer