

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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

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

Rev. Paul Huh of the United Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Trustee Sehen made a motion to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding a Community Development Block Grant application. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Bill Brown read the legal notice. Mark Blauer, grant writer, led the discussion by telephone. The Village is interested in using the grant funds to make improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plants equipment. The clarifiers and digesters are original equipment of the plant. The Village's application was not selected for funding last year but the Village is interested in applying again this year for \$998,000. Mark Blauer and Bill Brown suggested the Village appropriate \$45,000 towards the project to cover the administrative costs to show the Village has "skin in the game". All the projects funded in the last round were co-funded. Mayor Snow asked if Sewer Fund Balance could be used. The answer was yes. Trustee Sehen asked if the money could Bond for it. The answer is that it probably isn't cost effective with such a minimal amount. Steve Condon asked if this grant is awarded for less than requested. The answer is this grant is awarded for the full funds requested or nothing at all.

Trustee Doig made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig made a motion to designate \$45,000.00 for the administrative costs of the project if the grant is awarded. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the submission of an application to NYS OCR for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to replace a clarifier and sludge thickener at the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Board decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to approve the minutes for submittal of this grant application.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$66,826.69 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,336.05 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$162,871.91 was presented to the Board.  
The Trust & Agency Abstract in the sum of \$4,105.68 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown submitted a report to the Board for June 2021.

**I&I STUDY GRANT** Bill Brown stated that the last application for grant funding the Village submitted was not selected for funding and asked if the Board would like to re-apply. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion authorize the submission of an application to NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. for an

Engineering Planning Grant for \$100,000 to conduct an Inflow and Infiltration Study with a Village share of \$25,000 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the application. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**GRIT SCREW PARTS** Bill Brown stated that the Grit Screw requires bearing replacement. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the purchase of grit screw parts from WTP Equipment Corp at the cost of \$1,976 from budget line G8130.415/515 80% Village, 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**STREAM MANAGEMENT GRANT** The Village filed a pre-application with Soil & Water for consideration. After discussion, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the applications to Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District for their Stream Management Implementation Program for stream restoration projects. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Jason Craig submitted a report to the Board for June 2021. Jason, once again, expressed concerns about “foreign” objects being flushed. NOTHING should be flushed except human waste and toilet paper. Because users are still flushing dental floss, condoms, feminine hygiene products, cleaning wipes, food, deodorant caps, etc. All of these items get wrapped around the pumps and cause the equipment to fail. The equipment to run the Wastewater Treatment Plant is very expensive. A request for another pump repair is being requested because of this issue.

**PUMP REPAIR** Jason Craig requested having a pump repaired. The cost of a new pump is estimated at \$30,000. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to send a RAS/WAS pump to Glauber Equipment Corp. for repair at a cost of \$9,489.00 from G8130.415/515, 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith submitted a report to the Board for June 2021.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Josh Morgan submitted a report to the Board for June 2021. Trustee Ball read the Code report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Chief D’Addezio submitted a report for June 2021.

**POLICE TRAINING** Last month Chief requested training expenses, but the actual cost of the class is more. Chief is requesting additional funds for the training. Trustee Sehen made a motion to reimburse Officer Wood \$300 for Fire Arm Instructor training and \$400 additional for Officer Finch to PT Instructor and Defensive Tactics training. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CAR CRUISE** A letter was received from Patty Wood regarding a car cruise. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to file a NYS DOT application for a parade permit for the Walton Lion’s Club Car Cruise on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** Nate Jamieson – The Village Pool is open from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. daily, weather dependent. Arts & Crafts and basketball in Austin-Lincoln Park Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The Theater is open for movies again with tickets being sold on-line.  
Trustee Doig did research on the waiver of sewer fees for filling swimming pools and the reduction is minimal. Users are not following the policy to read the meters before and after the filling. Trustee Doig made a motion to no longer waive the sewer charge for the filling of pools and

hot tubs. Trustee Sehen seconded. Trustee Doig, Trustee Sehen and Trustee Jamieson voting yes and Trustee Ball abstaining. Motion carried.

- LIFEGUARDS** Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hire Colby Phraner, Sariah Vesterfelt, and Kyndra Church as Lifeguards effective July 7<sup>th</sup> at a rate of \$12.50 an hour. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.
- VOLUNTEER** Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize Justin Kirby to volunteer at the parks as part of a work program for the summer. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow mentioned that a survey has been included in the July water/sewer bills to receive public opinion on the Village opting out of the sale of Cannabis within the Village. Please fill complete the survey and return to the Village Hall by July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- THEATER RENTAL** A letter was received from R.S.S. expressing the interest to continue renting the Theater. Trustee Doig made a motion to continue to lease the Theater to Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. for three years with 2% increase in rent each July starting at \$1,016.35. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- PARK RENTAL** A letter was received from Phil Seiden, Delaware County Shields, to request the park rental fee be waived. Trustee Sehen felt the fee should not be waived because of the costs incurred to have it open. Trustee Ball made a motion to waive the fee of \$50.00 for Yendes pavilion. There was no second. No action was taken.
- COURT GRANT RESOLUTION** Justice Hall submitted a request to submit a grant application. The feeling of the Board is that the cost of \$27,000 for air conditioning is exorbitant. Trustee Doig commented that if we are awarded the grant the Village doesn't need to accept the grant. Trustee Doig made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-4, The Board of the Village of Walton authorizes the Walton Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2021-2022 grant cycle up to \$27,000.00. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** A letter was received from the Walton Chamber of Commerce regarding the replacement of the Christmas decorations and the Chamber would like to apply for grant funding to help with the cost. Because of the Chamber's tax status, they are looking for a fund administrator to be able to apply for grants. After discussion, the Mayor will get more detailed information on the exact role that the Chamber is looking for the Village to play in this process.
- BUDGET AMENDMENTS** The Clerk submitted the last amendments for 2020-2021. Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the Final 2020-2021 budget amendments. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Jamieson made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.  
Trustee Doig made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN** Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
- NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer