

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Mayor Stephen Condon

Reporter: Lillian Browne, *The Reporter*

Trustees: Eric Ball

Richard Doig

Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend

Nathan Jamieson

Clerk: Jody L. Brown

Steven Sehen

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

Rev. Robert Wilke of the Plymouth Church led the invocation.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Trustee Sehen made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2020, Water Charges. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Lillian Browne asked how much the increase would be. The increase is \$2.60 per quarter to prepare for the \$1.2 million Water Infrastructure Improvement Project. The Board decided to increase the Capital Charge in increments over the next couple years instead of raising it \$10.00 all at one time.

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

Trustee Sehen made a motion to pass Local Law 2-2020 to amend the municipal code regarding water charges in the Village setting the Water Capital at \$44.25 per quarter per water customer. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**COMPLETE
STREETS**

Maureen Blanchard from Creating Healthy Schools and Communities spoke to the Board regarding a grant opportunity. There is \$15,000.00 available to be spent and projects implemented by this summer. Mayor Condon designated Nate Jamieson as lead on this opportunity.

**FLOOD PLAIN
UPDATE**

Stephen Dutcher, Flood Plain Manager, explained that the next step in the Local Flood Analysis would be to demolishing four houses on Mead St. to widen the bridge and mitigate the area. The thought is that the reduction in tax revenue from losing the four properties would be made up with assessments of 24 current floodplain properties would rise. The properties would remain as NY City properties so there isn't any expected maintain or additional costs involved.

**PUBLIC
INPUT**

Mayor Condon invited anyone who wished to address the Board to give their name and address.

Tara Vitti, Walton Chamber of Commerce, "Meet the Candidates" March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to meet the four people running for Village Trustee.

Tara Vitti also mentioned that the Chamber is working on planting trees on Delaware St. They are sourcing what tree would work best for this location. There is a question about planting trees in the NYS DOT's right-of-way.

ABSTRACTS:

The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$85,209.48 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,780.50 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$147,505.03 was presented to the Board.

The Small Cities Fund Abstract in the sum of \$175.00 was presented to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent, submitted a monthly report for February 2020. Butch mentioned that there was a sewer main clog on Mead St. Once again, wipes were the cause of this problem.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT Butch Smith spoke with the Board regarding surplus equipment. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to declare the steel concrete curb forms as surplus and sell at auction. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a monthly report for February 2020. The plant is operating well. The new grinder is working well but now the pieces of the wipes are causing issues on the screw press.

2020-2021 NYC DEP BUDGET The Clerk submitted a proposed budget for approval. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the NYC DEP portion of the Sewer Fund Budget for 2020-2021. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

SLUDGE HAULING AGREEMENT Jason Craig submitted an agreement for Board approval. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a three year agreement with Del-Ton Sanitation for hauling sludge to the Delaware County Landfill at a rate of \$12.00 per ton and increasing \$.25 per year. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a monthly report for February 2020.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES Steve Dutcher had sent a certified letter to the owner of 11 Liberty St., Vincent Garofalo, regarding several issues on his property. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion to hold a hearing on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. regarding the unsecured structure and property maintenance issues at 11 Liberty St. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Steve Dutcher also mentioned that 144-146 Delaware St. roof drain issues and falling bricks. Trustee Sehen made a motion to hold a hearing on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. regarding the unsafe Structure. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPT. Joseph D'Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for February 2020. The LIVEScan Grant has been awarded to the Village in the amount of \$10,000.00.

NARCAN TRAINING Chief D'Addezio requested training. Trustee Sehen made a motion to allow Chief D'Addezio and Officer Dunphy to attend NARCAN training in Delhi this month. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

STANDARDIZATION Bill Brown discussed with the Board the need to be consistent with the chemicals at the WWTP

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| OF CHEMICALS | After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion that the Village Board standardizes the use of StaFloc and Slack Plus from Slack Chemical Company of Carthage NY for use at the wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. |
| WATER PROJECT COUNSEL AGREEMENTS | <p>The EFC grant for the Water Improvements needs items before moving forward. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the local counsel agreement with Kehoe & Merzig, PC for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Project. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Village Treasurer to sign the Bond Counsel agreement with Walsh & Walsh, LLP for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Project. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> |
| TRUSTEE REPORTS | <p>Trustee Sehen made a motion to apply for a \$5,000 grant through the Paul and Miriam Mattern Fund to help with cost associated with the River Walk on Water St. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Trustee Ball is working on a project to have a "Twin Town" relationship with Cavan, Ireland.</p> |
| MAYOR'S REPORT | <p>Mayor Condon submitted a resolution to the Board regarding State Criminal Justice Reforms. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to pass a resolution requesting amendments to NY State's Criminal Justice Reforms. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.</p> <p>Mayor Condon submitted proposed letter to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to NYS Majority Leader about the Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation budget bill opposing the Small Cells Siting Mandate. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> |
| COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE STIPULATION | The Delaware County Tax Foreclosure agreement was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion pass a resolution entitled Joint Sale of Tax Acquired Properties by Delaware County and the Village of Walton. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. |
| 2019-2020 BUDGET AMENDMENTS | The Clerk submitted amendments to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget amendments as presented. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached. |
| EXECUTIVE SESSION | <p>Trustee Jamieson made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss Police Personnel and negotiations. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Trustee Doig made a motion to close Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.</p> |
| PART-TIME PATROLMAN | Trustee Doig made a motion to hire Morgan Siemans as part-time patrolman and have her attend the Police Academy in Fallsburg at a cost of \$1,200 with the understanding that she will sign the Demand for Recovery of Costs agreement. Her rate will be \$15.00 per hour when scheduled to work after fire arms and use of force certifications. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. |
| LEACHATE | Trustee Doig made a motion that the Board is willing to keep the Leachate pricing a \$.035 per |

PRICING gallon and to renegotiate with Delaware County in August during their budget process. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Condon adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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

Jody L. Brown
Clerk-Treasurer

| DATE OF AUDIT | MONTH OF YEAR | AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 1 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 2 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 3 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 4 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 5 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 6 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 7 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 8 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 9 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 10 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 11 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 12 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 13 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 14 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 15 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 16 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 17 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 18 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 19 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 20 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 21 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 22 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 23 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 24 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 25 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 26 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 27 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 28 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 29 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 30 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 31 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 32 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 33 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 34 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 35 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 36 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 37 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 38 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 39 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 40 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 41 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 42 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 43 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 44 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 45 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 46 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 47 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 48 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 49 |
| 03/31/20 | 03 | 10,000.00 | General Fund - Part 50 |

To the Treasurer of the above VILLAGE:
The above listed entries having been presented to the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of
Watson, and having been duly audited and allowed amounts and on an approved
basis, you are hereby authorized and directed to pay each of the listed amounts to the amount
indicated upon his claim appearing opposite the name.
In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand at Watson,
in Watson, Missouri, this 31st day of March, 2020.



RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE OF WALTON
REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO NEW YORK STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

WHEREAS while there was a need to reform New York's criminal justice statutes during the 2019 state legislative session, it is widely recognized that several of the drastic changes in the laws pertaining to discovery are overly broad and vague and are having unintended consequences at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS the dramatically shortened time period in which prosecutors must disclose evidence to defendants and the broad expansion of the matters to which such discovery mandates apply will have significant cost, tax and justice implications for cities and villages with police departments, local justice courts or code/parking enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS the discovery reforms mandate prosecutors disclose evidence to the defense within 15 days of arraignment for criminal charges (even if the defendant is not in custody); and

WHEREAS drastically enlarging the scope of material that a prosecutor must review and deliver within 15 days will overwhelm the ability of city and village officials and employees to prosecute cases while managing their misdemeanor and felony caseloads, and will make it impossible to prosecute vehicle and traffic and local code infractions and violations in compliance with the new discovery mandates; and

WHEREAS arraignment must now take place within 20 days of desk appearance ticket issuance, thereby requiring justice courts, many of which convene monthly, to meet more frequently; and

WHEREAS cities and villages will not reap savings from the bail reform's reduction of the burden on county jails; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already challenged with operating within the now-permanent 2% tax cap and have not received an increase in general purpose state aid in 11 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **VILLAGE OF WALTON** supports the following set of amendments proposed by the New York State Conference of Mayors that are consistent with the intent of the criminal justice reforms but which will allow for more effective and affordable implementation:

- Ensure that cities and villages are provided with additional financial and operational support to offset the cost of these mandated measures;
- Allow 60 days for prosecutors to disclose evidence to the defense for criminal charges;
- Exclude from the accelerated discovery requirements any charge not involving a misdemeanor or felony;
- Adjust the 20-day arraignment requirement to accommodate local courts that meet on a monthly basis;
- Allow prosecutors to withhold sensitive information, such as victim contact information, without having to obtain a court order.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this duly adopted resolution of the **Village of Walton** be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Metzger and Assembly Member **Crouch**, the New York State Conference of Mayors, and local media outlets.

