

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, October 7, 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, absent		
	Eric Northrup		
	Beth O'Brien		

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

Barbara Horton from the Trout Creek Community Church led the invocation.

Investigator Mitchell was presented with a commendation from Chief Haqq to recognize her efforts on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in response to the threat at the Walton and Sidney High Schools. The Board thanked her as well for a job well done.

PUBLIC No input.  
INPUT

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$17,996.75 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$10,953.54 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$217,287.81 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$155,555.89 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Capital Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$3,708.90 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for September 2024.

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

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT** Butch Smith requested selling surplus equipment. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the sale of two salt spreaders, an air jack, a steam pressure washer and rebar on Auctions International. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WELL REHAB.** Butch Smith recommended Austin-Lincoln #2 for rehabilitation. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize Layne Christensen to do maintenance on Austin-Lincoln Well #2 at a cost of \$37,495. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for September 2024.

**INVESTIGATOR** Chief Haqq informed the Board that the Investigator Civil Service Test results were received and

- MITCHELL** Officer Mitchell was number one on the list. Trustee Ball made a motion to appoint Kathryn Mitchell as a full-time, permanent investigator. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DELAWARE ENGINEERING** Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for August 2024.
- WATER PROJECT** The water project is almost complete just a few punch list items to finish up and submitted an invoice for Rutledge. Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion effective September 15, 2024 and to authorize the payment of invoice #6 in the amount of \$13,845.45 to Rutledge Excavating. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Snow read a letter from Robert and Christine Wildey regarding their request to stop the quarterly water bills for their two vacant lots as there is no watermain. The lots are only being billed for the sewer capital charges at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a sewer unit per Village Code. No action was taken.
- VETERAN'S PARADE** A letter was received from Vet's Club regarding the parade. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Clerk to file a parade permit application with NYS DOT for the annual Veteran's Day parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:50 a.m. from Gardiner Pl. to the Old Armory and back to Gardiner Pl. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- CHRISTMAS PARADE** An email was received from Patty Wood regarding a parade. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Clerk to file a parade permit application with NYS DOT for the annual Christmas Parade on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. from the school bus garage, to Bridge St. then Water St. concluding at Veteran's Plaza. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss Police Personnel. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Ball made a motion to close Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
- OFFICER KEATING** Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hire Greg Keating as a part-time Officer at a rate of \$28 per hour effective October 8, 2024. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN** Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.
- NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer