

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, September 9, 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  
Eric Northrup  
Beth O'Brien

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

Rev. Robert Wilkie of the New Hope Church led the invocation.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Howard Vince, Davis Rd., would like to teach pickle ball in Walton. He was inquiring about using the tennis court. It would need different stripping and net. Mayor Snow told him that he would give his request to Brian Sprague, Recreation Director.

Several residents from the Guild Ave. and Cherry St. area were present to inquire about the continued flooding in the area due to a ditch being filled in between Cherry St. and Fancher Ave. Richard and Mary Doig, Barbara Daniels, Dana Baker, Dr. Mack, Anthony and Margaret Possemato and Marie Milazzo all questioned what steps were being taken to improve the situation. Mayor Snow stated that the current plan was to direct the water to flow down Maple St.

Jennifer Davis, 29 St. John St., stated that cars are moving very fast between Mead and Burton St. She is also concerned about the storm drains in her neighborhood.

Katherine Bridges, 88 Griswold St., asked where the Board was in regards to added noise ordinance. Code Enforcement is reviewing other municipalities local laws at this time.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$48,664.09 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$5,713.22 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$220,419.35 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$247,038.77 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Capital Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$1,655.00 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:**

**DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for August 2024.

**WATER PROJECT** Bill Brown recommended paying Rutledge for their work to-date. Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize payment to Rutledge Excavating Inc. for Invoice #5 in the amount of \$155,555.89 from the Water Capital Project Fund. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

**SWIM** Bill Brown requested the appointment of authorized Officers for the DASNY documents. After

- GRANT** review, Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize Mayor Snow and Deputy Mayor Ball to sign all DASNY documents for the SWIM Grant for the Village Pool. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
- STORMWATER PROJECT – MAPLE ST.** Bill Brown will be starting a plan for the stormwater for the Maple St. area. After much discussion, Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize Delaware Engineering to start the planning process and get quotes from contractors for the stormwater work project on Maple St. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ENGINEERING CONTRACT** The annual engineering agreement was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2024-2025 Engineering Agreement with Delaware Engineering. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for August 2024.
- CBUD PUMPS** Shane Boice recommended maintenance on the CBUD influent pumps. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the annual maintenance on the CBUD influent pump at a cost of \$3,890 from Koester, budget line G8130.534, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CLARIFIERS** Shane Boice informed the Board that the two clarifiers that were built in 1992 have failed. An estimate to replace them is \$1.2 to \$1.6 million. The Board directed Shane to get quotes for the replacement of the clarifiers.
- CODE ENFORCEMENT** Zach Haverly, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for August 2024. The Dollar General has been scheduled for paving for September. Zach is waiting for a return call from the store manager with a more definite date.
- DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Superintendent Dept. of Public Works submitted a report to the Board for August 2024.
- WATER CONFERENCE** Butch Smith requested attending training. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Butch Smith, Jon Hoffman and Matthew Myer to attend water continuing education training in Sidney in October at a cost of \$35 per employee. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
- POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for August 2024.
- TRAINING** Chief Haqq requesting a training. After discussion, Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize Investigator Mitchell to attend the Childhood Trauma Summit in Oneonta on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, no cost for the training. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
- TRUSTEE REPORTS** Trustee O'Brien – The Yendes Pavilion was rented for Sunday, September 8 and the bathrooms were opened. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to refund the \$50 rental fee to Autumn Miller. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Ball – The annual JCAP grant is for up-to \$30,000.00. Justice Hall would like to submit a grant for a chair lift and a metal detector for security. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize

Village Justice Hall to apply for funding through the Justice Court Assistance Program in an amount up to \$30,000.00. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

NEXT The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, October 7,  
MEETING 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer