

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, May 2, 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 Randy Palada of the Northfield Community Church led the invocation.

DELAWARE OPPORTUNITIES -FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS Lynda Hitt, Delaware Opportunities, was present to answer questions about the change to the program income funds to comply with the new HUD guidelines. For many years the Village has maintained a revolving loan fund for the First-Time Homebuyers Program. Over the past year the Program Income guidelines have changed. All the revolving fund income needs to be returned to NYS Homes and Community Renewal. There are two options, 1. Continue receiving monthly payments and for the next 20 years send a monthly check to NYS HCR or 2. Discharge all the remaining mortgages in this program and write on final check to NYS HCR. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion to discharge the mortgages in the revolving fund and make a final payment to NYS Homes and Community Renewal. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT No one present.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$49,111.98 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$265.04 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$135,847.26 was presented to the Board.
The Well Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$47,445.38 was presented to the Board.
The Trust & Agency Abstract in the sum of \$1,488.80 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

NEW WELL PROJECT Bill Brown updated the Board on the Well Project. First water testing was high in iron and manganese and are recommending addition testing. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal authorizing Sterling Environmental to perform additional groundwater sampling for \$2,900.00. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for April 2022. Trustee Doig said "Thank You" to the DPW crew for their hard work with the storm clean-up.

WATER CONTINUING EDUCATION Butch Smith requesting training courses. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Butch Smith to attend water certification training in Delhi on May 10th, no cost for the course. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Butch Smith and Jon Hoffman to attend fire hydrants and watermain tapping in Halfmoon, NY on June 30th, no cost for the course, but will involve overtime for Jon. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

- CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Jason Craig and Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for April 2022. The WWTP is better at the moment. No turbidity violations since the beginning of April.
- SCREW PRESS** Jason Craig requested parts for the screw press. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the purchase of a large hopper and a pump for the screw press from BDP Industries for \$12, 130.50 from budget line G8130.200/210 80% Village 20% NYC DEP split. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- POLICE DEPARTMENT** Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a report to the Board for April 2022. There were 329 calls in April. Chief handled 15 calls today. Still looking to fill the Part-Time Police Clerk position and a full-time and part-time Police Officer positions.
- TRUSTEE REPORTS** Trustee Sehen asked where we were in the WWTP evaluation of equipment and if the screen to remove rags, wipes, and debris would be included. Bill Brown said still in the process. Trustee Sehen also inquired about the valve project. Bill Brown stated that the contractors bids will be opened on May 12th.
- Trustee Sehen mentioned that Cortnie Russell was contacted to see if anyone could use Lounge chairs and Cortnie reached out to the Village. They are very much needed at the Village Pool.
- Trustee Jamieson requested going to NYCOM training. Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize Trustee Jamieson to attend NYCOM training on June 9th at a cost of \$150.00. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- SEASONAL NEW HIRES** Brian Sprague submitted a list of seasonal hires. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to hire the following to work for the Village for the summer: Lead Guard - \$13.40 per hour, effective June 1, 2022–Jose Mirabel; Lifeguards-\$13.20 per hour, effective June 24, 2022: Kyndra Church, Robert Conklin, Andrew D’Addezio, Willard Pettit, Colby Phraner; Mower-\$13.20 per hour, effective May 16, 2022- Grace Rhinehart; Arts & Crafts - \$13.20 per hour, effective June 27, 2022, Jacqueline Armstrong; Park Volunteer–Ian Barringer. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously. Still looking for applicants for mowers, basketball leader, and more lifeguards. If there is interest, a course will be held at the Village for Water Safety Instructors so we could offer swimming lessons.
- SPECIAL MEETING** The Clerk asked the Board to set a date for a special meeting. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hold a meeting on May 25th at 4:00 p.m. for the final Abstract for fiscal year 2021-2022 and any other business that comes before the Board. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CEMETERY ASSOCIATION CAMERA** A letter was received from the Cemetery Association. They wish to place a security camera on the roof of a Wastewater Treatment Plant building. There are several unanswered questions like where is the footage stored, how would the plant get access to see it, how long is it stored, which building, certificate of insurance, etc. Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the Walton Cemetery Association to have a security camera at the Village’s Wastewater Treatment Plant pending signed written agreement between both parties, Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ATTORNEY MERZIG RETAINER** A retainer agreement was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the retainer agreement with Attorney Merzig for an annual cost of \$12,000.00 per fiscal year. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DELAWARE ENGINEERING** An annual agreement was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Service Agreement with Delaware Engineering for

AGREEMENT fiscal year June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 at a cost of \$4,550 per year. Trustee Doig seconded.
Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel and Contract
SESSION Negotiations at 6:56 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer