

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, December 5, 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.

Rev. Larry Light from the New Hope Church led the Invocation.

SENIOR PARTIAL EXEMPTION Penny Haddod, Town Assessor, was present to explain to the Board about the senior partial exemption. This is a property tax exemption and not the schools STAR exemption. Income is based on all Social Security, pensions, disability, etc. Ms. Haddod submitted a sample of what the Town of Walton has chosen. Trustee Doig made a motion to hold a public hearing to amend local law regarding the partial senior exemption on January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Jamieson 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 \$115,907.18 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$28,427.73 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$162,854.71 was presented to the Board.
The Water Improve. Fund Abstract in the sum of \$7,770.00 was presented to the Board.
The DPW Garage Fund Abstract in the sum of \$14,981.93 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for November 2022. Josh mentioned that contractors don't believe building permits are needed for a lot of projects. Please just give Josh a call before you start a project.

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

I&I STUDY Bill Brown stated that Arold Construction will be in the Village next week to perform camera inspections and cleaning of segments of the Village sewer system.

DPW GARAGE Bill Brown mentioned that the project is proceeding. We have submitted the first reimbursement request to DASNY.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for November 2022. Lactalis had another spill on November 30th. They were going to investigate but no answer received from Lactalis to date.

CBUD AIRLIFTS Shane Boice requested the purchase of airlifts for the CBUD building that were budgeted. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to purchase six airlifts from Parkson for \$7,890.00 from budget line G8130.515 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Ball – DPW Building Project is progressing.

BOARDROOM Trustee Jamieson made a motion to allow the Catskill Dance Moves to use the Boardroom on December 16, 17, and 18 and Trustee Jamieson will coordinate the unlocking for the doors. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to allow Cherish the Ladies Show to use the Boardroom on December 14th. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Snow wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

SPECTRUM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT The new draft Spectrum Franchise agreement was submitted to the Board. Trustee Doig made a motion to hold a public hearing on January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public opinion on the proposed franchise agreement. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Lactalis negotiations at 6:33 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

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 Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer