

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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| Present: | Mayor Stephen Condon | Attorney: | David Merzig, not required to attend |
| Trustees: | Eric Ball | Clerk: | Jody L. Brown |
| | Richard Doig | | |
| | Nathan Jamieson | | |
| | Steven Sehen | | |

Mayor Condon called the meeting to order at 6:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Condon welcomed Trustees Doig and Sehen back after winning the election.

PUBLIC HEARING Trustee Jamieson made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law LOCAL LAW 5-2020 to amend the residency requirement of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Jamison read the proposed Local Law.

No Public Input. The Clerk stated that no written, email, or phone calls with questions, comments, or concerns had been received.

Trustee Ball made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve Local Law #5-2020 to amend the residency requirement of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to be within a ten mile radius of any boundary line of the Town of Walton. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$18,885.03 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,396.66 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$188,247.73 was presented to the Board.
The Capital Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,310.11 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for September 2020. The WWTP working well at this time.

LED POLE LIGHTING Jason Craig requested upgrading the outdoor lighting. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to purchase and install LED lighting outside at the WWTP from Taggart Electric at a cost of \$11,854.00 from budget lines G8130.421/521, 50/50 split with NYC DEP. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a monthly report for September 2020. Nothing for Board action at this time. Bill did mention that we are still waiting for the final approval of our DASNY grant for \$200,000.00 for our DPW Garage. He encouraged all to reach out to Senator Metzger's Office. The Clerk has already sent an email to our contact regarding this grant. Trustees Jamieson & Ball will both reach out to the Senator's office as well.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for Sept. 2020. DPW is preparing for paving on West St., Shepard St., and More Ave.

NYCOM CONTINUING EDUCATION Butch Smith is requesting continuing education for himself and Matt Myer. Trustee Ball made a motion to approve Butch Smith and Matt Myer attending the NYCOM virtual conference on Oct 21 & 22 at a cost of \$69.00 each to receive their water continuing education credits. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report of September 2020.

RESIGNATION A resignation letter was received from Stephen Dutcher on September 21st. His last day of work was October 2nd. Discussions have occurred with the Town of Walton regarding hiring a full-time Code Enforcement Official and splitting all the costs of the position. Steven hasn't resigned with the Town so they don't want to proceed at this time. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to advertise for a part-time Code Enforcement Official. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPT. Joseph D'Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for September 2020.

NEW VEHICLE The leasing program together with the County will not be possible. The Leasing Company does not do the "sub-leasing" anymore. Chief D'Addezio requested purchasing a new vehicle. After discussion, Trustee Doig made a motion to purchase a 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor from VonBortel Ford at a cost not to exceed \$34,000.00 for the vehicle, with striping and outfitting separate, additional costs. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Trustees Doig, Ball and Jamieson voted yes, Trustee Sehen abstained. Motion carried.

SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARDS The Chief mentioned the need for having substitute crossing guards to fill in when someone needs time off. Currently the Patrolman on duty would cover, but if there is a call during that period a crossing may have to be left without coverage. Trustee

TRUSTEE REPORTS Nate Jamieson the Theater is still closed at this time. Delaware River Stage Co. has started talking about doing an outdoor event.

Trustee Ball mentioned that the CHIPS (NYS aid) money will be utilized for most of the paving and storm drain projects. The Curry Well repairs have solved the issues we were having.

Trustee Doig the Town Supervisor has been approached regarding consolidating the Court spaces and moving the Village Court to the Town building as they are already handicap accessible.

Trustee Sehen all items addressed under the Cedarwood report.

PARADES A letter was received from Walton Central School regarding potentially having the Halloween parade on October 30, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., a letter was received from the Walton Lions Club regarding the Veteran's Day parade on November 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., and a letter was received from the Walton Lions Club regarding the Christmas parade on November 27th at 6:00 p.m. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to submit permit applications to NYS DOT for the above parade permits. Trustee Jamison seconded. Carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE The Clerk submitted a list to the Board with the remaining properties on the Foreclosure list for their information.

MacDonald - 39 Mount Pleasant Rd.
Reen - 8 Ogden St.
DSV SPV1 LLC - 153 Prospect Ave.

Pinnacle Ventures Group – 81 Mead St.
Pizzo, Inc. – 144-146 Delaware St.
Picinich Estate – 19 Maples St.

A letter was received from Attorney Sackett regarding an installment plan of \$350.00 a month for the Pizzo, Inc. property at 144-146 Delaware St. Currently the amount due to the Village for unpaid tax is \$3,400.63. The property owner is making payments to Delaware County for prior years due and is arrears on the 2020 tax as well. After discussion, Trustee Doig made a motion to take no action on the request. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

CLEANER The Village Hall and Court need a cleaner. We have reached out to the person currently cleaning at the Police Dept. but haven't heard back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Jamieson made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations at 6:48 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

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, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown
Clerk-Treasurer