

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Mayor Edward Snow, Sr. Attorney: David Merzig
Trustees: Eric Ball Clerk: Jody L. Brown
Stephen Condon
Nathan Jamieson
Eric Northrup

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

Rev. Randy Palada from the Northfield Community Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING Trustee Condon made a motion to open a Public Hearing for Local Law 2024-4, no parking on St. John St. from Mead St. to Burton St. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
Jennifer Davis, 29 St. John St., said the street is very narrow. Parking should be on one side or the other.
Tom Batson, 4 Kelly Ave., states that if there is a vehicle parked near the entrance to Kelly Ave., it is very difficult to exit Kelly Ave.
Brenda Ellis, 17 St. John St., when vehicles are parked on the east side of the street, you can not see to safely exit Kelly Ave.
Trustee Jamieson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
After discussion, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to adopt Local Law 2024-4, no parking on St. John St. as submitted. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT Maxine Locherer, 17 Howell St., reminded everyone that the Car Cruise is August 10th and there will be a vendor event at Veteran’s Plaza from 2 – 8 p.m. Asked the Village is they could provide traffic cones to reserve parking for the classic cars in the Village parking lot. Maxine encouraged everyone to come and spend money.
Laura Dutcher Scherer, 2 East Brook St., questioned the process for the procurement of arts & craft supplies for the summer program. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the payment of a reimbursement voucher in the amount of \$491.51 to Jacqueline Armstrong for arts and craft supplies. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.
Andy Cahill, Meadow Energy, submitted a new report to the Board. The savings she is projecting is just on the delivery portion of the electric bill and is estimated at \$2,800 per year. Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign documents to allow the Village to participate with Meadow Energy for savings on electric delivery charges. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$194,705.37 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$9,829.23 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$213,505.36 was presented to the Board.
The Water Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$421,469.82 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT	Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for July 2024.
TRAINING	Chief Haqq requested evidence training for an officer. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize Office Mitchell to attend evidence property maintenance training in Saratoga County on October 3 rd and 4 th . Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
POLICE VEHICLE	As the Village is working with Ford to buy-back the newest police vehicle, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize Chief Haqq to start to process to purchase a new patrol vehicle. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
DELAWARE ENGINEERING	Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for July 2024.
VALVE PROJECT	Bill Brown recommended paying the contractor for the valve project. After discussion, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize a payment to Paragon Environmental Construction in the amount of \$6,255 from G8130.301 for work on the CBUD valve project. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
WATER PROJECT	Bill Brown requested a contract amendment for Rutledge. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to approve a change order extend the completion date for the Rutledge Excavating contract from July 31, 2024 to August 30, 2024 for the water project. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously. Bill Brown recommended paying invoice #4 to Rutledge. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$204,390.37 to Rutledge Excavating for invoice #4 of the water project. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
LEAD SERVICE LINE GRANT	The Requests for Qualifications were due by July 31 st . After review of the submission, Trustee Ball made a motion to award the lead service line inventory project to Delaware Engineering and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for the LSL grant. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously. Bill Brown requested the Mayor sign the application. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the finance application and agreement with NYS EFC for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Condon made a motion to declare the Lead Service Line Inventory project a Type 2 Action under SEQRA. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Clerk to open a checking account for the Lead Service Line Capital Project. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL	Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for July 2024.
RAS FLOW METERS	Shane Boice requested purchasing new flow meters. After discussion, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize Turnkey Control Solutions to install five new RAS flow meters at a budgeted cost of \$31,390 plus shipping from G8130.200 80% & G8130.210 20%. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

OXYGEN SENSOR Shane Boice recommended the purchase of a new oxygen sensor. After review, Trustee Jamieson made a motion to authorize the purchase for a new dissolved oxygen sensor and cable from RL Stone for \$1,139 from G8130.415 80% and G8130.515 20%. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

MILTON CAT GENERATOR MAINT. Shane Boice recommended generator maintenance. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize Milton CAT to replace coolant and repair a minor leak at a cost of \$7,958.16, 100% NYC DEP, from G8130.539. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

WWTP ENGINEERING STUDY The Requests for Qualifications were due by July 26th. After review of the submission, Trustee Condon made a motion to award the WWTP Evaluation project to Cedarwood Engineering and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaluation grant. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Zach Haverly, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for July 2024.

DOLLAR GENERAL PARKING LOT The Dollar General Manager is still pushing back regarding the repair of the parking lot. After discussion, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize Code Enforcement Official, Zach Haverly, to issue an ultimatum to repair the parking lot or have the store closed due to public safety, and show a paving contract by August 31st, and have the repair completed before the end of this paving season. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

NOISE ORDINANCE Mayor Snow asked Zach to look at noise ordinances from other municipalities and submit something to the Board for the Village next month.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works submitted a report to the Board for July 2024.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Jamieson read his resignation letter. He will be attending SUNY Oneonta this fall. Mayor Snow thanked Nate for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Trustee Ball – The JCAP court grant is an annual funding opportunity for projects and equipment up to \$30,000.00. Projects to consider would be an elevator, chair lift, or security/metal detector.

APPOINTMENTS Mayor Snow appointed Beth O’Brien to be Trustee. Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the appointment of Beth O’Brien as Trustee to finish the term, which ends April 6, 2025. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Snow appointed Deb O’Brien to the Planning Board. Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Deb O’Brien to the Planning Board to finish the term which would end on April 6, 2025. Trustee Jamieson seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Ball made a motion to open Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel at 7:13 p.m. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Condon made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

PART-TIME OFFICER Chief Haqq recommended hiring a part-time officer. Trustee Condon made a motion to hire Justin Manchester as a part-time officer at a rate of \$28 per hour. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer