

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, August 1st, 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 HEARING LOCAL LAW 2022-4 Trustee Jamieson made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Local Law 2022-4 to amend Chapter 151, Flood Damage Prevention. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, this process is to acknowledge the change in the flood plain and the new point system and adopt the amendments.

No public comment or questions.

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig made a motion to approve Local Law 2022-4 to amend Chapter 151, Flood Damage Prevention, as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT Katy Taggart, 165 North St., expressed her concern for lacking Police Budget to hire new police officers. There is an increase in crime, mental health issues, addiction and bail reform but she feels we need more police coverage. Ms. Taggart feels that \$21.50 an hour is unacceptable as pay for a policeman. Ms. Taggart also was upset that the County IDA purchased the Sheffield Estates property.

Dallis Wright read a letter, allegedly written by Morgan Seaman, with allegation referring to Chief D'Addezio. Mayor Snow asked for a copy of the letter and Dallis declined to give him the letter.

Clayton Stanton concerned that we have no Police coverage. The Village needs to cut and move money for the police department.

Natalie Wright concerned with the lack of police coverage.

Maureen Babcock stated that more money is needed for the police.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$28,553.60 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$9,255.52 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$161,922.11 was presented to the Board.
The DPW Garage Project Abstract in the sum of \$1,425.00 was presented to the Board.
The Water Improve. Fund Abstract in the sum of \$11,738.75 was presented to the Board.
The Well Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,917.90 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for July 2022. He will be scheduling more apartment house inspections in September. Mayor Snow mentioned that the Code Enforcement reports are very thorough.

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

GENERATOR Shane Boice recommended generator repair. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to

CONTROL PANEL authorize the Clerk to issue a purchase order to Milton Cat in the amount of \$48,115.00 for the replacement of an obsolete control panel for the backup generator from budget line G8130.539 100% NYC DEP, which has pre-approved this repair. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

CBUD REPAIRS Bill Brown recommended repairs for the CBUD building. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Clerk to issue a purchase order to Vacri Constructions in the amount of \$5,525.60 to repair cracks in a tank wall located inside the CBUD building from budget line G8130.514 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for July 2022. Trustee Jamieson asked Butch to explain the Telemetry System again. Butch stated that it is the system that measures the depth of the water in the wells and tanks. The new probes are 16 weeks out.

NYCOM TRAINING CONFERENCE Butch Smith requested attending NYCOM. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Butch Smith to attend the NYCOM conference in Lake George on October 3 – October 5, 2022. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

GUIDERAIL DISCUSSION There was a question about the guiderails on the corner of West St. and Mead St. Butch Smith submitted a land survey to the Board for their review and to discuss more at the next meeting. The guiderails are partially on Village property and partially on Haggarty property. The ribbon is in need of replacement and Haggarty Hardware is willing to pay half.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for July 2022. Bill Brown updated the Board on all the current projects.

NEW WELL PROJECT Bill Brown recommended moving forward with the new well. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the Clerk to issue a purchase order to Sterling Environmental in the amount not to exceed \$36,700.00 from budget line W8760.430 to draw up specs for a production well and perform testing. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a report to the Board for July 2022. Sharon Radtke, Police Clerk, has started training at the Police Dept. and is working out well.
Trustee Sehen asked the Chief to explain about the bail reform. Chief said in past investigations you would identify a suspect, have someone buy from the suspect, get a search warrant, arrest, go to Court, and then take them to jail. Now, per NYS Law and the Governor, there is just an appearance ticket given to return to court at a later time, if they return to court.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson – The pool may stay open later on hot days if enough staff is available. Due to the global chlorine shortage there will not be a second session of swimming lessons. September 2nd will be the last day the pool is open for this season.

LIFEGUARD NEW HIRE Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hire Daniel Calkins as a lifeguard at the rate of \$13.20 effective August 2, 2022. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

CANDY RUSSELL LAPS FOR LIFEGUARDS Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the usage of the Village pool for a fund raiser sponsored by the Walton Lion’s Club to hold an event to raise money for the cost of taking the life guarding courses. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball questioned why Allison Clark couldn't do a water aerobics class at the pool. No one disagreed that it was a great opportunity, but the proper steps were not taken for this to happen. The Board of Trustees needs to approve all functions on Village property and the Board wasn't aware of it until the date it was supposed to start. Also a certificate of insurance would be required to be provided to the Village.

Trustee Sehen gave Allison Clark a big "Thank You" for giving a face lift to the area in front of the Country Store.

**NEW YORK
FORWARD**

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Ray Pucci, approached Mayor Snow regarding grant funding. After discussion, Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign grant applications to New York Forward for up to 4.5 million dollars. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss PBA Negotiations at 7:29 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**NEXT
MEETING**

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

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer