

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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| 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, absent   |           |                                      |

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT** Lisa Hulse, 27 Mead St., submitted a request to the Board to participate in the sidewalk program. She has an issue with the sinking sidewalk in front of her house. Trustee Ball made a motion to allow Lisa Hulse participate in the 50/50 program for sidewalk replacement. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

Linda Belmont, 29 New St., submitted a building permit application, drawings, and insurance information to build a pavilion by the pool for a space for people to eat at no cost to the Village. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the building of a pavilion at the pool in coordination with Code Enforcement Official, Josh Morgan, DPW Superintendent Butch Smith, and Recreation Director, Brian Sprague at no cost to the Village. 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 \$14,647.83 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$15,733.77 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$19,650.46 was presented to the Board.  
The DPW Garage Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for May 2023. Inspections went well.

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for May 2023.

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for May 2023.

**WATER PROJECT** Bill Brown updated the Board on the Bid opening results. The lowest bid of \$2,319,936.68 was from Rutledge Excavating, Inc. of Equinunk, PA. The bids were over the projected project costs. Bill Brown will speak with Attorney Merzig and USDA to see if we can narrow the scope of the project, or if we need to re-bid, etc. A special meeting may need to be called when we get a few answers.

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| <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>                 | Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a report to the Board for May 2023.   |
| <b>TACTICAL SHOTGUN TRAINING</b>         | Chief D’Addezio requested sending Officer Mitchell to training. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize Officer Mitchell to attend tactical shotgun training in Delhi on June 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> . Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.  |
| <b>TRUSTEES REPORTS</b>                  | Trustee Jamieson proposed raising the lifeguard salaries which was not budgeted for and taking the money from the Police budget. The lifeguards have received the minimum wage of \$14.20 which is a \$1.00 per hour more than last year. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to pay Lifeguards \$15.00 per hour and the Head Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour. No second. Trustee Ball stated he is not in favor of this at this time. He feels it should have been addressed during the budget process. Trustee Doig not in favor as we don’t know what if any saving we will have at this point. Mayor Snow not in favor either as it would give the lifeguards a 14% increase. The DPW crew only received a 2.75% increase.<br><p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Basketball and Art &amp; Craft Programs will start on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and run for six weeks.</p> <p>Trustee Ball – made a plea to have residents stop parking on their front lawns. There is infrastructure there (water, sewer, gas etc.) and it can cause issues.<br/> The fire hydrant painting project lead by Ms. Fassler will move forward with the aid of the Walton Lion’s Club and Robert Vitti.<br/> Taggart Electric is working on the lighting in Austin-Lincoln by the football field.</p> <p>Trustee Doig – The Village only has two police officers currently.</p> |
| <b>LIFEGUARDS</b>                        | Trustee Jamieson made a motion hire Linda Belmont as a substitute Pool Supervisor at a rate of \$14.20 per hour and Ella Campbell and Aurora Sinischalchi as lifeguards at a rate of \$14.20 per hour if they successfully complete the lifeguard course, all effective July 1 <sup>st</sup> . Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.   |
| <b>VOLUNTEER SWIMMING LESSON LEADERS</b> | We will do all we can to give swim lesson’s but last year’s attendance was way down. 92 children signed up for lessons, but only 30 finished the session. Some never even attended one class. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize volunteers Linda Belmont, Allison Clark, and Lori Fisher to teach swimming lessons pending direction Attorney Merzig and NYMIR. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.  |
| <b>PROCLAMATION PRIDE MONTH</b>          | Trustee Ball read a proclamation declaring June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Walton. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation. Trustee Ball, Trustee Jamieson, and Mayor Snow voting yes and Trustee Doig voting no. Trustee Doig commented that he is in total agreement with the first paragraph “The Village of Walton values and respects all individuals, and is deeply committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community” but doesn’t feel we should be singling out any group individually and that the federal government has already made this declaration. Motion passed.   |
| <b>CAR CRUISE</b>                        | Mayor Snow read a letter from Patty Wood regarding two car cruises. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Clerk to submit NYS DOT permit applications for a car cruises on July 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and August 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.   |
| <b>YARD SALE WEEKEND</b>                 | Mayor Snow read an email from Christine Neumann. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to waive the Village registration for June 30 <sup>th</sup> – July 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.   |

- CWC GRANT EXTENSION The Third Brook Bridge project contract is expiring. Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the renewal contract for the Catskill Watershed Grant for the Third Brook Bridge Project design. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEMORANDUM Mayor Snow read the memorandum of understanding between the Delaware County Mental Health Clinic and the Village of Walton. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the Mayor and the Chief to sign the MOU renewal for reimbursement for \$9.45 transports an annual amount not to exceed \$2,000. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DUCK RACE Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County submitted a request to the Board with a certificate of insurance. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Duck Race on July 22, 2023 from the Ogden St. bridge to the Robinson Auction Barn. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- WCS HOMECOMING PARADE Katie Cuomo, WCS Student Council Adviser, submitted a request to the Board for the WCS Homecoming Parade. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the Clerk to submitted a parade permit application to NYS DOT for the WCS Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. from the school bus garage to the high school. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- THEATER LEASE Jayne Francisco, Rehabilitation Support Services, submitted a letter to the Board regarding the theater lease renewal. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to continue the theater lease with R.S.S. with a 2% increase in rent making the monthly rent \$1,057.41. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS The Clerk submitted budget amendments to the Board. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Amendments as submitted. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Jamieson made a motion to open Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss Police Personnel. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. No action taken. Trustee Ball made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- POLICE RECRUITS Trustee Doig made a motion to offer part-time positions to two recruits. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.
- NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer