

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Mayor: Edward H. Snow, Sr. 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. Larry Light of the New Hope Church led the invocation.

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

**THEATER** Paula O'Brien of the Preservation Association submitted a proposal to the Board. After discussion, PRESERVATION Teresa O'Leary made a motion to purchase ceiling fans, light fixtures, and remote controls for the ASSOCIATION museum room in the theater for \$510.00 to be installed by Dick Turner and Gregory Miller at no charge. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**CODE** Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted a written monthly report for February 2010.  
**ENFORCEMENT**

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

Community Bank 124 Delaware St. Signs

93 LIBERTY ST. Steve Dutcher has received a certificate of assent from the property owner. The owner has given the dates of expected completion.

**INSPECTION** Steve Dutcher submitted a proposal to charge inspection fees and to change the inspection code to follow the NYS code.  
**FEE**

**PUBLIC** Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent, submitted a written monthly report for February 2010.  
**WORKS**

**VILLAGE** Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for February 2010.  
**ENGINEER**

**TOM HOWARD** Bill Brown submitted a payment request for the work completed to date at the New Police Station.

**PAYMENT** Andrew Rutherford made a motion to approve payment application #2 for \$37,046.20 to Tom  
**REQUEST** Howard Construction. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC** Sgt. Laauser submitted his written monthly report for February 2010 to the Board.  
**SAFETY**

**POLICE** Sgt. Laauser requested permission to send Officers Askerzadah and Tallman to the Police Academy.  
**ACADEMY** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to sponsor Officers Askerzadah and Tallman to attend the Police Academy on April 5, 2011 with the only fee to the Village being the cost of ammunition. The officers will pay the \$1,400.00 fee. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NYC LAND** Dean Frazier of the Delaware County Watershed Affairs spoke to the Board about the New York  
**ACQUISITION** City Land Acquisition Program. After discussion, Andrew Rutherford made a motion to hold a public hearing on May 2, 2011 at 6:00 pm to hear public opinion on the NYC Land Acquisition Program conservation waivers. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$90,817.30 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$6,183.45 was presented to the Board.  
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$77,583.45 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$58.50 was presented to the Board.  
The Housing Rehabilitation Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Police Station Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$13,045.06 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Patrick Meredith made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** Andrew Rutherford – no report  
Patrick Meredith – no report  
Denise Church – no report

**SWIMMING LESSONS** Teresa O'Leary has met with Brian Sprague, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, regarding swimming lessons for the summer. Delhi will not be providing lessons this year. Brian would like the Village to provide lessons for the children of Delhi, Delancey and Hamden at a charge of \$45.00 per session. After discussion, Patrick Meredith made a motion to provide lessons at a charge of \$45.00 per person per session for participants living outside of Walton. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WSI TRAINING** Teresa O'Leary stated that Brian Sprague has spoken with Candy Russell regarding providing a training class to lifeguards to become water safety instructors. After discussion, Patrick Meredith made a motion allow Candy Russell to use the pool for WSI training classes. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

**LAWN MOWER** Teresa O'Leary stated that Brian Sprague has asked permission to hire a lawn mower at minimum wage. After discussion, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to hire a lawn mower at minimum wage on a conditional basis on an as needed basis. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Teresa O'Leary, Patrick Meredith, and Andrew Rutherford voted yes. Denise Church voted no.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Mayor Snow laid down the ground rules for public input asking people to stand, identify themselves, and state their address. She gave each person three minutes and then opened the floor to the public. No public input.

**PROCUREMENT POLICY** The procurement policy was submitted to the Board. After discussion, Patrick Meredith made a motion to amend the procurement policy as follows: Purchase Contracts under \$20,000.00 and Public Works Contracts under \$35,000.00 are not subject to competitive bidding. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached and becomes part of these minutes.

**W4-72 FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER** The clerk submitted an approval request from Delaware Opportunities for W4-72 for \$24,500.00 for the first-time homebuyers program. Denise Church made a motion to approve W4-72 for \$24,500.00. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WALTON LITTLE LEAGUE** A letter from the Walton Little League was submitted to the Board requesting to use the bathrooms by the pavilion at no charge. After discussion, the Board decided to leave the policy in place that the bathrooms are opened if the pavilion is rented.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP** March 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm will be the first budget workshop.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Snow read a letter from Julie Gladstone Maggiori requesting that the snow removal invoice she received be dismissed. After discussion, the Board took no action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Patrick Meredith made a motion to enter executive session to discuss public works personnel at 7:25 p.m. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

Denise Church made a motion to close executive session at 7:52 p.m. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Patrick Meredith seconded.  
Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm  
in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer