

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Larry Light of the New Hope Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2021-1 Trustee Sehen made a motion to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public input on Overriding the Tax Cap. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
A question was asked about the proposed tax rate increase. The Mayor answered that we are working to stay within the NYS Tax Cap, but need to pass this local law in case we can't stay under. Trustee Doig mentioned the loss of \$1.3 million in assessed value and the allowable limit is 1.0131.

Trustee Sehen made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Doig made a motion pass Local Law 2021-1 to override the tax levy limit. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2021-2 Trustee Jamieson made a motion to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on new Water Rates. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
Trustee Jamieson read Local Law 2-2021. The major cause of the raise in water usage rates are unfunded mandates from NYS. We have additional water testing to do quarterly and the cost is \$1,770 each quarter for an additional \$7,080 for the year. There has also been a large increase in the cost to rehabilitate a well so that is another \$6,000.00. The rate increase is \$.12 per 1,000 gallons of water. The Capital charge increase is gearing up for the next Capital \$2,000,000 water project. The Village has received a grant for \$1,200,000 but will need to fund the \$800,000.00 to complete the project.

Trustee Ball made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Doig made a motion to pass Local Law 2021-2 regarding water charges raising the usage charge to \$5.95 per 1,000 gallons and increasing the Water Capital charge to \$47.00 per quarter. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$101,412.22 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,048.76 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$128,424.05 was presented to the Board.
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.
The Trust & Agency Abstract in the sum of \$2,250.90 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig requested the purchase of a new pump. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to purchase a BJM Shredder Pump to be used at the clarifiers for pumping in-organics and water to

the sludge thickeners from USA Bluebook at the cost of \$2,015.95 from budget lines G8130.415 - 515 which is an 80% Village 20% NYC DEP expense. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown submitted a report to the Board updating them on all the projects and grants that are underway. Bill Brown attended the meeting via ZOOM.

DELAWARE COUNTY SOIL & WATER Bill Brown stated that DCSWCD solicited pre-applications for Stream Management Implementation Program. Trustee Jamieson authorized the Mayor to sign the application documents for restoration of West Branch of the Delaware River embankment along the fairgrounds where an electric transmission mains is located and for restoration of West Brook embankment near the Curry well house. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith submitted a report to the Board for January and February 2021.

POOL OPERATION COURSE Butch Smith recommended sending Brian Sprague training. It was approved last year but the class was cancelled because of the pandemic. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize Brian Sprague to attend Pool Operator's certification course Binghamton on March 16th and 17th for a cost of \$245.00 from A7310.400. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Dan Wilber, Interim Code Official submitted a report to the Board. He is currently working with 22 Benton Ave. to have violations corrected.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Joseph D'Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a monthly report for January 2021.

CED TRAINING Chief D'Addezio requested continuing education for Officer Finch. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize sending Officer Finch to a three day Conducted Energy Device training through DCJS on March 29, 30, and 31 to become a certified taser trainer with the cost of the class being \$100 coming from A3120.400. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson reports that the trails at Austin-Lincoln Park and Water St. are being groomed for for use for cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Mayor Condon mentioned that the Park and Ride is also being used to access the snowmobile trails.

Trustee Ball was contacted by the Linde Belmont of American Legion Auxiliary regarding Hometown Heroes Banners which would be funding by families of Veterans. More information will be coming.

Trustee Doig mentioned that the new Police Vehicle is in Syracuse being outfitted and we should be seeing it soon.

Trustee Sehen said the WWTP was running well at this time. They did get hit with high amounts chlorine a couple of day.

MAYOR'S REPORT A letter was received on February 16th from 29 Gardiner Pl. requesting a payment plan on their high October water/sewer bill. After much discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to accept partials payments for the 29 Gardiner Pl. exorbitant October 2020 water/sewer bill with the total being paid off before the July quarterly billing, with payments being no less than \$1725.00 month starting in the month of March. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT The Clerk submitted a budget amendment to the Board. Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy

attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Jamieson made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations at 6:40 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

NON-TAX FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Delaware County to not pursue any tax foreclosure against parcels donated to the Delaware County Local Develop. Corp. during calendar year 2021. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM to hear Public Input on the 2021-2022 proposed budget. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Condon adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021

Village of Walton County of Delaware

**A LOCAL LAW
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT
ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C**

Section 1: Legislative intent.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Walton to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c.

Section 2: Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3: Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Walton, County of Delaware, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Section 4: Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

VILLAGE OF WALTON

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2021

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING WATER CHARGES IN THE VILLAGE**

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Walton,

Section 1: The following provision of the Village Code is hereby amended to read:

§252-11 (A) Rates for water services shall be as follows;

(1) Metered rate, per quarter per 1,000 gallons: \$5.95.

(2) Minimum charges per quarter: \$47.00. This is a capital improvement charge and is charged regardless of water usage or lack thereof.

Section 2: This local law shall take effect upon the filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

2020-2021 Budget Amendments - General Fund

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
A1620.401	Bldg Maint. - Theater	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
A7310.412	Pool - Telephone/Internet	\$1,293.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,293.00
A9050.800	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$1,361.00	\$1,361.00
A9060.800	Health Insurance	\$105,503.00	-\$4,361.00	\$101,142.00
A5142.100	Snow Removal Personal Services	\$7,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00
				\$0.00
A5110.100	St. Maint. Personal Services	\$183,351.00	-\$981.12	\$182,369.88
A8760.100	COVID	\$0.00	\$981.12	\$981.12
A9902.900	Hra Transfers	\$31,684.87	-\$2,000.00	\$29,684.87
A5142.100	Snow Removal Personal Serv.	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,000.00
				\$0.00
A8760.100	Covid	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
A5110.100	St. Maint. Personal Services	\$182,369.88	-\$1,700.00	\$180,669.88
				\$0.00
A1990.400	Contingency	\$25,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$24,000.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
A - GENERAL FUND Expenditure Total			\$0.00	

2020-2021 Budget Amendments - Water Fund

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
F1320.400	Auditors Expense	\$3,800.00	\$583.00	\$4,383.00
F1990.400	Contingency Account	\$5,000.00	-\$583.00	\$4,417.00
				\$0.00
F8340.100	T/D Personal Services	\$75,876.00	-\$552.22	\$75,323.78
F8760.100	COVID	\$0.00	\$552.22	\$552.22
				\$0.00
F8340.100	T/D Personal Services	\$75,323.78	-\$775.00	\$74,548.78
F8760.100	COVID	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$775.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
F - WATER FUND Expenditure Total			\$0.00	

2020-2021 Budget Amendments - Sewer Fund

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
G1320.400	Auditors Expense	\$3,800.00	\$583.00	\$4,383.00
G1620.100	Bldg. Maint. Personnel	\$2,000.00	-\$583.00	\$1,417.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
G - SEWER FUND Total			\$0.00	\$0.00