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[00:00:00] Done before. Nothing happens. Alright, keep everybody quiet. Exactly. Thank you everybody to stand for the pledge of allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Amen. Did you bring a sweater? Amen. Anybody see anybody? Do we have a pastor? Alright. Uh as well as usual start out with public input. Oh, sorry. Go ahead, Dan. Got a couple questions actually. Sure.

[00:00:51] Actually, I saw an article recently describing the villages pushed for making sure everybody had numbers on their houses that were eligible. I wholly agreed with that and support that. At the same time, I think it's incumbent on the village to make sure that our streets have signs. My street, you, there is a sign on Bush and Maple. There is no sign maple and bush. There is no sign on Guild and Maple and there are guild and cherry and there is no sign on maple and guild. So there's three signs that would lead mutual aid or someone to my neighborhood to my house. So I think we that's an issue throughout the village to make sure that we have adequate signage on the streets so that they're visible. You're not around about that? I agree. The other question I have regards the recent surveys that were done and discussed I believe at last month's meeting I know one of those included my property and the rest of the properties on Cherry Street and the continuation of Cherry Street. May not be able to be answered today but I'm curious what the villages intention for the surveys were, what the surveys provided to the village

[00:02:02] as far as interest in support for whatever might be going on but also I'm curious how that might reflect the drainage issue that was an issue in my neighborhood that I believed was solved when the hospital may purchase of their property, put in the drainage ditch. I understand that there was an easement for that drainage ditch that the hospital was going to be responsible. Not the village. So I'm curious what the village's intent with the survey. That particular survey was and I know the Water Street and the White Rock had other issues but in my neighborhood that's what I'm concerned about and questioning. Um and again I don't need an answer today if it's something that these of you respond to that by lateral in the future. I would be curious to know. I would be lying if I told you I'd know nearly as much as the mayor knows about that. Right. That's why I'm saying I understand it might need to be a future response but Curious what what the results of that survey were as far as the village was concerned. Did you have some that? Um just to understand and

property lines are a lot of discussion has happened over the last where right aways are

[00:03:17] Right. One of my biggest questions also was the Trailhead that was established at the corner of my street. To me, looks like it might be on village property and the mayor and I have had discussions about what's the requirement for a curb cut. Do I need to get a permission by any village statute if I want to put a driveway in on my property on Five Cherry Street? Was there permission sought for that trailhead or any other trailhead in the village that might be on village property and what's the village's liability as far as that's concerned. We have had a number of irresponsible drivers going up and down our street driving through the hospital parking lot you know associated with that trail head I know Delco ATV has been very responsible and trying to get their members to be responsible yeah but it doesn't work for everybody just Thank you. That's good. That's good. I appreciate it. Some things to think about and things I will pass on and try to get clarity on but I think

[00:04:27] Savannah but here on behalf of the and the Walton program volleyball program. We just put in the courts at the awesome weekends. We would like to do an end of summer bash. Um here's the layout. If you guys would like it. Um kind of our way to give back to the community that supported the Booster Club since it's been around. So we would like to invite vendors to come out without a fee other than to get permits. They're aware of the dogs with the permits. Feel the setup down there but we don't want to give a fee. It's just like I said, it's our way to give back. Um this layout is to depend on how many a volleyball tournament, a small fee that will go back to the Booster Club Punk Pass Kick event which will go back to the football, the Booster Club Football Program and then three-point shootout event for the basketball program. Um there's also the wild program group is going to have carnival games. She plans on doing donations only of people just set up down there bringing the kids skate

[00:05:36] jam. I haven't worked with them but it sounds like they want to set something up. Um I'm not sure what they're doing there but we did put them as part of this vendor as well. We have the quarter potties which is the Booster Pub will take care of that fee and for a dumpster to be down there. We'll make sure all the garbage is picked up and taken care of. I'm sorry. Did you have a date for this? September 5th. Saturday, September 5th. And did you want to do a rain date for the next day? We plan on Sunday but we're hoping for Saturday. Right. I mean never wanted to rain but it. Yeah. Sometimes does so. So I do have a flyer if you guys want to look at that as well but we would get this out there. Um I know you guys had mentioned that you were fine with but we were told we we need approval to move forward so we don't have much time. Yeah well what are the hours? Um the volleyball we would start at 830 because it's going to be a little longer. Uh we plan on having vendors can set up at 10 AM. I would say it's all day. Kinda like if the vendors feel like me. Whittling away they can pick up but the volleyball tournament kind of depends on how many teams we get. So you need which is why

[00:06:45] we're trying to get as much get it out there. So you need the volleyball court, the basketball court, football field? Yes and then the skate park I have on there and then we're going to set up the carnival games over by the playground area. And then we have the vendors in the open

field across from where the volleyball is. So everything except for the second pavilion. Pretty much breaked it. And we would need to know if the main pavilion has been rented for that date or not already. Okay. It doesn't sound like you need it. Well, you don't need it. I mean, talk with Jessica but it sounded like she was just going to utilize near the playground. If that has to move, that's not the end of the world. Right. Set that up somewhere else if it's So I guess we need a motion to allow them to hold the end of summer bash with us and they can. And they have you have your insurance. I just wasn't going to say that. Um I believe it's on file but if it's not I can get it from the booster club and the same with skate parks. Right. From my understanding you guys have it but if you need it I can do it.

[00:07:54] I'm also the secretary to the booster club. I need I need to wait. Let's see. Okay. What is the fee for Yeah. They're not using the pavilion. So there's no fee to. I'll make a motion to go ahead and let you guys do this on September 5th with the rain date of September sixth. To. Second. Second. September 5th. All in favor. Hi. Hi. And while I have your attention, I was wondering what it would take for us to take the volleyball courts and do like dedicated and Robin Gray which is my mother has put over 20 years as coaching volleyball and put this program into place. If there was a way that we could do paperwork or what we need to do to put something like dedicated it all works. I think it's just as simple as the board approval, is it not? There's no more to it, Jody. I've never had anything dedicated to anybody since I've been sitting in this chair. You might know more with the park or the pool or something that would take a board resolution I believe to

[00:09:06] do something of that sort which could be very simple. I agree. I mean, your family is effectively put that together, right? Yeah. I mean not effectively actually. She doesn't know that we're opposing this. I was just hoping that if it did take it's not live. I can exclude her on the Facebook. Don't read the paper by our plan would be if it's not a lot of work to try to do it the day of this event as like had something put up and then you know give a little speech before we start the tournament and then show it to her would it be your would it be your intention to put up a plaque of some sort or that's what we're working on maybe something because there's two chords maybe something in between the two I don't know I guess I got some work ahead of me first so we could do see what we have to do before that and do it on the first. Okay.

[00:10:10] And then I'll cut you short on time. We did well my plan is to get something going and then if it doesn't get approved before this I'll have it whenever we do get it approved we can. Right. Okay. Right. Let's want to shoot them for see if we have something ready for it for September 1st meeting. Okay. Thank you guys. Thank you. It was nice to see the courts full when I stopped up there the other night. It was awesome. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Yeah. Want a good laugh. Come on down. It was raining and yeah it was it was You don't have to stick around the whole meeting if that's all you want to see but you can. Stay tuned. I know it's your first meeting so. She's time, yeah. Oh, that's right. I got the clock running. Sorry, Mary. Anybody else Republican foot?

[00:11:02] Hi, Mae. Albert, go for it. Thank you. My name is Albert Soul. I'm co-founder of Trusota, a woman-owned tech studio here at Walton. Three months ago, I was granted permission by this board to start the Walton Heritage Trail and we went from a vision to infrastructure and for

that, I personally thank you. Um we've had fantastic response from the public. We've had a little bit of media attention and even our own welcome reporter. We, from the very beginning, we were hopeful that this would become something that the community would embrace and we had talked about plans of expansion. Are we've identified five spots on the other side of the river that would be prime for this sort of tour. Again, all safe with public sidewalks over lighting. We're at a push-to-shove moment. I would love to have one installed on village property near the fairgrounds so that when our fair goers come here, they can possibly come into town and

[00:12:13] explore this trail. If granted, it would be set up under the same protocols. I would call for the dig clearance. I would work everything with zoning, code enforcement, and also the Village Department of Public Works. Where else you want to put them up? Besides the fair. Okay. So the spots we've identified are the covered bridge. Okay. And that's going to start the whole flow that way over the river. The fairgrounds, the cemetery, Castle and Delaware. Um the original range. Yeah. Um there's a lot of history there. Somewhere in my spot with the historical society. They mentioned that there was there was actually a school for a period of time. Yes. The Walton Historical Society, we're still working closely with them. There's a couple little tweaks they have in mind and we're of course very open to that. They are going to have a display at their tent at the Fairgrounds covering the Heritage Trail Originally I wanted to talk to

[00:13:23] the Fair Board about this. Their meeting is not until Fair Week. Uh and I wouldn't expect them to allow such a thing on their property. So, to kind of sidestep that, if we were to do this on Village of Property where it's already been approved and in place, it would be a great pleasure and honor. So it's basically an expansion of this. Where where do you have the spot that's picked out on adjacent to the fair? I have not identified the exact spot. It would be on the sidewalk on this side of the fairgrounds. Is that by Missus Taylor's? You're probably looking where the where the main entrance where they do the tia taking. Where we're not on their property. Yes. Yes. I mean I'd like it visible for the fair goers. The maybe what's this and maybe they'll see it in the fair. Um we're also going to make this sign available to the fair should they say okay yeah let's do this then certainly want that available to them. If it's something that needs to go through their board I can respect that as well. The main reason I wanted to keep it on village property is I don't

[00:14:33] want people going back into the fairgrounds when it's off fair. But the his of that spot deserves to be told. But where do we own over there? I don't think we the village owns any things there. Is there between. Right now currently at Mead Street and Shepherd Street just past the 60 Meet Street we have a sign that is on a very small parcel of village property. It's actually between the roadway and the sidewalk. And we did get clearance from DPW to put a sign there. It was unfortunate involved in an incident of property damage but that's behind us now. Um so we would you know we would carefully select a place that is optimal for viewing and safety. I mean. Right away. Yes. Right away not our property. If we can't find one that's that works I've got a couple ideas because I know a lot of people that live there all of them so we'll find a place over there but as far as the other ones go you got you got spots picked out besides mentally yes and you know we need to get with the with the

[00:15:45] historical society again and nail down. There's probably some more they can add to it. Which would be the more the merrier. Um but right now they're in between vacations and that sort of thing. So getting everyone together is probably either an export meeting. I mean I'm I'm fine with them extend extending it. I think it's been a great thing for the village and for And the Historical Society has their next our next board meeting on the sixth, August the sixth. It's Thursday so. At four. I make emotional we let him expand his program. Thank you. Love it. I will say in our first week of operation, we've had 1800 page views on the website. So, if people are interacting and only time will tell how this is really going to unfold but I thank you for the opportunity. Thank you for all that. Fantastic. Thank you.

[00:16:50] Anybody else Republican put? Mary. Just a follow-up question to last month because I see it wasn't in the board minutes either that I had asked about the BioDigester Project that had been done by the other mayor and the other board. How many years we're still paying on it and what what is the annual fee that we're paying for? The village is paying with tax dollars? It's all part of our budget. So, it's on the website if you wanted to look that up. There's a debt service cart that shows what's left owe when it's done and how much we pay annually. Alright, moving on. Uh apartment heads go in order of the paper I have here. Did you abstracts? Oh, we did need to do that. Everybody get a chance to look over the abstracts.

[00:17:55] Yes, sir. Make a motion. Approve the abstracts. Second. Second. All in favor. Aye. Aye. Bill Brown. Uh evening. Um nothing normal to ask for tonight. We're going to close out the door grant. Water projects which are the to finalize that you have to do additional Shame. Anybody have any questions? Have a couple of request tonight. Uh the first one's for Taggard Electric to replace two disconnects for our sledge conveyor and repair one on one of our sledge pumps and the cost is 6, 187 and this is

[00:19:10] a budgeted cost. It's 80% village in twenty I make a motion to approve that. Hi. Hi. And the second one is to replace some lighting. Um we're going to install a pole on the aeration tank. Uh replace four wall packs on the aeration building, five on the PT building, six on the sled building, and six on the CBD building and this is a 80% diligent, 20% EV That was 14000. Yeah, fourteen four hundred seventy8. Okay.

[00:20:03] Hi. Thank you. Cory. You guys got all my emails right from airport? Yeah. You guys want me to read my report on Get the highlights. What you got? Highlights are field inspections that we did this month or forty of them. Uh building permits issued nine. Building new building construction malton is down compared to like Hancock, Delhi, Sydney, They they've got a lot of newer construction safety fire inspections. Uh we started issuing them out. Um I did six this month and I've got about six last month and then this month we've got every Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays except for fair week is booked both of fire inspections.

[00:21:10] 36 certificates were issued. Um CO searches by ones that required mowing was only four and we only had one person that was working without a permit. Hello We did get the new sell out. You guys seen we got signed. We have not issued them. Um me and Josh are going to come

up with some kind of legal way of in writing of putting them up and making them. What we would like to do is make it so whoever owns has if the signs have to be replaced they get damaged or anything like that have to be replaced Thank you. Thank you, Cory. Brian.

[00:22:13] 35 kits per day. Last arts and crafts for 30 to 35 kids. Store lessons they've been 80 to 90 kids daily for their Ryan, can you speak up a little bit please? Is that 30 to 30? Is that 30 to 35 kids for craft? 30 to 35 for basketball. Swimming's 80 to 90. Yes. Yeah. And the program ends that swimming must end on August sixth. Water carnival that and if that's a rain date then we'll have it on August 13th from 10 to 12. Alright. And Swoop will Fair Week's going to be limited because of the all the white cards sitting back Wow. We'll update them daily if we have to. Yeah. I don't I've got it right here. I got it. That's nice numbers though.

[00:23:19] Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. It's been a nice nice season for the the summer programs. Yeah. Got a lot of good feedback on that so. Butch is not here. But Butch and I did have a committee meeting last a week ago Monday and he did tell me today that he had spoken with a person at 133 Townsend Street who was worried about people driving into his house and that he has put him in contact with some people to put large rots in his lawn and he's going to add some additional signage up there telling people that it's to slow down because it's slippery in the winter time. Um he's ordered a part for the toilet in the theater that in the men's room that's malfunctioning. I'm not sure if that has arrived yet or not. Um He is working on looking at the smooth pipes on Upper East Street, Ogden Street, Harvey Street, and High Street and he's going to replace those with plastic wherever possible

[00:24:29] but there's no timeline as yet on that. Chips will be used as far as it can go. Uh butch is investigating trees that need to come down. And the traffic issue with the crosswalk. Um he We've been working looking into that at the pool. Uh the Saint John Street spot is going to be covered and filled with millings and signage and arrows at the entrance and exit to the to the Veterans Plaza area. He said that he's working on signage and arrows. How how we're going to be able to place those because now that we don't own the police department building anymore. Uh we can't put a sign on the building so we have to do something on the pavement. Yep. And the no

[00:25:43] loading zone at the school is I'm sorry the no loading zone at the school is is done by local law so that would have to be something that would need to be revised if if Attorney said down there with the Village parking lot in the back of people are pulling up there with big tractor trailers and he's looking at putting some signage about it not being a loading zone. Okay.

[00:26:32] Can can you check with him about to see if did we ever order a Clark Street sign? Hey what's Clark Street for up there? It's not a dedicated street book. Meeting Yeah. I'll ask him about it that and then is there any possible if you check with them the bulb in the flashing light there on history So we can have that flashing light offering. At the entrance yeah when people are coming downtown to the street and going up that that light right there at the entrance to the pool and that get replace And then my other thing I was going to ask them tonight but if you go across the bridge and you turn, you know, to Stockton and South, all of that is is that going to get weed wet. They

were there working out today. Oh were they? I haven't been back to college. Well when I left work today actually they're up there working out. Okay so that's getting cleaned up. Yeah that's going to get cleaned up.

[00:27:46] Okay, that's all I have for now. Uh chief. Good evening. You all have received my report? Yes sir. Are there any questions? Um I have two S. There are trainings that I like to send investigate initial to. Uh first one is the Colonel Henry F Williams homicide seminar that's on September 2-5th through September 20th through the 2fifth. Um basically, it's just an annual seminar where investigative investigators detectives sign homicides. They get the up-to-date training that's available. Um and there's a host of so many trainings that we do. So, is it? Albany. What's the cost on that one? The cost of that is to five page. This is.

[00:29:00] And the other training is a child abduction response investigation and mobilization training that's going to be held in Broome County Sheriff's Office October 14th through the 16th and that's just some topics are abduction response overview of child sex offenders presidential inductions as a host of others topics and that training is free for that one too yeah yeah and the you say there was a cost for that for a second? Second one's free. Second one's free. Yep. With both and it is budgeted so I would make a motion to send investigator Mitchell to the free one there for the Child Induction Response Investigation Mobilization Training and also to the Henry Williams homicide seminar in September 20th to the 25th.

[00:30:04] Thank you. Thank you, chief. David, did you have anything for the theater or is there? Um the steps, we've contracted someone to come in, repair the steps that might be happening this month. Yup, I believe the week after the fair. Um the, we recently received ADA compliant hearing assistant devices. Yes. So, we will be compliant with the ADA as far as that goes and that's very exciting. Um there's also a visual component to that and it will not just be for the movies, it will also be used when they have a public event like a Village Board meeting or something. Folks will be able to use them to hear have family assistance for those as well. I love it. Sounds good. Thank you. Trustee reports. That's my Um got a request for the fourth Annual Chalk Art Day from Amanda Conkling on Saturday, August 15th. That's Saturday

[00:31:20] before the fair from 10 to 2. They need Fair Street to be closed. Yeah it's never been an issue everybody's that lives there loves it so we love her to do it secondly yes I did talk to websters, that's the word I was looking for, Webster's Paving. They're coming to finish the paving on the vestbook where in the plate the other place there with skate park may go. Um they're going to do that August 11th and the rain date August twelfth. So it should be done for the fair. Um so that won't be dragging that equipment through during the week. Um that Eric, is there a cost to the village to that or is the group WEIC paying for that? No, that was something that we used the remaining budgetary funds last at the end of last fiscal

[00:32:28] year for. And so what is the cost of that? I don't remember. I think it was 6000 I think it was range I believe. If there was money left over in your budget, they were able to. I want to give a quick shout out to Chief Hawk while he's sitting here for quick work helping oh I don't know if I

want to say his name out loud. I don't have to want to put him out like that but I think we all know who you're talking about. We're being quick to respond some jacking up a car to get it off of a man that was trapped under a vehicle so. Exactly. Bye. I think that's all set. So I know we talked about dedicating the volleyball courts. We'd also had requests from Brett Wood the head of football programs dedicate formally the football field. Um or the football the football field that the building Yeah. In in order in honor of Clifford Stanton. It's been that way forever since it was built I

[00:33:40] guess. What is the name? I'm sorry. Clifford Stanton. Clifford. Thank you. And the mayor and I talked about that and I think there's another person that should be honored there as well and that was Chuck Hall. He was very much involved with football program for years and years. Don't have the independent knowledge to do it. I was never a football guy but And my kids grew up in that program and he was an integral part. I guess my counterpoint would be that it's already been in his honor there for a long time. Um so don't want to disrespect his memory and remove it. So, I guess the question is do we want to formally adopt that as as dedicated in his honor? That's the only request we have other than your request. Well, I'm I'm just saying that it would be nice to maybe see it dedicated to both. Yes. That's just the only problem with starting to do this. You're

[00:34:50] going to leave somebody out and somebody's going to get feelings hurt along the way. We can. We don't have to agree to it tonight but Okay, we can. Is the booster club building owned by the village? Yes. I think that's a well I know that's why I was asking. There's a lot of questions being asked about that and a lot of and a lack of clarity. Right. So maybe what has been. But it has, right? Yeah.

[00:35:47] Everybody knows that it's already been called this so make a motion to use code. Absolutely. Hi. Say hi. Okay. I miss what it is you're going to call. Clifford Stanton. Yep. So it's just to him individually. Yes. Thank you and I'm sorry. Everybody's already called it that. There's no orders out. That's it. My stuff. You want to remind that beer. You want to remind people for tonight and stuff about Devil Street? I'm not sure why I knew that. I read it. I don't remember. I did not retain it. You typed it.

[00:36:39] Oh. I had deputy mayor. I thought you typed it. I did. Yes, they are stripping Delaware Street tonight. So, for this evening and then maybe tomorrow and maybe the next day depending on weather and just let things go. So, if you see people out there working in the middle of the road, be calm and courteous and remember that for people and you don't want to hit them in your car. That's true. I'm sure you wrote that, right? We have next on the agenda. The Coalition of Watershed Town Nominations which is Jody can you explain that? It's the time of year Coalition of Watershed Towns reached out. Um we can nominate somebody to sit on the board. Um it was brought to our attention that Bruce Golf would be willing to be nominated to continue his work in that area. Um and it was also mentioned

[00:37:54] that maybe the mayor of Delhi as well. Kierhart I think his last name is. So or you can nominate else. They just have to be on a sitting on board. I think Ruth Stolph would be excellent

and I would make a motion to nominate him. Hi. For clarification. Is that Jody to represent the Village of Walton or just her just to see on what? Do you need to explain this next from the NISDAC undertaking resolution? To continue to allow parades and banners, we need to have this undertaking resolution passed by the board. Um it's kind of help them with their insurance.

[00:38:56] So, it's one last step we have to do now online to apply for free permits and banner permits. But the organization still have to make application to the village if they want to put up a banner or folder for. Right. But this helps to streamline the process. Correct. I need a motion window. I do. Make a motion to read out that. And I'll second it. Aye. Aye. I have nothing else. That's all I got. Yes you know Lieutenant discuss executive session to discuss personally now. Yep I make a motion that we go to executive I'll second that. Do you anticipate taking action following the executive session? I. It's yeah.

[00:40:00] Thank you everyone. Oh look at that. 40 minutes. We might be out of here by six o'clock. Maybe