2019-2020 Budget Amendments - General Fund

| <u>Account</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Amendment</u> | <u>Amended Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| A1320.400 | Auditors | \$4,200.00 | \$800.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| A1640.200 | Central Garage - Equipment | \$5,000.00 | -\$4,200.00 | \$800.00 |
| A5110.200 | Highway Equipment | \$38,100.00 | \$6,200.00 | \$44,300.00 |
| A5110.400 | Highway Contractual | \$25,000.00 | -\$2,000.00 | \$23,000.00 |
| A7310.419 | Pool - Chemicals | \$5,477.00 | \$200.00 | \$5,677.00 |
| A7310.400 | Pool - Contractual | \$4,455.90 | -\$200.00 | \$4,255.90 |
| A3621.200 | Code Enforcement Equipment | \$200.00 | \$750.00 | \$950.00 |
| A1990.400 | Contingency | \$13,858.00 | -\$3,084.00 | \$10,774.00 |
| A8010.400 | Zoning Contractual | \$4,250.00 | \$600.00 | \$4,850.00 |
| A1325.200 | Clerk Equipment | \$2,000.00 | \$3,620.00 | \$5,620.00 |
| A1325.400 | Clerk Contractual | \$11,472.00 | -\$3,620.00 | \$7,852.00 |
| A8560.400 | Shade Trees | \$14,000.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$15,150.00 |
| A1355.400 | Assessment | \$4,000.00 | -\$216.00 | \$3,784.00 |
| A - GENERAL FUND Expenditure Total | | \$132,012.90 | \$0.00 | \$132,012.90 |

2019-2020 Budget Amendments - Water Fund

| <u>Account</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Amendment</u> | <u>Amended Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| F1910.400 | Unallocated Insurance | \$4,100.00 | \$13.70 | \$4,113.70 |
| F1620.300 | Shared Services Capital | \$2,500.00 | -\$13.70 | \$2,486.30 |
| F8330.400 | Purification Contractual | \$2,500.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$5,500.00 |
| F8340.400 | Transmission & Distribution | \$17,200.00 | -\$3,000.00 | \$14,200.00 |
| F1620.409 | Bldg Maint. Gas | \$650.00 | \$10.85 | \$660.85 |
| F1620.408 | Bldg Maint. Electric | \$625.00 | -\$7.57 | \$617.43 |
| F1320.400 | Auditor | \$1,400.00 | -\$3.28 | \$1,396.72 |
| F - WATER FUND Expenditure Total | | \$28,975.00 | \$0.00 | \$28,975.00 |

2019-2020 Budget Amendments - Sewer Fund

| <u>Account</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Amendment</u> | <u>Amended Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| G8110.200 | WWTP Admin - Equipment | \$1,000.00 | -\$1,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| G8110.400 | WWTP Admin - Contractual | \$5,904.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$6,904.00 |
| G1420.400 | Attorney | \$3,466.00 | \$0.64 | \$3,466.64 |
| G8130.414 | Bulding Maint. | \$12,700.00 | \$922.00 | \$13,622.00 |
| G9010.800 | Retirement | \$6,000.00 | \$1,108.00 | \$7,108.00 |
| G9040.800 | Worker's Comp | \$2,063.00 | \$288.63 | \$2,351.63 |
| G1320.400 | Auditors | \$3,800.00 | -\$1,389.31 | \$2,410.69 |
| G1620.200 | Shared Services Equipment | \$1,000.00 | -\$929.96 | \$70.04 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| G2121.100 | Sewer Rents - Kraft | \$0.00 | \$5,531.25 | \$5,531.25 |
| G1440.400 | Engineering - Kraft | | \$5,531.25 | \$5,531.25 |
| G - SEWER FUND Total | | \$35,933.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,464.25 |