

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, February 3, 2025 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 INPUT** Several residents were present to ask what security measures could they take to secure their properties because there are people trespassing and looking in mailboxes, cars, sheds, etc. Chief Haqq suggested installing motion lights, making sure you lock up your cars, shed, garages, houses and adding security cameras. He also stated that they had a suspect in custody.

**ABSTRACTS:** The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:  
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$59,250.70 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,767.74 was presented to the Board.  
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of \$172,532.55 was presented to the Board.  
The Water Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$39,489.91 was presented to the Board.  
The Well Capital Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$0.00 was presented to the Board.  
The Clarifier Project Fund Abstract in the sum of \$4,080.00 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 January 2025.

**SWIM GRANT** The Village was awarded a \$500,000 grant (20% Village match) from DASNY for upgrades at the pool. The Village is required to conduct a SEQR assessment. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to pass a resolution to declare the municipal swimming pool rehabilitation project a Type 2 action under SEQR. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Bill Brown submitted the Professional Services for the SWIM project. After review, Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Delaware Engineering professional services agreement for the design through construction phase services for the Municipal Swimming Pool Rehabilitation Project for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Trustee O'Brien seconded Carried unanimously.

**CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL** Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for January 2025.

**CHEMICAL PUMPS** Shane Boice requested 3 new chemical pumps. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the purchase of three chemical pumps from Cyclops Process Equipment at the cost of \$6,912.00 from budget line G8130.210, 100% NYC DEP. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

<b>PRESSURE SENSOR</b>	Shane Boice requested parts for the screw press. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the purchase and replacement of the inlet pressure sensor for the screw press at a cost of \$4,817.88 from BDP Industries budget line G8130.415-515, 80% Village 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>ENGINEERING AGREEMENT</b>	The annual engineering agreement was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2025 Engineering agreement with Cedarwood for the WWPT. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Butch Smith, Superintendent D.P.W. submitted a report to the Board for January 2025.
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for January 2025.
<b>POLICE VEHICLE</b>	Chief Haqq requested the purchase of another police vehicle. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Ford Interceptor AWD from Van Bortell Ford at a cost of \$45,634.28. Trustee O’Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>TRUSTEE REPORTS</b>	Trustee O’Brien – The ice-skating rink at Austin-Lincoln Park has a hole in the liner. In 2016 the Village allowed the use of a space for an ice-skating rink with the understanding that they people who raised the money for it would put it up and take it down seasonally. Last year it wasn’t taken down.  Trustee Ball updated the Board on the Emergency Response & Readiness meeting that was held at the fire department. He stated that it was a very productive meeting. The second meeting is set for February 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>MAYOR’S REPORT</b>	Dunkin Donuts has started the process again to build on Delaware St.
<b>VILLAGE ELECTION</b>	The Board needs to appoint election inspectors. The Clerk recommended Maxine Locherer, Marjorie Rutherford, and Robert Locherer. Trustee Condon made a motion appoint Maxine Locherer as lead inspector, Marjorie Rutherford as inspector and Robert Locherer as an alternate for the March 18, 2025 Village election at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Trustee O’Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>TAX CAP OVERRIDE</b>	Proposed Local Law 2025-1 to override the tax levy limit was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to set a public hearing on March 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on overriding the tax levy limit. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>NOISE ORDINANCE</b>	The amended noise ordinance has been reviewed by the Board. Trustee O’Brien made a motion to hold a public hearing on March 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on the proposed local law. Trustee Ball seconded. Carried unanimously.
<b>NYC DEP 2025-2026 BUDGET</b>	The Clerk submitted the proposed NYC DEP budget to the Board. After review, Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the New York City Department of Environmental Protection 2025-2026 wastewater treatment plant budget as submitted, \$1,495,798. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

TAX FORECLOSURE SALE The Clerk submitted the three properties to be sold to the Board. After discussion, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Clerk to sell 11 Liberty St., 83 North St. and 8 Ogden St. by sealed bids on February 14, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Ball made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss Lactalis negotiations Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

LACTALIS BILLING CORRECTIONS Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the decision of the Board of Review regarding Lactalis' wastewater billing after amendments are made. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP A budget workshop has been scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN Mayor Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer