

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 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.

Reverend Christine Lindenberg of the First United Methodist Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT Ken Schrider, owner of 17 Townsend St., submitted a letter to the Board requesting a \$150.00 reduction in his 1st Quarter water/sewer invoice because his hot water tank burst and he was not notified by the Village for 15 days. Trustee Sehen told Mr. Schrider that the matter should be tabled for further discussion. Trustee Doig mentioned that the Board has taken no action in the recent past on these requests. The Board took no action.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$20,942.38 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$8,704.11 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$147,240.43 was presented to the Board.
The Water Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,511.45 was presented to the Board.
The Well Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,396.66 was presented to the Board.
The Trust & Agency Abstract in the sum of \$2,365.60 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for January 2022. Josh stated that 42 invoices for snow removal have been sent out. Annual CRS report has been filed.

CODE UPDATE Josh Morgan brought up a section of Village Code that is not real clear Village Code would require a public hearing. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to set a public hearing date to update Village Code, Section 206-11 for March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for January 2022. At this point in the month, we are already over our turbidity limits for the month.

CHLORINE ANALYZERS Jason Craig requested the purchase of budgeted equipment. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the purchase and installation of three Hach chlorine analyzers from Turnkey Controls at the cost of \$21, 896.06 from budget line G8130.526 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for January 2022.

DPW GARAGE PROJECT The project is moving forward and ready to go to bid. Bill Brown requested a contract amendment. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to amend the Delaware Engineering Service Agreement for the design documents and coordination of the construction on the DPW Building Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Clerk to put a legal notice in the newspaper requesting bids for the 32' x 92' pole bard style garage building to replace a portion of the DPW building, with bids being open March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Electronic bid documents may be obtained from Delaware Engineering.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for January 2022.

ANNUAL OSHA TRAINING Butch Smith requested attending the annual training. Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the DPW crew to attend the OSHA training on March 31st at the Walton Fire Station. Trustee seconded. Carried unanimously.

TELEMETRY SYSTEM The telemetry system for the water system past its useful life and parts are getting difficult to find. This system is a necessary part of the water system giving information on each well and the water levels in the water tanks. Butch has received quotes on an upgraded system and the lowest one is \$114,000.00. There are new grant funds available, but to apply and wait to be awarded could take up to three years. The Board will need to decide the best way to fund this upgrade.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Joe D'Addezio, Police Chief, submitted a report to the Board for January 2022. Officer Doig has submitted his resignation and his last day will be February 19th.

PART-TIME OFFICER Chief D'Addezio requested hiring a part-time officer. Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize Chief D'Addezio to hire Kathryn Mitchell as a part-time, certified officer effective February 8, 2022 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

CANNIBIS LAW TRAINING Chief D'Addezio requested sending officers to training. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Village Officers to attend training on March 16th for the new cannabis law in Delhi at no cost. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR OFFICERS The Clerk asked if we would be advertising for a Full-Time Officer. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to advertise in The Reporter and County Shopper for police officers. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson – Parks are being used for sleigh riding and walking. Temperatures not steady enough for ice skating. The Theater is busy. Balcony seating in place and sponsored. Check the website for Classic Flix information and schedules. There are also two seats open on the Walton Theatre Preservation Association.

Trustee Ball – budgeting information for the D.P.W. has been submitted to the Clerk. There was an ice jam on West Brook. Trustee Doig “Thanked” all the agencies working on to clear the ice jam, Town of Walton and NYS DOT.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snow says tentative closing for 4 Water St. is March 1st. Working with a couple companies to bring more business to the Village.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS The Clerk recommended the appointment of two Election Inspectors. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to appoint Maxine Locher and Marjorie Rutherford as Election Inspectors for the March 15, 2022 election at a rate of \$13.50 per hour from budget line A1450.400. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

TAX CAP Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hold a public hearing on March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to override

- OVERRIDE the 2022 tax cap of 1.02%. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DELAWARE Resolution #1-2022 was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to pass
COUNTY ALL- Resolution 2022-1 2022 Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation plan update.
HAZARD PLAN Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Union negotiations at
SESSION 6:48 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Ball made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded.
Carried unanimously.
- BUDGET There will be a 2022-2023 Budget Workshop on February 16, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
WORKSHOP
- ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- NEXT The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022
MEETING at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer