

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, June 6, 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.

PUBLIC INPUT Sandy Sheridan of the Walton Theatre Preservation Association explained their plans for backstage renovations and submitted a drawing to the Board. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the WTPA to move forward with their plans for backstage with no expense to the Village and with approval of Code Enforcement. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Gale Sheridan of the Walton Theatre Preservation Association informed the Board that they are pursuing a sprinkler system grant for the building. They were asked about annual costs and inspections and Mr. Sheridan had no answers. A hydrant flow test is the next step. Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the hydrant flow testing at WTPA expense and to proceed with grant applications. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Robin Gray, Walton Booster Club, requested the installation of a volleyball court in Austin-Lincoln Park. They will install the volleyball poles, prepare the court, and supply the sand. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Booster Club to install two volleyball courts at Austin-Lincoln Park under direction for placement by the DPW Superintendent and an up-to-date certificate of insurance. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$167,933.54 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$18,589.63 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$159,379.83 was presented to the Board.
The DPW Garage Project Abstract in the sum of \$2,365.26 was presented to the Board.
The Water Improvement Fund Abstract in the sum of \$16,699.72 was presented Board to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen 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 June 2022. Bill Brown updated the Board on all the current projects.

GRIT SCREW SERVICE Bill Brown requested ordering parts for the Grit Screw. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Clerk to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$3,825.00 for WTP Equipment Corp for replacement grit screw parts from budget line G8130.415/515, 80% Village, 20% NYC DEP and Vacri will install. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT. Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for June 2022.

LOCAL LAW – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION Trustee Jamieson made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Local Law 2022-4 on August 1 at 6:00 p.m. to amend the Flood Damage Prevention law. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for June 2022.

SLUDGE HOLDING TANK Shane Boice requested the painting of the sludge holding tank. The cost was figured in the 22-23 budget. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the prep and painting of the sludge holding tank by Cook Painting at a cost of \$16,977.00 from budget line G8130.421/521, 50% Village, 50% NYC DEP. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

EQ TANK LIGHT REPLACEMENT Shane Boice requested light replacement. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hire Taggart Electric to replace the lights on the EQ Tank at a cost of \$3,800.00 from budget line G8130.421/521, 50% Village, 50% NYC DEP. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS DUMP BOX Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for June. Another sewer system backup from residents flushing wipes down the toilets. Butch Smith requested the purchase of a dump box. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new dump box for truck #6 from Robert Green Inc. at the cost of \$11,946.00 from budget line A5110.200. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a report to the Board for June 2022.

PART-TIME POLICE CLERK Chief D’Addezio recommended hiring a Police Clerk. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to hire Sharon Radtke to fulfill the duties of part-time Police Clerk at a rate of \$16.50 effective July 12, 2022. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson – brought the Board up-to-date on the park activities and pool activities. Upon successful completion of the Water Safety Instructor Course, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to increase the hour rate of Kyndra Church, Willard Pettit, and Sariah Vesterfelt to \$13.30 per hour effective July 11, 2022. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball – Pleased the well project is moving along and stated that the Code Official has been very active.

Trustee Doig – working on the Police Contract negotiations.

Trustee Sehen – Thanked Corntie Hannan again for remembering the Village and securing a donation of lounge chairs for the pool.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Snow spoke about the progress at the Bowling Alley, the opening of an art gallery at 150 Delaware St. Mayor Snow “Thanked” the Vet’s Club for their donation of 22 flags.

2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS The Clerk submitted the last amendments for the prior fiscal year. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the amendments as submitted. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

WCS TAX COLLECTION SITE Meg Hungerford, WCS Business Manager, submitted a request to use the Village Hall as a tax collection site. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the use of the Village Hall by the Delaware County Treasurer’s personnel to collect Walton Central School taxes on September 16, September 27 and October 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

WCS HOMECOMING PARADE Katie Cuomo, Student Council Adviser, submitted a request for the Homecoming Parade. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Clerk to submit a NYS DOT permit application for the Walton Central School Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 24th. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

CAR CRUISE A request was received from Patty Wood regarding a Car Cruise. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Clerk to submit a NYS DOT permit application for a Car Cruise on August 13th. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Doig made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Police Contract Negotiations and Police Personnel at 6:52 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER Chief D'Addezio recommended hiring a full-time officer. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion hire Kathryn Mitchell as a full-time police officer effective July 18, 2022 at the rate of \$22.82 per hour with the understanding that when a new contract is signed she will be on step one. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Trustee Doig, Trustee Ball, Trustee Jamieson voting yes and Trustee Sehen voting no. Motion carried.

Trustee Ball made a motion waive the residency requirement mileage to 25 miles pending approval with the Union and signed agreement. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer