

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Mayor Stephen Condon
Trustees: Eric Ball
Richard Doig
Nathan Jamieson
Steven Sehen, absent

Reporter: Lillian Browne, *The Reporter*
Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend
Clerk: Jody L. Brown

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

PUBLIC INPUT Mayor Condon invited anyone who wished to address the Board to give their name and address.
No public input.

FLOOD MITIGATION REPORT Graydon Dutcher, Delaware County Soil & Water, gave a presentation on the Walton Flood Commission's progress with all the flood mitigation projects and answered questions.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$38,765.38 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,481.62 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$142,881.92 was presented to the Board.
The Shepard St. Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for January 2020.

S.A.M. GRANT DPW GARAGE SEQR & FUNDING Bill Brown discussed the DASNY Application process for the DPW Garage. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to identify the highway garage building replacement as a type 2 action under. SEQRA as it is the replacement of an existing structure and is less than 4,000 square feet in size and that no further environmental review is required. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
Trustee Ball made a motion to identify matching funds of \$200,000 from the General Fund, Fund Balance for the Highway Garage project as required by the DASNY Grant. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for January 2020.

LEAF VACUUM Butch stated that \$37,000 was budgeted to purchase a leaf picker and requested purchasing a new one. The current vacuum is a 1985 and replacement parts are no longer available. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to purchase a leaf vacuum from Cyncom at the cost of \$30,518.15 from budget line A8560.200. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

POOL OPERATOR Butch Smith requested training for Brian Sprague. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to have Brian Sprague attend the Pool Operation Management Training on March 17th in

CERTIFICATION Binghamton to obtain his Certified Pool Operator Certification at a cost of \$325.00 from budget line A7310.400. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for January 2020. He is continuing with the property clean-up at 11 and 13 Liberty St.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for January 2020.

POLICE DEPT. Joseph D'Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for January 2020. The LIVE SCAN Grant application has been submitted.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER Chief D'Addezio requesting sending an officer to training. Trustee Doig made a motion to send Officer Wood to Field Training Officer Classes in Delhi at a cost of \$125.00 on February 24 – 27 from budget line A3120.400. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

VEST GRANT Chief D'Addezio mentioned that two vests needed to be replaced. Trustee Doig made a motion to apply for a federal and state grant to replace the two vests. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson stated that he has been working with Brian and Butch on the Park & Pool Budgets. Also, the Theater balcony project is underway.

Trustee Ball contacted Senator Delgado's office and the Village is not eligible for additional funding for the Water Project. He is still seeking another source.

Trustee Doig stated that contract negotiations are still in the works.

ELECTION INSPECTORS The Clerk stated that it is time for to appoint election inspectors. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to appoint Maxine Locherer as lead election inspector at \$12.00 an hour, Joann Pomeroy and Amy Stanton as election inspectors at \$11.80 per hour for the March 18, 2020 Village Election. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

CDBG GRANT A letter was received from Delaware Opportunities to see if there was interest from the Board for the Village to apply for a CDBG Grant. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to express the Board's interest in applying for a CBDG Grant and have Delaware Opportunities administer the program for the Village. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

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26 FITCH ST.** A letter was received from Steven Harrison requesting a sewer unit reduction. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to reduce the sewer units to one because Mr. Harrison combined his two properties into one property. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss Police contract negotiations and Police personnel. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

FULL-TIME Chief D'Addezio recommended hiring Officer Logan Wood to fill the full-time officer position now

OFFICER that Officer Tallman has resigned. Trustee Doig made a motion to hire Logan Wood provisionally as a full-time police officer at Step 3 effective February 10, 2020. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

CLEANER FOR POLICE STATION Chief D'Addezio recommended hiring Taylor Wood to clean the Police Station. Trustee Doig made a motion to hire Taylor Wood as cleaner for the Police Station at a rate of \$11.80 an hour for up to six hours a week effective February 4, 2020. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEMAND FOR RECOVERY A policy was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to accept the Demand for Recovery of the Cost of Training as Village Policy. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

ADJOURN Mayor Condon adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown
Clerk-Treasurer

DEMAND FOR RECOVERY OF THE COST OF TRAINING

In the event the Village of Walton is required to provide the basic training course for a police officer and in the event the officer voluntarily separates from the police department within 4 years of hire or within 36 months after training has been completed the officer shall on demand reimburse the Village of Walton for all wages and expenses, as defined below, paid by the Village of Walton during or in conjunction with his or her basic training according to the following pro-rate schedule.

<u>Length of employment</u> <u>After completion of training</u>	<u>% reimbursement of</u> <u>Wages and Expenses</u>
Up to 1 year	100%
1 year up to 2 years	75%
2 years up to 3 years	50%
3 years up to 4 years	25%

Wages subject to reimbursement shall be limited to wages paid in excess of the minimum wage required by provisions of the Fair Labor Standard Act. Expenses of training include, but are not limited to, any reimbursement to an officer for the cost of travel, lodging, meals, books, or tuition and any payment made by the Village of Walton to a third party for a benefit available to the officer during the time of training.

With the exception of vacation leave, any authorized or unauthorized absence from work after the completion of training aggregating more than 5 working days in a calendar year shall not be considered as employment.

A voluntary separation shall include a provoked discharge which is hereby defined to be a discharge occasioned by a deliberate or willful act at least partially motivated by an intention to avoid the reimbursement obligation under these terms. Should an individual separate from service prior to completion of the length of employment required by this contract, the employer shall present the individual with a demand for payment of any monies due and owing to the Village of Walton. The individual shall reimburse the Village of Walton for the amount presented. Should it be necessary for the Village of Walton to initiate litigation in order to secure reimbursement, the individual responsible for reimbursement shall in addition reimburse the Village of Walton for all its legal expenses associated with the proceeding. A copy of this language of the contract shall be provided to all individuals interviewed for employment with the Village of Walton; provided, however, the failure of the Village of Walton to do so shall not affect the obligation of an individual for reimbursement in accordance with these terms of this contract.

Notice of Separation – Employee must give 4 weeks