The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present:	Mayor Bjorn Eilertsen	Attorney:	David Merzig, not required to attend
Trustees:	Stephen Condon	Clerk:	Jody L. Brown
	Richard Doig		
	Eric Northrup		
	Beth O'Brien		

Mayor Eilertsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT — Katherine Bridges, 88 Griswold St., wanted the community to be aware that the NYSE&G smart meters emit electro-magnetic waves.

Bernard Cohen had intended to address the Board. He brief presentation was read. Danna Baker of the WTPA will bring this up to the Theater to see if it is something they can accommodate.

Adrienne McMillian shared that 26 cats have been fixed with 22 of those cats being removed from the Village of Walton since November.

AUSTIN-LINCOLN AWARD — Mayor Eilertsen presented Adrienne McMillian with the Austin-Lincoln award for her work with the stray cats in the Village.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of $45,268.84 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of $6,168.12 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of $280,224.66 was presented to the Board.
The Clarifier Project Fund Abstract in the sum of $187,278.00 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT — Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for December 2025. The Mayor asked if the Board had reviewed the Police Departments updated Policy and Procedures that the Chief had submitted last month. Due to the size of the document, they agreed to wait until everyone had more time to review the document.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING — Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a written report to the Board for December 2025.

LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECT — Bill Brown stated that annual letters were sent out to water customers. In the process of completing the inventory of all service lines.

PARKS & REC GRANT APPLICATION — Trustee Northrup made a motion to prepare an application for the Parks and Recreation Grant with a February deadline. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously. This grant has a 10% local match for up to $900,000.00.

CEDARWOOD — Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for December 2025

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SCUM PIT PUMP — Shane Boice recommended ordered a new pump. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the purchase of a scum pit pump from USA Bluebook for $3,520.60 from budget lines G8130.415 80% Village and G8130.515 20% NYC DEP. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

THEATER — Dana Baker from the Walton Theater Preservation Assoc. they will be working on a five-year plan. Currently adding a sink in the concession area.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS — Butch Smith, Superintendent D.P.W. submitted a report to the Board for December 2025. Butch wanted to remind everyone of a few seasonal items: put the basketball hoops away from the street now that it is winter, NO PARKING overnight on Village streets from midnight to 7 a.m., do not plow the sidewalks with trucks or SUV's and it is ILLEGAL to push or snow blow snow into a public roadway. Steve Condon reminded homeowners with fire hydrants in front of their property to remove snow from around them as well.

CODE ENFORCEMENT — Steve Condon recommended setting Josh Morgan's rate to $31.00 an hour. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to pay Josh Morgan $31.00 an hour for Code Enforcement duties effective January 6, 2026. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

SIDEWALKS — Sidewalks needs to be cleared of snow and ice by 9:00 a.m. the FULL width of the sidewalk.

MAYOR'S REPORT — Mayor Eilertsen has been in contact with Delaware County regarding the five flood buy-out properties that are in the Village. He would like to see something done on these properties such as fruit trees.

NYSEG – ORDER OF REMEDY — The Mayor would like to move the process along regarding NYSEG fixing the pole by 209 Delaware St. Trustee Northrup made a motion to have Attorney Merzig reach out to NYSEG to speed up the process to remedy the condition of the telephone pole causing an issue with the sidewalk. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

INSPECTION FEES — The Mayor would like to set an additional fee for inspections. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to charge $150 beyond the initial building permit inspections with an additional $100 per hour after that. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

RFP – SURVEY CHERRY ST. & WHITE ROCK ROAD — The Mayor would like to have a survey done of Cherry St. and White Rock Rd. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to request proposals for surveys on Cherry St. and White Rock Rd. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAWS PARKING & ONE-WAY ST. & SEASONAL HIRE FOR TICKETS — The Mayor would like to address some parking issues within the Village and has submitted proposed local laws. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. regarding amending Village Code to restrict parking on east side of Fancher Ave. and William St., designate Platt St. as one-way from North St. to Townsend St., and to prohibiting parking and standing on North St. from Benton Ave. to Franklin Rd. and to start the process to hire someone to issue parking tickets on a seasonal basis. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEW CELL — The Mayor recommended adding three new phones to the current plan. Trustee Northrup made

PHONES	a motion to authorize adding three new cell phones to the Verizon plan at an additional cost of $111.90 per month. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
VILLAGE ELECTION	Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hold the 2026 Village election on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in the Village Hall from noon until 9:00 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
ANNUAL PLANNING ADVISORY PROGRAM	Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the annual Town Planning Advisory Service Program agreement for 2026. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
EFC GRANT DESIGNATION AMENDMENT	Trustee Condon made a motion to approve an amended resolution to designate a representative to execute the engineering planning grant agreement and designate the office of Mayor as the authorized signer. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER W4-88	Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant approval for first-time home-buyers program, W4-88, in the amount of $15,715.00. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Trustee Condon made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss PBA contract negotiations and Police Personnel at 6:10 p.m. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
ADJOURN	Mayor Eilertsen adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.
NEXT MEETING	The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer