

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, August 7, 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. Marsha Muller from the Pines Brook Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT Glen Lepinnet, 62 Stockton Ave., was present to request a change in the property address. He propose changing it to 3 Terrace Ave. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to designate 62 Stockton Ave as 1 Terrace Ave. pending research into the issue with Delaware County Offices. Trustee Ball seconded. Trustees Ball, Jamieson, and Sehen voting yes. Trustee Doig voting no. Motion carried.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$49,615.93 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$15,999.89 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$150,791.91 was presented to the Board.
The Water Improvements Fund Abstract in the sum of \$9,101.30 was presented to the Board.
The Well Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$303.75 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Ball 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 July 2023.

WELL REHAB. Butch Smith requested annual well rehabilitation. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize Layne Christensen Co. to perform well rehabilitation on Austin-Lincoln #3 at the cost of \$34,700 from budget line F8320.300. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

NYCOM - PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING Butch Smith request approval to attend NYCOM. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Butch Smith to attend NYCOM in Lake Placid on October 16 – 18, 2023 at a cost of \$1,187 from budget line A5010.400 and F8310.400. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for July 2023.

RAS/WAS PUMP REBUILD Shane Boice requested rebuilding the power unit for one RAS/WAS pump. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Koester to rebuild one rotating element at a cost of \$6,850 from budget line G8130.200/210, 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

GRIT SCREW Shane Boice requested parts for the Grit Screw. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion

PARTS to authorize the purchase of spare parts from WTP Equipment Corp at a cost of \$2,713 from budget line G8130.415/515 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

NON-POTABLE PUMPS Shane Boice requested replacement of non-potable pumps. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize the replacement of the non-potable pumps, valves, and piping in CBUD from Koester at a cost of \$65,350 from budget line G8130.210, 100% NYC DEP, pending approval their approval of the project. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

SEWER USER PERMIT Brian Suozzo, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a draft industrial user permit that the EPA is encouraging the Village to prepare for to stay in compliance with Village Code. Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send the Industrial User Permit to Lactalis. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Copy attached.

pH LIMIT AMENDMENT The Village Code needs to be amended to current standards. After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hold a public hearing on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of amending Village Code 192-26 C pH levels from 6.0 – 9.0 to 5.0 – 10.0. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Joseph D’Addezio, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for July 2023.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson read a message from Brian Sprague thanking Delhi Telephone Company, NYSEG, and Taggart Electric for the new lighting at the football field. Brian also thanked the Clark family for the pavilion at the pool.

LIFEGUARD Brian Sprague requested hiring another lifeguard. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to hire Anthony Soto as a lifeguard at the rate of \$14.20 per hour effective August 9, 2023. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

NY FORWARD GRANT Trustee Jamieson is working with the Walton Chamber of Commerce on a grant application. Trustee Jamieson made a motion to file a letter of intent which is due by August 18th for the NY Forward Grant funds. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball stated that the map the NYS DOT sent in regard to a dog park location was very confusing. It was not at all clear where the property location is from that map.

SALE OF SCRAP Trustee Doig mentioned that the new Police Car should be in service by the end of the week. Trustee Doig made a motion to declare the Impala as excess equipment and authorize Butch Smith to sale it. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. The Ford Interceptor will be used by the Code Enforcement Official.

PATROL RIFLE TRAINING Trustee Doig requested training for training Officer Garofolo. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to authorize Officer Garofolo to attend basic patrol rifle training, upon successful completion of his field training, at the Small Firearms Training Facility in Delhi on September 22nd and 23rd at a cost of \$200 plus ammunition from budget line A3120.400. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR REPORT Wayne Bank submitted a proposal to the Board regarding the Village funds that are currently invested with NYClass. Wayne Bank proposed reviewing the interest rate on the 1st of each

month and adjusting the rate to try to match the NYClass interest. Mayor Snow stated that the NYCLASS interest is earned daily with an adjustable rate. After discussion, the Board was polled and everyone agreed we should leave the funds with NYClass at this time. No action was taken.

- CHALK ART-FAIR ST. A letter from Amanda Conkling was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to close Fair St. on August 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow individuals to decorate the street with chalk. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DEL. CTY. TAX The Clerk requested permission to pay the outstanding County taxes. Trustee Sehen made a motion to authorize the payment of \$28,667.49 to the Delaware County Treasurer from the tax foreclosure sale. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
- VILLAGE COURT AUDIT Mayor Snow and Trustee Doig preformed the annual Village Court Audit of their financial records and recommend the Board approve the favorable audit. Trustee Ball made a motion to approve 2022- 2023 Village Court audit. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
- NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer