

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 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 Paul Hoo of the United Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

The Board held a moment of silence to in honor of Rich Kelly, Village Police Clerk, who passed away today.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2022-1** Trustee Doig made a motion open a Public Hearing on Local Law 2022-1 to Override the Tax Levy Limit. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. Rita Re, 19 East Brook St., asked the Board to explain what this means. Trustee Doig answered the NYS has established a law that only allows a 2% tax increase per year. That rate is bases on the inflation factor. This year’s allowable limit is 1.02%, giving the Village around \$14,000.00 of additional revenue. Rita Re stated she is in favor more Police presence and higher tax. Wade Hults, Jr. asked if the Board was going to increase taxes. It was explained that the Board is still working on the budget for 2022-2023 and are putting this local law in place so it is ready if we need to increase tax to balance the budget. Trustee Ball made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Doig made a motion to pass Local Law 2022-1 to override the tax levy limit. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2022-2** Trustee Ball made a motion to open a Public Hearing on Local Law 2022-2 to amend the Village Code § 260-11 to clarify the language. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, explained the purpose is to better interrupt the code. Rita Re asked if the conditional expires if left vacant. Trustee Doig stated that the conditional would change if the owner changes and expire if not used in a year. Josh Morgan said that he has discovered more sections that need clarification. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. The Board tabled the issue.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Wade Hults, Jr., 47 Shepard St., he has contacted NYSEG regarding adding another street light on Shepard St. He feels that it is too dark by the end of his driveway. Mayor Snow has spoken with NYSEG as well. The Board will research the additional cost and look at the distance between other lights, etc.

Lenny Rutherford, 32 Platt St., would like the Village to consider making White Rock a local landmark. The Board will research what is involved with creating a landmark, the rules, and liabilities associated with it.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$63,330.33 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$20,296.12 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$150,409.87 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,011.25 was presented to the Board.  
The Trust & Agency Abstract in the sum of \$2,371.50 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

- CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Jason Craig, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for February 2022. The plant is over the turbidity limit again this month. Lactalis reported spills on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- CEMETARY SECURITY** Jason Craig has been approached by the Cemetery regarding adding a security camera on the fence at the WWTP for security purposes. The Board had several questions and asked for the request to be put in writing and submitted to the Clerk.
- DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for February 2022.
- WELL PROJECT CHANGE ORDER** Bill Brown requested approval of a change order to drill deeper than the 80' estimate. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve change order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,550 for Layne Christensen for additional test well work. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DPW GARAGE PROJECT BID AWARD** Three bids were received for the DPW garage project and they were opened on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill Brown's recommendation is to go with the low bidder, Tweedie Construction Services, Inc. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve bid for the DPW Garage Project from Tweedie Construction for the base bid price of \$413,431 and to authorize deductions alternates 2, 4, 5, & 6 to reduce the project cost to \$324,323. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, and all related agreements. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for February 2022.
- TELEMETRY SYSTEM** The telemetry system for the water system was discussed again. With the market like it is, the soonest the project could start is the end of June. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal for the water system controls upgrade of our 20 year old system with Aqua Logics Systems, Inc. for \$114,807. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CODE ENFORCEMENT** Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for February 2022. Josh reported that several vacant properties were invoiced for snow removal.
- CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS** Josh Morgan informed the Board that all of the scheduled webinars for Code Enforcement training for 2022 have been cancelled. He requested going to a three day training to earn all his annual credits for the year at the same time. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize Josh Morgan to attend Code Enforcement training through Central NYSBOC in Liverpool for a cost of \$400, membership fee of \$60.00, and hotel expenses and authorize the Clerk to pay for the course. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NYSERTA PROGRAM** NYSERTA is offering a training and additional points towards grant funding. This does not count towards Code continuing education. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion to have Josh attend the Energy Code Enforcement training program on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am. – 5 p.m. in the Hobart Community Center. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CONDITIONAL USE** The Village Planning Board has reviewed a request for a conditional use for Gail McNee, 15 Platt St. to change a single family residence to a three family. Trustee Ball made a motion to hold a public hearing on the conditional use of 15 Platt St. on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

**TRUSTEE  
REPORTS**

Trustee Sehen – Reminded everyone to get out on vote on March 15, 2022 at the Village Election here at Village Hall from noon until 9:00 p.m. Come out and support the incumbents!

The Village has been notified that the Village Court was awarded \$30,000 for their air conditioning system. The quote for the project came in at \$34,753. The Village is responsible for the \$4,753. Trustee Sehen made a motion for the Village to accept the JCAP Grant of \$30,000 and to budget for \$4,753 in the 2022-2023 Budget. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig – One of our full-time officers has moved to the Vestal Police Dept. The Village is accepting applications for officers at this time.

A letter was received from Rachel James, Walton Dollars for Scholars, looking for permission to hold a 5K on May 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. They would follow the route of the Walk for Hunger. If the sidewalk is being used then no permit will be required from NYS DOT and no additional Police presence. A certificate of insurance will also be need. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the 5K race on May 8<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Walton Dollars for Scholars program from Austin-Lincoln pavilion to Pine St., Bruce St. to East St. to Griswold St., Delaware St. to Bridge St., Stockton Ave to Harby Dr, Maple St. back to Stockton Ave., Bridge St. to Delaware St., Townsend St. back to Austin-Lincoln Park. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball – Walton’s sister city in Ireland will be visiting here in May. More details forthcoming.

Trustee Jamieson – Time to apply to be a Lifeguard. You must be 15 to be a Lifeguard and 16 to be a Water Safety. The Lions Club also has scholarships if interested in taking the course.

Theater business – Planning stages of the Art Walk. Smokey and the Bandit will be shown on March 17<sup>th</sup> Classic Flicks. The coffeehouse will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR’S  
REPORT**

Mayor Snow was added to the Ballot for the Executive Committee for Delaware County, Coalition of Watershed Towns. The Board must vote by majority for the candidates they would like to elect. Trustee Ball made a motion to vote for the candidates named on the ballot, Wayland Gladstone, Edward Snow, Winifred Zubin and alternate Shayne Moshier. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow mentioned the contract for 4 Water St. is signed. Hopefully closing this month. A franchise is in the process of purchasing 2 Liberty St. and 150 Delaware St. first floor is ready to be rented.

**NYC DEP  
BUDGET**

The tentative budget for the WWTP was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the NYC DEP portion of the 2022-2023 tentative budget. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WATER &  
SEWER  
CHARGES**

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for input on increasing the Water and Sewer charges. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**BUDGET  
WORKSHOP**

The Board set a date for a budget workshop on March 16, 2022 at 3:45 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**NEXT  
MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.