

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, December 2, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Trustee Condon made a motion to open a Public Hearing for Local Law 2024-5, Excessive Noise. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Ball read the proposed Excessive Noise law. Trustee Northrup suggested adding that two complainants would be needed and maybe adding a decibel level. It was also brought up to add the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and exclude business' with normally operating equipment with reasonable sound levels are permitted. Katherine Bridges, 88 Griswold St., doesn't like the addition of at least two complainants and Marlene Keen, 59 Mead St., complained about four wheelers and dirt bikes in her neighborhood.

Trustee Ball made a motion to close the public hearing and table the matter for revisions. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT** No public input.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$141,342.29 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$53,848.67 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$155,746.86 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$635.90 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Capital Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Butch Smith, Superintendent D.P.W. submitted a report to the Board for November 2024.

**MEO POSITION** Butch Smith recommended hiring a candidate for the MEO position. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hire Mark Zeccardi at a rate of \$24.45 per hour, effective December 9, 2024 for the full-time Motor Equipment Operator position. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**TRAINING** Chief Haqq requesting an officer to training. After review, Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize Investigator Mitchell to attend Interview Techniques hosted by the Broome County

Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$350.00 on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**DELAWARE  
ENGINEERING**

Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a report to the Board for November 2024.

**VALVE  
PROJECT**

Bill Brown recommended the purchase of a valve operator to finish the valve project. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to purchase a powered valve operator from Schmidt's Wholesale at a cost of \$3,455 from budget line G8130.310. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**WATER  
PROJECT**

Bill Brown stated that we are getting ready to close on the Water Project and recommended a couple of change orders. After discussion, Trustee Ball made a motion to authorize the reduction of the Rutledge Contract, VW1-G-22 by \$29,691.29 for a final contract price of \$1,413,343.25, the increase of the Delaware Engineering contract by \$27,500 for a total contract price of \$295,500 and to authorize the Clerk to pay Rutledge's final invoice of \$70,667.16. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CEDARWOOD  
ENVIRONMENTAL**

Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for November 2024.

**ANNUAL  
MAINT.**

Shane Boice recommended the annual maintenance of the CBUD air compressor. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to have the annual maintenance on the CBUD air compressor by Atlas Copco at a cost of \$6,155.34 from budget line G8130.528, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT**

Zach Haverly, Code Enforcement Official, submitted a report to the Board for November 2024. Zach stated that he is halfway through the Code Enforcement Training and will be in training next week, Monday – Thursday.

**TRUSTEE  
REPORTS**

Trustee Northrup brought up the request for a crosswalk on Stockton Ave. near Garden St. A petition was received from Jessica White, 70 Stockton Ave, and the Mayor will forward it on to the NYS DOT.

Trustee Ball would like to get a local emergency response list for emergency centers and up-to-date contacts. Also, volunteers are needed to work at these locations.

Trustee O'Brien would like to get a group of volunteers together to get the ice-skating rink prepared. The target date is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee O'Brien is concerned about unsupervised children using the Board room during theater events and would like a letter sent to the Theater organizations that utilize the Board room. k

**MAYOR'S  
REPORT**

Mayor Snow read a letter he had written to the Elected Officials of Delaware County regarding sharing the sales tax and asked the Board Members to sign it. The proposal is in the Delaware County Finance Committee and has not been presented to the Board of Supervisors.

**CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

Mayor Snow received a letter from St. John the Baptist Church regarding penalties on their October water/sewer invoice because it was returned to them because the mailing address

- PENALTIES**        wasn't correct. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Clerk to waive the penalties on their accounts. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ELECTRICITY CONTRACT**    Constellation submitted their rates for review. After discussion, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a one-year contract with Constellation for electricity at a rate of \$.07079 per kWh. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**        Trustee Northrup made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to meet with counsel. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Trustee Ball made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN**            Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
- NEXT MEETING**            The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer