

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, December 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.

**CWC BRIDGE PROJECT** Jason Merwin, Catskill Watershed Corp., spoke to the Board about the proposals that were submitted for professional engineering services for replacement of the Third Brook Culvert on Delaware St. CWC and Soil and Water have reviewed both proposals and both meet all the criteria as requested. There was a large difference in the cost, Delaware Engineering \$427,844; SLR \$189,000. A question was asked what would happen if SLR goes over their quoted cost. Jason said that overages could be negotiated and the grant was approved for \$420,000.00. Mayor Snow made a motion to award the engineering services for the Third Brook Culvert design to SLR at the proposed cost of \$189,000. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$146,283.90 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$35,886.60 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$191,171.33 was presented to the Board.  
The Trust & Agency Abstract in the sum of \$5,054.30 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for November 2021.

**WELL PROJECT - CONTRACTOR** Sterling Environmental sent quote requests to four companies and Layne Christensen was the only firm to return a quote. Trustee Doig made a motion to hire Layne Christensen Co, Inc. to install a test well for the amount of \$34,595.00. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**NEW WELL PROJECT CHECKING ACCOUNT** The Clerk requested a new account for the payments of the New Well Project expenses. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Clerk to open a checking account for the Well Project Capital Fund expenses. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for Nov. 2021. Trustee Jamieson asked what is a "Dig Safe" that is mentioned in the report. Butch Smith explained that anytime that anyone digs they need to call Dig Safe to have all the gas, water, sewer lines, etc. marked so lines are not damaged during excavation.

**SIDEWALK – LIBERTY ST.** A letter was submitted to the Board from Chris Neice regarding his sidewalk at 80 Liberty St. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to pay for the concrete, estimated at \$600, and Mr. Neice will provide the labor and forms to meet Village specifications in the spring. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE** Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for November 2021.

**ENFORCEMENT** Josh is working on the inspections for multifamily residences in the Village. There are still cases pending in Village Court for property maintenance issues.

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for November 2021.

**RAS/WAS PUMP REPAIR** Jason Craig requested repair of a pump for pumping sludge from the clarifiers to the sludge thickeners. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to have the RAS/WAS pump repaired at a cost of \$6,817.72 from budget lines G8130.415/515, 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**COMPRESSOR SERVICE** Jason Craig requested renewing the Compressor preventative maintenance agreement. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the renewal of the annual preventative maint. agreement for the CBUD compressor with Atlas Copco at a cost of \$5,024.60 from budget line G8130.528 100% NYC DEP cost.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Joe D’Addezio, Police Chief, submitted a report to the Board for November 2021. The Chief mentioned there has been an arrest for the burglaries in the Village. All stolen property was recovered. The Chief also added that another arrest was made after a routine traffic stop. The passenger of the vehicle fled on foot and was apprehended in the river after discarding a bag of guns.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** Mayor Snow said that Dave Breese had asked about using the Board Room for the show on Saturday. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to allow “Cherish the Ladies” to use the Village Board room on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

NYS DOT Shared Services agreement was submitted to the Board. Trustee Ball made a motion to renew the shared service agreement with NYS DOT for four years, January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Delaware County requested support from all municipalities in the County with regard to their Resolution No.162. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to pass a resolution in support of Delaware County’s Resolution No. 162 for a moratorium on new purchase contracts for fee title and DWP Conservation easements in Delaware County pending a comprehensive review of the land acquisition program. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2020-2021 COURT REVIEW** Mayor Snow and Trustee Doig reviewed the Village Court books and submitted the review to the Board. Trustee Ball made a motion to acknowledge that the annual review of the Village of Walton has been successfully completed. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2020-2021 AUDIT** The draft copy of the 2020-2021 audited financial statement was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the audit as submitted and authorize the Mayor to sign the Consent Letter and Management Letter. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS** The Clerk submitted budget amendments to the Board. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget amendments as submitted. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Doig made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel and negotiations at 6:40 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

NEXT The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 3,  
MEETING 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer