

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 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. Chris Bosnyak from the Pines Brook Church led the Invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT** Trustee Jamieson made a motion to open a Public Hearing on Local Law 2023-2 Override the Tax Levy Limit for 2023. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously. Mayor Snow explained that this is an annual law that would allow the Village to override the NYS tax cap IF it is needed. He stated that it does not mean we will exceed the allowed limit set by NYS but it is in place if the Village needs too. Trustee Ball stated that it is a budgetary tool for flexibility to meet the needs of the Village. No public input or questions. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Doig made a motion to pass local law 2023-2 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Sandy Sheridan, Walton Theatre Preservation Assoc., presented proposed changes to their scope of work for the green room. They would like to remove the existing floor that covers the original stage flooring and add a platform and step by the bathroom door. Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement, has been consulted on the new plans. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the revised renovation plan for the green rooms. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Katy Taggart, 165 North St., Walton Booster Club would like to put in new lighting by the football field in Austin-Lincoln Park. Taggart Electric will be doing the work. Ron Thompson, 2 Franklin Rd, Walton Booster Club would also like to pour a concrete pad by the building's concession. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the improvements in Austin-Lincoln Park of new lighting by the football field and a concrete pad by the concession building. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$75,024.42 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$2,638.58 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$208,475.39 was presented to the Board.  
The DPW Garage Fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,086.64 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$6,173.40 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,605.00 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works, submitted a report to the Board for February 2023.

**SEASONAL HIRE** Butch Smith recommended rehiring a seasonal mower. Trustee Ball made a motion to hire Kurt Ellerson again this year for mowing effective May 1, 2023 at a rate of \$14.48 per hour for the season. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for February 2023. He reminded the Board that he would be out for training April 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for February 2023. Deadline for filing a grant application with EFC for I&I is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board would need to direct Delaware Engineering on what option from the I&I report they would like to submit for.

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for February 2023. The WWTP was over the turbidity limit again by 4,562 minutes. The EPA has visited the Lactalis Plant and the WWTP.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a report to the Board for February 2023. Chief not present. Trustee Doig mentioned that there were 231 calls for the month of February and that there has not been coverage 24/7.

**TRUSTEES REPORTS** Trustee Jamieson – Lifeguards, basketball leader, as well as Arts & Craft instructor are needed for the summer programs. Applications available at the Village Clerk’s office or on the website.

Dogs MUST BE ON LEASHES at all Village parks. Remember the parks are where children play so cleaning up after our animal is imperative. NO DOGS ALLOWED in the League Little fenced field.

Trustee Jamieson made a motion to allow Music on the Delaware to use the Boardroom on March 11, 2023 and will be in charge of unlocking and locking the door. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Snow read a letter from Mary Doig regarding Empire Metal Works continuing to dump fill on a property that is designated as a federal wetland. This is beyond the scope that the Village can enforce. The State and Federal governments have been notified.

**VILLAGE ELECTION NOTICE** Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to publish a legal notice for the Village Election on March 21, 2023 from noon until 9:00 p.m. in the Village Boardroom. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CHALK ART DAY** The Walton Central School submitted a letter to the Board. After review, Trustee Sehen made a motion to close North St. from Mead St. to Platt St. on June 14<sup>th</sup> for chalk art day with a rain date of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Doig made a motion to open Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss Police Personnel. Trustee Sehen seconded. Carried unanimously. No action taken. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL MEETING** There will be a special meeting on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for an Executive Session regarding Police Personnel.

**ADJOURN** Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer