

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor                      Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend  
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary                                      Clerk: Jody Brown  
              Denise Church  
              Patrick Meredith  
              Andrew Rutherford

Reporters: Glen Graves – Walton Reporter and T.J.E. Productions – Channel 23

Rev. Kirkwood Darville led the invocation.

Mayor Edward H. Snow, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2010-3** Patrick Meredith made a motion to open the public hearing on Local Law 2010-3 to amend Chapter 43-8, "Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks" of the Village Code. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.  
Sam Swart of 109 Townsend St. questioned if there would be any exemptions and who would determine the amount of snow. He opinion was that the appeal process should go through the court system.  
Larry Rigas of 83 Townsend St. suggested that it was not Christian to send bills to "non-shovelers" and that must people do shovel their walks.  
Keath Davis of 80 Delaware St. suggested that notices should be sent to property owners that do not read the paper or watch Channel 23. He questioned where to put the snow on Delaware St. and that the proposed 1" of snow should be more. Keath suggested that the penalties should be \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, and \$75.00 for the third offense.  
Francis Rice of 42 St. John St. said that there should be a warning first.  
Eric Boecke of 38 St. John St. said that the Village crew should clear the snow instead to a contractor.  
Linda DuMond of 77 Townsend St. stated that she was glad that an appeal process was added to the proposed code, but disagreed with unpaid invoice becoming a lien on the property.  
Kirk Darville of 33 Bruce St. suggested that the Village hire a crew to clear all the sidewalks.  
Mitch Bartlett of 19 Ogden St. asked if he could pull up the sidewalk.  
Kim Bartlett of 19 Ogden St. stated that the Code Enforcement Official should live in the Village. She also wondered if the "scouts" could volunteer to help shovel walks.  
After public input, Denise Church made a motion to close the public hearing. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

Patrick Meredith made a motion to have a Code Enforcement Committee meeting on August 30, 2010 at 6:00 pm to involve the public in the code for snow removal and to have the clerk mail post cards to property owners with the date of the committee meeting with the estimated cost of \$360.00. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Andrew Rutherford, Patrick Meredith, and Teresa O'Leary voted yes. Denise Church voted no. Motion unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$49,367.17 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,008.82 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$117,651.79 was presented to the Board.  
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$11,346.36 was presented to the Board.  
After review and discussion, Denise Church made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY** Sgt. Paul Olsen submitted his written monthly report for July 2010.

**NEW POLICE STATION SITE** Preliminary site plans for a new police station were submitted to the Board. Andrew Rutherford made a motion to approve the 87 Mead St. site as the location for the new police station. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**MEAD ST. WALL** Denise Church made a motion to have the Mayor sign a contract amendment of \$6,000.00 with Delaware Engineering their services for \$6,000.00 on the Mead St. Wall project. Funding will be coming from the Catskill Watershed Corp. grant. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WATER PROJECT** Pat Snover from USDA will be bringing a letter of conditions to a meeting on August 11, 2010 regarding the water system project.

**PUBLIC WORKS** A written monthly report for July 2010 was submitted to the Board.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** John Esposito, Code Enforcement Official submitted his written monthly report for July 2010.

Building and/or sign permits issued during the month of July 2010 are as follows:

Marie Ntibalikure	211 Old Prospect Ave.	Deck Repair
Fred Babcock	14 ½ Howell St.	Pole Barn
Seth Wildenstein	33 South St.	Renewal
Gioia Ambrette	136 Townsend St.	Roof
Kathryn Youmans	39 Maple St.	Roof
Mindy Banks	13 Quarry St.	Plumbing
Robert Vitti	44 West St.	Sign

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** John Esposito stated that he would be retiring at the on September 24, 2010. After discussion, Patrick Meredith made a motion to authorize the clerk to advertise for a part-time Code Enforcement Official. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

Teresa O'Leary – The summer recreation is going great again this year. The recreation committee recommended that the Village charge for use of the athletic fields to all organizations running a tournament that charge an entry fee to participate starting with the 2011 season. The cost would be \$10.00 per field per day and an application would need to be filled out to reserve the field. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to charge \$10.00 per field per day for tournaments that charge entry fees. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

Denise Church – No report

Patrick Meredith stated that the flood commission is working on a grant with the State.

Andrew Rutherford – No 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 stand, identify themselves, state their address and he gave each person five minutes.

Keath Davis of 80 Delaware St. asked about the amount of grant funding the Village might receive for the water project. USDA had offered \$479,000.00.

Keath Davis also suggested charging \$1.00 per day to use the pool as an option. Larry Rigas of 83 Townsend St. disagreed.

**TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT** Delaware Support and Services Inc. is sponsoring a transitional employment program. They will pay the wages for six months, 30-40 hrs a week. The participant would be Jody Campbell. After discussion, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have Jody Campbell work for the Village through the transitional employment program for six months. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PRIOR YEAR PAST DUE TAXES** The clerk submitted a list of six properties with prior year taxes due and asked the Board to decide how they wanted to collect them. Patrick Meredith made a motion to have the clerk send out one more delinquent notice and then start the foreclosure process on property with taxes due over two years. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**BRIDGE ST. FLAGS** Greg Graupman's 4-H group would like to put up hanging baskets and six flags on the bridge. Denise Church made a motion to allow the 4-H group to put up two United States flags, two New York State flags, two 4-H flags and floral baskets on the Bridge St. bridge for Fair Week. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**FUNDRAISER 5K-3K** Allie Eisele wrote a letter to the Board requesting permission to hold a 5K-run/3K-walk for the Pink Ribbon Riders, a non-profit organization that raise awareness and funding for breast cancer patients. Denise Church made a motion to allow the Pink Ribbon Riders to hold a 5K-run/3K-walk on Sept. 26, 2010 at 9:00 am pending the assistance of the fire police to help with traffic. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Snow read another letter from Carol Nichols. She wanted to know if the Village would accept partial payments on the water/sewer bills. After discussion, the board decided to leave the policy alone.

Mayor Snow read a request from Maureen Wacha of the Walton Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of Lower Bassett Park for another concert on August 23, 2010 with a rain date of August 26 at no charge. Patrick Meredith made the motion to allow the Chamber to use Lower Bassett Park for a free concert. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow presented a quote from Fisher Enterprises regarding the cooling and heating system in the Theater. After discussion, Denise Church made a motion to have Fisher Enterprises do the repairs on the Theater's cooling and heating system for \$6,500.00. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Mayor Snow, Teresa O'Leary, and Denise Church voted yes. Patrick Meredith and Andrew Rutherford voted no. Motion carried.

Mayor Snow recommended sending the clerk to the fall New York Conference Of Mayors and Public Official's conference. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to send Jody Brown to the NYCOM conference, Sept 20 – Sept 23 in Lake Placid the cost of the conference is \$240.00 plus room and board. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Village Clerk's Office, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer

