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[00:00:01] Alright, we'll get this underway. Everybody else, please rise for the pledge of allegiance. Start us off. Of allegiance to the flag of and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. With us in a state of prayer. Dear heavenly father, creator of our universe and beyond, be with us now as we pray for your guidance and wisdom. Let us be mindful for and merciful to all those whom we represent, giving each other the same respect and attention which you give to us. Let each voice be heard. Let each heart connect with all who are present. We ask that you show us the way through harmony between each soul. Lead us in the footsteps of those who have paved the way for us.

[00:01:02] Illuminate things which are for the common good. Please dear lord, bless us with your understanding and mercy and light all the paths of righteousness which lay before us. Amen. Thank you. Microphone's on. Cut. So, we're going to start off with a public hearing but before we start off, we're going to start off with the resolution. Uh I'll have Eric. Start off with the resolution and then we'll move on to the public hearing. Yeah.

[00:02:00] Resolution determining significance under SEQRA in connection with proposed local law entitled Delaware Street Vacant Storefront registration and maintenance. Whereas the Village Board of Trustees is considering an option of a local law to establish registration and maintenance requirements for certain vacant commercial storefronts along Delaware Street within the village and whereas the proposed local law constitutes an action within the State Environmental Quality Act Review Act SEQRA Secret Secret and whereas the Village Board is carefully reviewed the nature of the proposed action which is limited to administrative registration and property maintenance requirements and does not authorize any physical alteration of land construction activity or change in law will use and whereas the village board is considered whether the proposed action is a type action pursuing it to six NYCRR section 676 17. 5 and notices certain aspects may be characterized as the adoption of a local law relating to the administration of property maintenance and whereas in an abundance of caution the bill boards elect to treat and the proposed action as an unlisted action and to undertake a review of potential environmental impacts and now

[00:03:08] therefore be it resolved that the Village Board hereby determines that the proposed local law is an unlisted action under Secret and be it further resolved that the village board hereby

determines that the proposed law will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and as it is administrative in nature imposes no requirement for physical development or land disturbance and is intended to promote property maintenance and safety and be it further resolved that the Village Board hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to UCR. So, I need a motion to. No, we gotta pass the resolution. Pass the resolution. Second, sir. All in favor. Bye. Bye. Bye. Great. I need a motion to open the public hearing for the storefront law. Motion open the public hearing for the storefront law. Second. On favor. A. Aye. Carry. Public input on the storefront law.

[00:04:04] Just a little back story just to everybody knows. Um this was one of the requirements or request requirements of near Ford when we met with Omar last year. He said, what accountability do you have that what what Skin and the Game Business Village have to hold people accountable to make sure that our storefronts and these business districts are held to a standard and outside the proper property maintenance laws that we have really is much. So, that's why the storefront is what we're trying to pass today. This storefront law was also used in assessing. Thank you to here and Johnson City. So, So, how is it any different than the existing codes and property maintenance laws that residential and commercial buildings need to commit to today? The property maintenance code said that you gotta comply with safety and standards of that nature. This one focuses on making your building presentable so that it's open for availability for rent, usage purchase, whatever it is. So, when you don't look in the window, you don't see a used mattress or you know, debris

[00:05:14] laying around so it creates, it creates an appealing for people who want to have businesses and bring businesses here to Beller Street. Dance. Close second You have a motion to approve this storefront law. Second. One favor. Nay. Nay. Alright. Uh we're going to move forward with the near it forward. We have on the screen here just in case nobody saw it or anything like that there's a I put everything on here as we go it's a quick reading except for this one obviously so yeah I'm just bringing it up a little bit of public hearing before we don't go and jump into the public hearing I wanted to bring up Sophia here from Delhi has a PowerPoint of

[00:06:26] 75 pages she wanted us to look at I'm just getting a Always say you need a motion to open this book. There he is. He's not ready. Where the hell is the thing that starts a picture? No, the. There's notes and then the last icon to the, right? There it is. Thank you. It's different. Alright. So, here's the PowerPoint that Sophia has created. So, if you just, it's four pages. It's just real quick talking about the process from which is near forward grant goes through and it's not something that just happens overnight. It's not something where we get X amount of dollars and then we can just invest it. There's a whole bunch of work that goes into this project which I mean, as you can see, we were PowerPoints like that there's a handful of us already working on this. Um we're focusing on all the business areas of Walton not just Delaware Street. So this would be Delaware West right out here with the theater on Gardner and also heading over towards Water Street, the Castle, and Bridge Street as well. So, trying to focus on all the businesses in in the village and what we can do to make things better.

[00:07:38] Sophia do you want to this is your side thing you want to take it from here sure so I tried to condense the process for the New York Ford application and just hello everyone I I'm I'm Sophia here voice so just the idea is to help start generating ideas for a vision statement which will be at the forefront of the application getting public input for what you love about Walton what you think be improved about Walton and then what are opportunities and or might be threats to Walton and being very open about that while trying to keep it constructive and thoughtful and then just thinking about within that framework as we talk about a vision statement what projects private investment and or development of municipal areas would be helpful within that vision statement if that helps. Um I guess next slide.

[00:08:36] So So then just breaking down the process for everyone. Sorry. Is this better maybe? Yes. Hi, sorry. Hi. You're good. Alright. So, taking you from like I said, the local vision to state investment. Um we start with the application. It is a big endeavor. Um it's a lot of paperwork but it's okay. We can do it. Um it just takes a little bit at a time and we can, you know, accomplish great things, have a great plan, and hopefully help downtown develop and our businesses to thrive. So, like I said, step one is the application. We get that submitted July 31st of 2027 will be that deadline. So we're giving our giving ourselves ample time to bring in projects and just get all the feedback we can from the pub public. Um number two Our application gets reviewed by the state. Um we have a big party downtown. We bring the high school kids out.

[00:09:31] We show them how amazing the Village of Walton is. Um by about November or December of next year we receive their determination as to whether or not we receive the award from there is when the real real work takes place the local planning committee is going to be a big part of this those are folks that are selected by those that put up the application and the Village of Walton and then they work with the state who provides a designated planning team to help develop a strategic plan. So, all the applications and all the work that goes into the application then gets taken out and they put it through the Dog and Pony Show and they're like, alright, do you do you have the money to make this happen? Do you actually own the property that you said you did when you propose this project and then just making sure all your ducks are in a row and ready to go. The strategic plan gets done and then it goes back to the Department of State for a final determination on what projects get that money. So, noone locally has that say but we do our darn best to make sure that

[00:10:41] our best projects get funded and you know we have something to show for the New York Ford application that whole project process can take anywhere from 18 months at the earliest for shovel ready projects up to 5- 7 years, so just to understand that when we get going on this it will take a little bit of time but I think like I said in the end it'll be a great opportunity and then that also opens the doors to add to as Omar Sanders calls the Village of Walton's cap stack so we can keep building on these opportunities and learning from them as a community so yeah sorry that's a lot but next next slide and this is just a really nice overhead aerial view of Walton and some of the proposed areas we talked about just highlighting different areas that we might target as PJ already mentioned next slide and just what we're looking for now. So, we want to hear about possible

building rehabilitations, adaptive reuse in the downtown area, mixed-use development projects, newer expanded retail, restaurants,

[00:11:51] hospitality uses, riverfront, or you know, strategically located redevelopment. We want to hear about all of it. A project at this point doesn't need to be fully designed. We just need to understand the opportunity, the investment possibilities, and what you might see as barriers for that project. Next slide please. Alright. So, this is this is what we're doing. The what, where, when, how much, and what's needed is up on the screen there. Um and next steps my my office doors are open to questions as are I'm sure BJ and the rest of those involved. Um we're going to need some help on this. So, I guess don't be shy and if you want to add anything to that, I do have this these six slides available that I can either Email to you or have printed out or mailed, whatever. So, if you would like to I'll post them to the illustration. Alright, great. So, so you have another way to get at these because I know it's a lot of information and I do tend to talk really fast but I apologize. So, yeah, that's that's that.

[00:12:58] Thank you. See it's up there on this one. Alright, so I need a motion to move forward to open the public hearing for the New York Forward. Motion of open up a public hearing about New York forward. On second. All in favor. Hi. Hi. Carried. Dana said I. I'm saying it's peanut butter. So, does anybody have anything they want to bring up? Anything they want to see? Go ahead. Yeah. So, my name is Captain Bridges. I'm a landscape architect. I live on Brisbane Street here in the village and I this is can be used in both public and private but what I wanted to suggest is some of you got the handout. Is anyone missing one or? Yes, okay. Uh okay. Thank you. Anybody else?

[00:14:05] Okay so if you want to refer to what you have I'll stand back here. So the first it's what I call the shifting baseline syndrome. Our concept of what a healthy landscape looks like now is perceived as grass with a few trees and maybe some squirrels or robins. But in the 50s before we get started industrial chemical intervention in landscape we had more wildlife and more diversity. And of course in the 1800s we had native forest. In the next page, Lawns cause flooding. They're like pavement. If you mow a lawn regularly, you'll get a thick batch and engineers calculate the water runoff on lawns the same as pavement and that very little is absorbed. Whereas if you have more beneficial like wildflowers, grasses that have deep root systems, it's absorbs more water and then and then there are multiple strategies for slowing down and storing water in these sponge

[00:15:17] landscapes and that's particularly important for a floodplung area like Walton and so there's strategies for in rural and in urban or even in a village. Then in a landscape if it's disturbed it's considered bacterial so it's more open to invasive plants and it doesn't support oak much but then as grasses and perennials and shrubs develop they build what's called the fungal network and it manifests like mushrooms that you'll see in the landscape if you pick up leaf litter you'll find these white fibers that's the fungal network and that's how plants communicate. Then, as you go from cultivated to more and more vegetation, the water of the land or the soil becomes more absorbent. This illustration is to show we're so used to hearing about the world wide web and data centers. However, and that's

[00:16:26] only like the last 40 years but prior to the million years, we had what's called the fungal network. There's a wonderful book called Entangled Life which talks about that worldwide fungal network and that's how life is supported. Now, these are kind of contrasting images between the diversity that's in a moan lawn and what you have even if you just have a border of wildflow it supports more you know you'll get grasshoppers you'll get dragonflies you'll get lightning bugs I mean yeah and then also you'll get more life underground so that's there's like four illustrations of that then another thought is we have we have for the last 48 or 50 years, so many agriculture fields that have gone followed and what's happening is it seems like they're just not doing anything but what's happened is that that soil is very compacted and there's also the chemical intervention that sort of perched there so we basically have Golden Rod and Hawthorn and

[00:17:37] Russian of it just and it just stays the same year after year. So, the ideas and that's an experiment in the making is how to make these fields more viable and healthier. Now, Mayor BJ had originally asked me in the spring, the idea of we have 13 Fema lots, can we plant trees? Well, I talked to planting and even planting a tree has to have Fema approval. However, they don't regulate mowing. So, if we were to mow say strips and just allow it to grow, and observe what comes. It's an education opportunity. Um and then finally you know let's take kids off of screens learning about far away ecosystems and have them outside learning about what grows right here. So I'm available to be a consultant for anyone that wants to include this aspect in their grant application. Um so I'm just offering that. Do you have

[00:18:49] like a ideas for like Delaware Street as far as what we could do like for the tree shrubs, greenery, stuff like that. I mean you talked about green spaces like green space but we're thinking like what about trees, shrubs like that that doesn't interfere with our infrastructure and stuff like that. It might be something that we could explore. Oh absolutely. I think the street tree program would be wonderful. I would not suggest shrubs because we need to have visibility for cars going by but also for people who are on the sidewalk you want them to see what's going on. Also it's not a good idea to plant evergreen like birds in that verge between the street and the sidewalk because again, it's visibility. So, the selection and placement has to be considered very carefully and I'm working with people in the village of Delhi right now. They're developing the Street Tree Program. They're at the point where they presented the concept to the board and they are hiring a certified arborist who I highly recommend. He ran a million trees per in New York City for many years and so the next thing is to do an inventory but I think it's a really and you know also it

[00:19:58] just seems like in the last as trees age out and have to be taken down some of our streets look pretty barren I remember when I came here in 2010 it was just it seem like the streets were mine with trees and we've lost a lot of that so to rebuild that and also with the warmer the warming temperatures shade makes a lot of difference so I recommend the street tree program. Yeah. Infrastructure is a big part. It kills a lot of our trees. Trying to get the water main breaks and stuff like that so. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. So, but yeah, working on working those dynamics together. Yeah and placement is very critical. You have to know where the water where the utility where the utilities are going to the houses. Um you don't want to cause problems but hey, New York City has

been dealing this for decades and they have a really strong street to tree program but the other thing is these street trees also require maintenance. Once they start growing you're going to have to cut off dead limbs and I know in New York City they tried cutting it back to maybe eight years 10 years people died branches fell on them so the trees will have to

[00:21:07] be maintained so that's another fiscal consideration absolutely Thank you. You're welcome. Thank you for listening here. Um does anybody not get a package? Okay, sure. Anybody else Republican put on the near court? That's right. Go ahead. Those that know me or know that I'm very dedicated to Walton Theatre. Uh the I'm chairman of the Walton Theatre Preservation Association and for the last 15 years that WTPA we call it has been a non-profit 501 C 3 group a volunteer board and a volunteer board changes regularly but it's been going for over 15 years now the purpose of our 501 C3 is to the preservation of the Walton Theatre number one and the

[00:22:23] second is and please use this word expanded an arts venue and we don't look at arts as painting on the wall when you look at the arts in the theater it's the concerts it's the music everything that happens in that structure so those are the two major things that are mission statement 2012, the village paid for a assessment of the theater in the things that were good and bad. They this outfit was an outfit out of Syracuse called Crawford and Stearns and we worked with the village at that point to do as many of the projects we could using grant money using WTPA interest money and using village money as well. We've accomplished a lot of things.

[00:23:16] Over the past 15 years, we asked that we put probably $500, 000 in grants fund raising things that are benefit of the theater. One that stands right out is the digital projector projector which saved our movies at the theater and that projector is now 12 years old. It's two years out of warranty and so that's something that needs to be thought of in the in the near future. The things I put it just a few items that were on the list that the Crawford and Stearns put together that we did not do and we know we have do and they're going to be big dollar amounts and just to go over a few of those new roof if you've looked at this building it's got flat roofs it's got very few big pitches so that the roofs tend to wear out quicker especially on the flat roofs and so in the next three to five years we're certainly going to need a new roof over the whole structure right now it's asphalt shingles or fiber last knows what direction we're going to go go. Uh another of the things that was in that

[00:24:29] effort is repoint all the brick on the entire building. That's only been done in little little pieces here and there. They're not calling ceiling it but repointing it. So you would go in and take out the brick the the in between the bricks and and repoint that. Uh 12 years back in 2 thousand twelve, the estimate on that was $50, 000. Well, it's probably $1 00, 000 now to to do that. Uh structure repair from water damage. We've had done some of this. Uh those of you who've been watching the progress on the front porch when we tore that apart to put the new steps in, we found major structural damage probably due to flooding over the years when the porch was actually covered with water. Uh by the way, the work begins again next Monday on that. That's that's short term. Uh so the structural damage caused by by water and problem if you are familiar with the building and look underneath the fire escape on the post office site there's a lot of missing structure

there big big bucks we started the research to do a fire

[00:25:43] sprinkler system and we had to have a contract we went through the building lined out all the rooms and square footage and things like that and then just run out of out of bucks to continue with that with that project the probably a 00, 000 project or more. Restore this porch right out here is just it has floor on top of a floor and the small columns are there rotting out but that's I don't know how how many how many bucks replace front doors. The original doors doors on the theater are from the 1914 theater. So replacing those to look just like those doors but that and while we're doing that doing the the balcony doors on the on the floor. Do you have you have a list like everything here that you need that you want to have included in this estimate for the New York Ford, right? Yup and I. Do you have do you have estimates for these things? Nope. Do not have some of them. Yes. So, I mean, we're just trying to cover off like little bases and I'm not trying

[00:26:51] to cut you short but maybe what we could do is take that whole list that you have and maybe start working on estimates so that we can start applying it to the near forward grant and and get these things included. I absolutely think that those are all good things that would be advantageous to the village. You got three more things on. Sure, of course. Add an elevator to the pattern ostra room so that we can get to the second floor up there. Uh a freight delivery system to get on the stage which we can't use now the way we'd like to enlarge the bathrooms and get a larger size to that and when the roof is done, rebuild the whole bell tower which we've had leak problems for years. Uh some of the things, am I talking the million bucks probably? Uh I don't know. We can certainly start looking at some of those and get this Crawford and Sterns back in here to do another evaluation.

[00:27:41] Uh this 2012. So lots of things that can be done. I consider that the theater an icon in our town. I know there's real estate people that bring respective buyers right by the front door and there's one local real estate agent who has a key and takes people in. She happens to be on our committee and it's taken many perspective buyers in in the inside that the money isn't there for the taxpayers to handle this year after year after year and the WFTPA does have money, does raise grant money but so Be glad to answer questions. I'm I'm helping with this grant. So I'm thinking if there's a way to maybe when you make that list you can prioritize and maybe you need to talk to the consultant again but if there's a way to prioritize your you know the projects because if there's not enough money for all of them which ones are the ones that really need to be done more than others. And we've just done a five year prioritization of things that of each GPA things that need to be done. We just did this that

[00:28:53] this past fall. So not not that that I mean it's a big idea this morning. We're not in that. Okay. Okay. But we serve again. Yeah. Okay. Any other questions from you? I'm also on the music on the Delaware Board. Uh little bit different. We bring concerts. We did sports fest. Things like that are a couple of things that separate from this and that's couple of things that bring numbers into our theater into the restaurants in the town and Thank you. Mister Rice, thank you. My name is Dana Baker. I live on Cherry Street. I moved here in 2020 and one of the things I've consistently heard since I've been here is we need to do something for our youth, for our young people to get

them involved to get them activated.

[00:29:47] We do a great job with sports in this town but I don't think we're doing a great job of that we could do better is for those students and those young people that aren't interested in football, baseball, basketball, whatever it might be, maybe they're interested in reading and writing or art or music or theater. I think we can do better at supporting those folks. Amanda, I believe we've talked a little bit about her organization that's beginning that I think will be a great addition to that but I think if we can get the young people involved and and support them in non-sport-oriented programs, I think it would be a great thing for a lot of the kids in town. So, I'll let Amanda speak a little bit more about her organization but I wholeheartedly support. Hi, guys. My name is Amanda Conkling and I am starting an organization, a nonprofit called The Common Room Community Arts. Um I our goal is to bring Accessible Arts to Walton and Arts in Every Sense the Word. Tara is joining me in this project. Um so, we are beginning as a nonprofit and

[00:30:59] we're starting from the ground up. Uh we're looking to move into a space on Main Street on November 1st. Um the Place is the old pet store right next to the liquor store. Um it's a great opportunity but this is a new program. So while I don't have a lot of information on what exactly we need but what I do know is what this community needs. I did run the arts and crafts program for the village over the summer which I've really enjoyed and I know that a lot of children enjoyed that program as well. So part of our mission is having after school programs for kids the location now as we get started, it's great because it's central to both schools so that they can attend an after-school program. I'm also going to be will be utilizing local artists who will come and teach their skill. We want to give everybody bring the community together through the arts and that can be culinary arts, fiber arts, you know, like Thana said for the kids or adults even poetry, writing, music. I mean, really the the possibilities are endless. So, as I go with this project. I would just like you guys to keep me in mind and if there's

[00:32:12] anything that I can do or if we can collaborate at all, I'd I'd love to be considered as part of the of this grant. I love them. Yeah. Love it. Um Catherine's not going to like this. Um we have a lot of green spaces. We are looking at possibly more green spaces. That's not really what Walton needs. We need tax base. If they if I notice the Walton Farmer Supplies up there, I know he's talking about whether they'll take that. TAs are talking about whether they'll take that to do flood mitigation. We can't lose all those and that school bus rush. If we lose all those buildings, that's tax base that the rest of us can't make up. So, really to revitalize what we have and keep businesses here and restore some of the stuff. I'm also the green spaces that we have. You know, we've we've done a lot with the have more that we want to do both town and village with the Veterans Plaza and the green space behind it but there are several other spaces in town that that

[00:33:22] you know, the houses got taken down because of flood mitigation and etcetera. So, I really would like to avoid more green space. I'd love to see the the school if the thing goes through not just sell to the city but try to sell somebody else. I don't know that that'll happen but I would certainly like to see that. If the towns and school driveway then goes through. I think I take down all those trees. That's not going to be a good thing. I don't know the answer to that whether they're

going to take down all the trees but I don't know how they're going to do about doing that and stuff. So, the village took down a lot of trees for good reasons but they were trees filled streets and stuff and now, we don't have a lot of that. So, I we need to everybody and that's why it's good to see so many people here. Everybody coordinate to, you know, make it prosper not just become a green space deck. Thank you. Sophia, could you touch on the financial aspect of this and how who can apply, you know, it's how it's for a property owner to rehabilitate their space. Yes. There's very specifics. Great. It the in for

[00:34:37] the financial piece and who can get these. Great point. Okay. You're probably wondering how am I going to pay for this project and for municipalities in terms of the grant application money a municipality does not have to have a match for the grant not for profits the same thing but you have to be able to provide economic impact and the sell on this is economic impact right so for private developers land owners to your point you need to be able to demonstrate a 25% match in the project call a million dollar have to come up with two hundred50000 of that. Um we've we being the economic development department and a number of other entities have gone through this process before and we do have fiscal resources and or connections to help do bridge loans answer any of your questions, lingering doubts, concerns just there to hold your hand through the process because yeah, it's scary. Redeveloping a property can be scary because you're

[00:35:46] taking a huge risk and I fully acknowledge that that can be just like whoa. Um Sorry, that wasn't the best vocabulary vocabulary but participate as well. You know, it can be it can be a lot. So, 25% minimum match for the project showing that you can do more beyond that is always a great thing but here to answer questions about that but that 25% match you better have figured out if you are called upon that strategic plan. So. Is that both public and project? That is that is private. Okay. Right. I think owners. The owners, yeah. And yes, so and you have to be able to demonstrate ownership or permission and or some very official, very legal deed that's been notarized and all that that you have the permission and or cooperation of the landowner to go for the project. I think those are the two points, right? Okay, I'm great. Thank you. Any questions on that? Yes. Not by that specifically but I I did want to touch back onto the the youth idea. Uh years ago, somebody was talking about converting Mule Walton Farm

[00:36:54] Supply into a youth center. Now, what what I don't know is whether that, you know, with the feasibility of of its structure or anything else or whether it's strong enough to withstand anything like that. Uh what is that something that could be you know, improved upon for a youth center with within this program I I wouldn't say it's not a great idea for a project. Ultimately, I don't make that call as to what in the the Department of State decides, right? And they do love to see private investment that they can then not subsidize but provide money to to help make projects happen. So, while like I said, public projects are great but there has to be a healthy mix and the the I don't like calling them capstone projects but the big project does have to be private investment. Um we can further into those details about small project funds and things like that but I think we have to ultimately see how much interest there is overall so if you think your project's too small that's okay let's still have that conversation because there is an opportunity to have so smaller

projects under $75, 000 cap for the dollar amount to give you an idea and then over $100, 000 let's call that

[00:38:07] the larger project if that helps. I just in private, would that mean just not in the municipal? Not municipal, not not for profit. Okay. Okay. So the castle will be a great source of this as well. Sorry. 65% match. 75% match, yeah. Anybody else for public input on your board grant? Alright. Oh absolutely. So you know keep your eyes open if you have other ideas. Let us know because it's going to be like you said a process of you know between now and hopefully April we're hoping to actually get it done you know so after July but we'd like to get it done by April so we can enjoy sometime.

[00:39:14] And system. Yeah this is one of many steps so. Can I say one more thing? Of course. We have some really good help in this committee. We have Katie. We have Amanda. We have Tara. We have Aaron. Younger people showing interest in our community. We need to foster that off on you. Sorry. He's he's aging. He's aging now. Um but I mean I've been doing this for a long time. I'm with the young one a long time but we I'm not anymore and so it's good to see that there are younger people that are coming out and they're doing it and that makes me very encouraged and that that's why we can even think about doing this is because Katie and Karen what those people are driving it and we they need help but you know they don't you don't have to do it on your own but everybody all of us that can help in any whatever age we need to do that. Absolutely. Um the law downtown is going to open up you know so many opportunities for locals to buy property and work with the different entities within the county that

[00:40:26] offer low-interest loans, the CWC to help flood mitigation so we can make sure these buildings stay beautiful. And the other thing we discussed was even the facade of some buildings you know like it's expensive to take care of things but it also if it's not taken care of it doesn't make the village look very appealing I guess at times and there there tends to be all different kinds of you know basis like we have we have brick we have wood we have we have all different things so we talked about hiring someone who could help as part of this grant you know whether it goes not hiring someone who could act a consultant to help try to give an idea of what people could do and then those projects aren't going to probably be million-dollar projects. They tend to be smaller. They're not small for your pocketbook necessarily but they're smaller in terms of the grant. So, if you're thinking about something like that, that's definitely something to bring forward because that could be, you know, some good things. One of the things that Omar and this is kind of resonates when you said maintaining I I in the

[00:41:36] beginning there, you said, you stated when they came up here that well, his group of people one of the things that they requested was a 2% match on or not 2% match, but a 2% of the total grant request you'd be used for infrastructure and maintenance for down the road so it's not like a one and done but you're also make sure that you're keeping this nice new shiny thing nice new and shiny for years to come not just after the grant is done so that was something that I was stood out in one of our meetings that we had so but does anybody else have anything else for public input on the year forward grant this is we have DRI on there as well because based on how

much we put together dictates kind of which direction we're going right so one is 4. 5 million and the other one is 10 million correct yes as the numbers correctly correct and there's a portion of that that comes right off the top that's put towards design and all those aspects so it's not going to be the full $4. 5 million would be you know was it 30% of the numbers correct so if it's a $5 million dollar reward it would be about 4. 5 million that would go towards total projects

[00:42:46] because there's the planning agency I mentioned contracted by the state that's paid out of that and then there's other implements and or admin fees and then the DRI grant which is kind of I want to call it a step up so but it would be for $10 million and it would be 9. 7 million available for award. And DRI is downtown revitalization. Yes. So that 30% is doesn't include design, construction, supervision, and protingencies. That would come from say the have like a nine point you know if you back off 30% that 30% is more state administration and then there will be another 30% for design construction contingencies not 30% about 300, 000 of the nine point out of the 10 million okay goes so that would be towards the planning agencies so they do like the they help with like branding and developing the strategic plan okay Okay and then another it comes we'll

[00:43:55] have to back off another bit to get the design construction supervision. Design I mean the design. For your I'm I guess it would depend on your individual project. I'm not sure. Okay it depends on what kind of services you need. Right. Okay. Anybody else Republican put on that? I was just wondering if. If the economic development would be the grant be running the grant for for the village or for the after the contract would would the economic bills be the lead agency for grants that after you got it insane through projects downbound the I believe the village is going to be the lead agency the agency for the application so do they have to pay money part of the grant money for that down there I know we did one in Franklin and the economic development grant and yes therefore they didn't have to pay the money we like if the village does they may have to pay some money back to state or

[00:45:04] something right I I I mean that it'll be I guess it would be structured however you ask if there's a match by off of that well the the one was downtown sinking right now for for Franklin yeah and that this is quite a few years ago probably 10 years ago but they let the economic development run giving out the money for it and with doing that they didn't have to pay didn't have like the village would have to pay some percentage back to the state for for handling and that's what I'm is that a available thing I mean it shouldn't be the the economic is that is there a benefit instead of having the village have to do I mean the village is not even going to be involved in it but who being the lead agency So, I don't believe the village would actually be administering I don't know how to answer that correctly. Write the checks.

[00:45:58] No. So this the village wouldn't be writing the checks as a pass through. Is that what you're saying? Got it. Sorry. Um so it would through HCR would be New York forward. They would be the ones cutting checks. Um I mean obviously our office is available to provide support but I think it depends on whether it's the DRI or New York Forward that we go forward with that I can best answer all of the details of that. So, I'm sorry. I I don't I don't know all the right answers for that. I don't know all of right now. So, Get a motion. Close the public hearing for the near 4

DRI grant. Make a motion close. Second. All in favor. Aye aye.

[00:46:49] Great. Alright. Let me Alright, WEIC, can I have you guys stand up here real quick? All of you. All of us? All of you WEIC. Yeah. What's up? And before you guys leave this real quick, this is actually really good news for Walton. I I just want to make sure that you guys know. So, Eric, president of WEIC here, they they initiated a conversation with Lowe's down in Oneata to come to Walton to put a park bench and you came to the board couple times before and discussed the possibility of putting a path in with a park bench in that Lowe's is going to donate. Lowe's came into my understanding as Eric has told me that they came and said, we're not doing a park bench. We're doing everything. Yeah. So, what they did is through WIC, they applied for this and we, Walton won the Hometown Heroes Project for this October. So, everything you see on the screen right now is what

[00:48:04] they're going to do at Austin Lincoln from painting and and touching up everything down in Austin Lincoln. Um this is pretty awesome because they're bringing anywhere from 30 to 50 employees and they're going to be here doing all this work in one day down at Austin Lincoln. Um it would be nice to see the village match, their effort and do the same thing but we want to audit and I'll put it out as soon as we do but these people right here are the ones responsible for this work forward. So. Thank you so much. Would you like to speak on behalf of this? Alright. No. No. That's I was going to brief this but you already had it all up here so I was like, okay, good. I'm not saying. Uh but I I'd like to add to it. Uh there are some three new members up here and what these guys are going to hear but they were going to introduce themselves.

[00:48:49] Uh they want to we we formalized the community yesterday. They have like a parks area beautification group. You know, I mean, there's a lot of green space down in our parks and areas and these guys want to try to tackle that and make it better for us and on being under WEIC now they'll be able to approach like other local businesses or even like Home Depot and any kind of floral areas and maybe get some donations of flowers that they can plant but I'll let Beth she's the one that's going to be running that committee so I'll let her speak good so alright thank you I'm Elizabeth I'm on 72 Griswold I have Shannon and Adrian who is the founder of decided to join in just a pause I don't want her runaway like she's. Oh okay. One of our board members.

[00:49:41] Yeah yeah. So just wanted to introduce her real quick. Good. Sorry. Oh absolutely. Um so I want to begin by expressing my sister gratitude for the impressed endeavors I've witnessed in a short time by the mayor. And then also my heartfelt thank you to Eric Noll. Um he is my husband but he's also the founder of WIC that put the board together which you're part of and they have done in this last year in Austin Lincoln Park is absolutely amazing. The professionalism major cooperation and the dedication by securing what they've done with Lowe's and other partners throughout Delaware County has been very impressive through that that is what made me think about a beautification committee. I went to Adrian and Shannon so what do you think?

[00:50:29] And so we'll be operating under WIC and our involvement will be as Austin Lincoln Park gets planters. We're going to come in and take care of them so that takes off the burden of

anyone in the village or WIC regarding planting be annual or perennial flowers, watering them, what, you know, if they die, we'll come down and take care of em. We'll get it back in shape. So, that's going to be our goal we want to make sure this is for all ages from zero to 99 including our female or feline community anniversary month. Um so, because we want to make sure any plants that we do put in. We're also keeping the cats in mind that we don't do anything to harm them and we also want to be eco friendly regarding the plants that are being put in which I would love to get review on that. Um so I'm glad I'm here tonight and of course before we do anything we will always come before the Village Board to get permission and make sure we have detailed plans of the strategy to the maintenance of it, what the vision looks like that will always be before you go before we do anything and of

[00:51:39] course the WIC board as well. Thank you. Thank you. So before we go forward we do need a board motion to allow these things who continue they will be submitting insurance from Lowe's for one their employees and also their liability insurance and then obviously the work that they're intending on doing with the village here in the next month. Uh we do not have a date set yet. Um they did say that they went they want to get this done before the end of October. Um they still have their one they gotta get all the material together to do this. Um two they gotta you know reach out to their employee base and gather up all that stuff since a difficult time. So for Yeah. They're they want it done by the end of October. So it'll probably be a weekend on on the ninth day.

[00:52:27] But it could be any time. I will let you guys know as soon as I know. Alright we'll make a motion to allow the work from Lowe's to go forward at an unspecified date in October. Or beyond if it happens. One call. One call. I'll second that. All in favor. Hi. Carrie. Congratulations. Congratulations. Thank you so much. Alright, moving on to public input. So, we just went through this. If you got something, please stand. I I do. Sure. From I Emailed you a statement or a letter that I wrote but I'll tell you what I have. Um Mayor Elderston Trustees, thank you. My name is Robert Dee. I own up a place on 38 West Street, the plaza at Birmingham and I'm here to ask the board for help to rebuild before winter comes in. I built that plaza in 2008 with a permit from this village for 18 years against speak too loud

[00:53:38] today but I housed Walton businesses on August 30 on August 30th it burnt. Um it housed four four businesses, a restaurant, dental practice, bar office, and a shop. All four are displaced and employees are displaced. The slab is there. It cost about 150, 000 to replace it and we're going into winter and my slab is uncovered and and it could cause a lot of damage to the slab. I want to put back what was already there, a commercial building the same footprint, same slab. I already have files filed for the permit for $4000 and I've been told the site plan review will take a month or so. I have read the village code and I've read state laws for three months is a little bit too long for a requirement. Here's what I, the code actually says, section two sixty-seven 6-seven says the planning board may hold a public hearing and does not have to. With no hearing, the

[00:54:51] board must decide within 62 days and a maximum not target. Section two sixty sixty-four lets a code enforcement official waive the fourteen-day filing route and waive

submission items that do not matter for a public. A building that is being put back to where it stood. Section 2 6093 lets a planning board chair for a special meeting whenever he chooses. State Environmental Review does not apply because all replacing the building of kind on the same site is type two action under the state regulations. Put together that this review is completed in two weeks, not 3 months. So I'm asking for three things I put in the letter and I'm handing it all to clerk. I have ones who love this here.

[00:55:44] Yup, they've all got it. And tonight, this board is holding a hearing on vacant storefronts. And the hearing for the New York Forward. Both are about keeping businesses on the streets. I'm standing here with four of them that want to come back and the only thing that between it is the village's schedule and I'm asking that is set that schedule tonight. I would much rather do this with the villas in any other way and I reserve my rights in the letter because I have to but I'm asking first. Thank you. So I I I read your letter and I know that we have a meeting tomorrow. Are we still good for that meeting tomorrow? Which one as long as I don't have a funeral to go to but yes. Okay. Well, if we can't do it tomorrow, can we do it? Yeah. Any day this week? 11 to twelve o'clock. Whatever. I think we had tomorrow for eleven thirty or twelve so somewhere's in there but either way, I'm good to go for that meeting. In that meeting, what I want to go over with you is I want to make sure your packet is completely thorough for the zoning regulations and planning board and then once that packet is complete, we can go ahead

[00:56:52] and move forward on getting the planning board to have a special meeting if possible and then expedite this process. However, from what our alert, our attorney is stating, he says that we can offer you a concrete expedited schedule once it's necessary. Facts are established, meaning your pack is complete in 100% and then, we can do that without promising approval or directing the outcome of decisions and trust to other officials which means I can't make a decision for the playing board and I can't make a decision for the code officer. There is compliance that needs to be made. I mean, I noticed that your building is going to be a steel building and the old building was a wood frame building. So, there's some factors there that we need to take in consideration but if we can meet tomorrow, I am 100% behind getting this up and running and rebuilt in the fastest way possible but also the legal way possible. So, whatever that looks like but I'm behind you. I want to get this up just as much as you do and I don't want to stop that.

[00:57:47] So, so tomorrow morning, if you want, we can put that. I mean, Jody's already making minutes right now. It'll be on the board. We're having a meeting tomorrow and you also have my word on this board as well that we'll move as fast as we can. I appreciate that. Does anybody else have anything else for public input? Alright, well done. Bob, thank you. Move on to department heads. Oh sorry. Yeah. Sorry. Thank you. Motion to approve the abstracts. I second. Second. All in favor. Uh just taking that letter if I leave. That's fine. Privilege.

[00:58:40] Yeah. There's something I've said. My current smell is that bad. Oh, trust me it is. Alright, you want to take care of Cory? Sure. Um he just gave me a quick rundown of the things they've been up to. He said that UHS is nearing completion, the hospital stuff. Zach's been work or Josh has been working on that pretty diligently trying to get that all squared away so the hospital's

moving along well. And then Dunkin' Donuts are trying to finish new plans I guess making sure all those are squared away and they're aiming for at this point the start of construction in spring so beyond that's all I got great for code they rendered their payment for permit and everything the only thing is that the original owners

[00:59:50] switched hands with new owners so they that's my understanding and that's the reason why it's taking longer than normal but they are still coming and they will be here in the spring Where is it going to be? Right next to right between Full Circle Antiques and they already own that land? They already own that block so it's not Alright, parks and wreck. And nothing. Winter rising, right Brett? Winter rising and repairs and pools closed. You spend a lot of time on the bridge this week fixing that? Yeah. Yeah. Are we going to have everything up and ready? Do you think? So, when Lowe's comes, they don't have to do any backtrack and we can fix some of the things up there. Okay. Yeah. Alright, Public Works. Good evening everyone. Yep. Yep. Prayers and germs wishes. A lot of wishes.

[01:00:54] We got something that you got. We're going to come back to you on in a minute. So maybe not. Would you like how you put the laws down on there for? Yeah. Where grass goes and snow goes and. Yeah. We'll be doing leaves probably later this month depending on if they fall off the tree or not. Cemetery looks like they've never been touched. Right. Yeah. Um yeah there's a couple things I put on here to remind the residents that we have a huge amount of poll vest boats this year probably more than ever. Um that is actually a New York State vehicle traffic law issued for any of them being in the village right away. Um so we really should be removed even if not for snow for it shouldn't be a period that's actually section 319, I'll come I'll come back to I have the picture up there and then there's another one we got a lot of people mowing the grass sweeping stuff in the streets that's also another New York State vehicle traffic hall

[01:02:05] section 1220, you know what with my dad 1228's left Yup. Then and another one coming up is snow plowing snow removal. Um we fight this every single year. Um plowing or shoveling or snow blowing snow into the street is also another section twelve nineteen. Sorry before 12 20 the green department. Serve someone doing that. Who should we call? Is that code or police? Is if someone pushing snow into the street. Who do we call in the village just as us? You can't. No. See? That's right. We had somebody try calling cops on us before. It didn't work out so weird. Um yeah and then another thing that Sensor didn't report kind of popped up. We had our fire alarm system inspection here a couple of weeks ago and we just got a quote for that. So, there are two sensors technical recall. Um got a quote for that to replace those

[01:03:18] would be 957 and 16 cents but then the bigger issue is there are 19 other key sensors that are expiring through their two oh and to replace that is $5, 546 54 cents did you have this in your budget you made it so I explained that to them so over half a week till next month of the year and then of course price obviously going to change but they also we got a quote a couple of years ago is a system very old is was like 20 grand to update it partially. Um we still fall under the grandfather who came to such an old building but to do certain things just so the board is aware that this just for fire alarm stuff. Now to be clear this is the entire building from here. Yes. The gardener correct?

Yep. Now is there anything in this by not paying for it now that could compromise safety well being no so the sensors there's only two sensors there we called sensory but the other ones they're just going to read a time out for their age they have a date on

[01:04:29] em and if I can't remember what they said most of those so those other 19 are getting ready to expire there's there's 28 total I believe that's what has to be replaced but but I'm asking that you said it's a fire alarm system so you're saying they're expiring and they're going out of work because I'm just not working and if we have a fire they're not going to set an alarm or what I mean I just that's what I'm asking yes very very potentially yes so pretty much this is a priority that we need to get this address then right and then they said the other issue is the control box out here is so old that a lot of the new sensors are not had over that and so that's risk instructor and make snowfall Okay? So, we need to do some Yeah. That boat you said you had was held. For the 20000? Yeah. That was a few years ago.

[01:05:17] Probably grant for a gold building. Probably, I'll look and see what's going to be to redo it. Is that something that could be included for this building in the New York direct the the grant application? It could but the timeline would be too far out for it to be done in a in a compliance method. Yeah. You know, we'd be sitting there on a on a on a no note system for a year or two before we get funding for it. WTPA can help. Well, I mean anything would be great. I mean, it covers both of our assets. Um. You have alarm system for breaking. Right. That and I don't know if that company. Country Home does provide fire alarm services.

[01:06:05] Yup. Yeah. But. Yeah, I don't know. So, we can talk to talk about this offline then so figure it out yes they do too but are you talking much yeah we definitely they do the station so there's definitely different options you want yeah you have to stick with the same people just alright so you'll work on that with the theater and we'll try to get something together to discuss this is that sound good hit me with theater as well Jenny yeah I know but I'm thinking that the point may hit pointing me Well, I guess he's going to help you. Did. And that's all I have. Pillar Engineering Mister Bill. Uh hello folks. Um I don't have any informal to ask for tonight. Um we're working through there's a DEC permit on top of the DOH as we're coordinating with EDW but service line inventory and ongoing there will be another round of going out the end of this year to advance that and I would expect next year excavations to confirm no wet

[01:07:15] so far. We haven't found any wet but any we don't have records on. We have to dig up and physically bear So that's ongoing. Um Brian and and Pool is in service for the summer. Um they're working with Dasney to close that out. Um it's a pretty extensive process to work through for the the state agency that provided the grant. Um we're still waiting on funding to come through from them. Um just administering that. Um it hasn't been installed yet. Um we're that's going to be village funds to cover the cost of that. Um we're trying to get the money out of Dasney to get the contractor paid up to date. Um advance the the balance of it but it it'd be for a next year next year. Fair enough. That's been a nightmare in itself trying to get as many pay because I mean they do this thing where they they need to make sure that your checks are cleared and then they do the next one. Checks are cleared so it extends this whole process out like months which is ridiculous because if

you're a contractor waiting on money to pay for your concrete. Exactly. It's just it's awful. It's a

[01:08:25] process. Um you know that's I mean you're talking about you know different state program and grant you know the administration of them as the Sophia and others are mentioned is is a big component you know to to show compliance with all the regulations for the specific program and and generally because each each agency has to show that they're complying with not only their roles but every other agency's roles so you get involved you know architectural and and chipo and environmental compliance and that that kind of thing so the administration of the programs is is part to keep it keep it moving. Since we have you with me real quick did you have a chance to look at we're over there so I mean just a visual you know visual inspection from the outside of the building you know I don't see any substantial cracking settlement you know big pieces missing that that would be overly alarming to say it's it's not stable you know it is an old building I'm sure from a maintenance perspective it it probably means a lot of things but you know I don't see

[01:09:34] anything where it's today going to you know go down you know we we look for you know differential settlement and and and parts of the walls missing you know if if we're going to say the buildings you know not not stable or or safety hazard you know I don't see any of that just from you know looking down the bridge or from the former breaking property looking across the brook you know it's it's relatively stable building appears from the outside and there's no base you know the there's no basement in it that you know so I think that helps with the stability of it to my awareness there's no basement on it you know so I think that helps with the stability of it and it helps with the you know the flood aspect because that obviously is it's in the floodway like most of our our downtown regulations regarding what we can you can't do in the floodway come into play and that you know that's been Experience with different buildings that have been upgraded over time. There is you know some funding that that can go towards that from different agencies. I think that's being evaluated. You know I've seen different stuff where CWC is raining in what

[01:10:43] they will fund and not fund with perspective things in the floodways. Um versus floodplains. Um so you know all all that does does play in but just you know the visual inspection of what's fairly stable so that to that to add to the information too it's not just the stability of the building it's also moving forward so code comes into play when somebody buys the building there's a certain percentage that once you very much like the bus garage go over that mark when you're doing renovations you have to bring the building in the floodplain compliance and that falls under assessed value and I think the assessed value of the building was around 250, 000 to 25 somewhere in there the don't quote me on that but that's it was around that $200, 000 mark so hypothetically somebody could buy the building and then do a renovation I would like say 10% and then sit on and then do another renovation of 10%, something like that and then there would be no flags going up where it would stop them from doing something with that building so that's that's it's I mean that's been somewhat a strategy I think

[01:11:53] with other buildings I think it's 50 or 51% if you you know if it's a $200, 000 building you spend over a hundred thousand dollars on it then it triggers meaning of bringing into the

different flood codes. Um so if you're under that encounter it doesn't you know there are different methodologies for bringing it into compliance with blood coats there's wet wet flood proofing and dry flood proofing dry flood proofings where it kind of becomes insulated bunker and water can't get in wet flood proofing is where water can get in but it's not necessarily going to cause any damage you know things that are in the building can get wet concrete gets wet it's probably not a big deal fiberglass insulation and dry will get wet get wet that's a big deal it turns in mold so there has the potential so there's there's different strategies for bringing things into compliance with electric flood laws you know not having a basement that has your boiler and your electrical stuff you know down there you know that would probably have to come up and out however you do it so not having a basement where all your mechanicals are kind of helps under my estimation. Well

[01:13:02] there is no basement in it. That's right right. So I mean that. But that still sits below yeah absolutely. But that's the information that was asked of the board or asked of them at the last meeting so. That's all the information at this point for that building. Are you referring to ninety9 Delaware Street? The old brando building down near the Orneus. That's where the camel factory was recently? I believe it still is. Alright, moving on to wastewater, Shane. Um everybody get my report. Yup. Anybody have any questions? I have three request tonight. The first is to purchase a new motor for the EQ blower from Tagger Electric at a cost of $6, 420 and this is an 80% village. Um 20% the EP cost. Do we have that in our budget and everything as far as planned out for, correct? Uh yes, it will budgeting for but we have money in our budget. That's a new motion. Take a motion that we allow him to purchase then. I'll second check. All in

[01:14:13] favor. Hi. Hi. Jerry. Uh my second one is to have MCJ Construction replace the bearings and shafts in the Grickham screw and this is a yearly maintenance item and that's a price not to exceed $9, 000 and it's 80% village, 20 percent DEP and this is a budget cost in a motion. Second. On favor. Aye. Three. And the third one is to have MCJ change the motor, remove the failed motor on our EQ blower and install the new one at a price not to exceed $9, 000 and which is a 80% village and 20% DET cost which we have in our budget which was not budgeted.

[01:15:06] Second. Second. All in favor. Hi. Hi. Alright. Thank you. I jumped over the sheet, didn't I? Yup. I did on purpose. Uh you guys received the report? I have no asks. Any questions on what? Keep it up with the the law enforcement out there. It's good to see, you know, people getting pulled over for the violations or whatever and seeing the the villages proactive on law enforcement and showing presence. It's a good thing. So, thank you. Yeah. We there's we're still looking for applicants. That's the part we need. You guys down by the school and schools out because there are people still flying through there 40 miles an hour. Put schools out. Oh yeah. Flying through there. There's little kids that walk alongside the road that maybe kindergarten first grade.

[01:16:07] That's like. Yeah we're trying. Yeah. They're they've been also helping with the lights and traffic and moving cars through and stuff like that so. Draw it. Yeah. These are the things that DPW is talking about so these are going to be posted on the village page that will be illustrating in a little bit more of a comic type way but at the same time we'll be getting the point across This is Butch's art. He drew those. Especially smiling face. I saw piles of brass puddings. Do you pick

those up now too? They're supposed to be in bags. Oh okay. So if they're not in bag we won't pick them up. Okay. I use mine as much. So, this is wipes. This is what it does to our system and what it looks like down in the wastewater treatment plan. So, I just wanted to this will be a constant reminder and probably up in that screen til it goes away but flushable does not mean dissolvable. No. Uh. By

[01:17:18] any means. Tax dollars fix the issue. The wipes are flushing tax dollars down the drain. So, waste money that can be used for playgrounds, water systems, roads, sidewalks, and sidewalks because we have lots of sidewalks that need to be replaced. So, I broke my didn't realize that. Um it's just important that we take note that I mean it does say flushable just like you know gasoline drinkable but I wonder if I was drinking it you know. So as you can see this guy is not happy about pulling the wipes out of that pump. I believe we took care of this last month. I've been going going 100 miles an hour. Jody, we took care of this devotion last month, right? I know we discussed it last month. Okay.

[01:18:06] I don't I don't think we did. I'm not recalling yeah emotions don't hurt the this is a vacancy form so the I've been working with you here we also work with our village attorney as well to go through this form this is for you know we have a lot of people that leave the village during the winter time they go to Florida stuff like that and this is just a form that you you don't have to fill out it's just something that you can fill out to make us the police department aware if you're not going to be there in case they see somebody celebrating Christmas but you're not supposed to be there you know something that nature just to kind of be a little bit more proactive with their neighborhoods and making sure that not just the people are safe but so are their assets as well. Their homes and stuff like that and know that they're going back to a village that they had somebody looking out for. So, this village we post, excuse me, this vacant foam form will be posted online and you can just drop it off to the police station to their secretary over there and they can have it unfiled for reference going forward. This is also going to be used by DPW. So, if we have a notice of a lot of water being dumped into a home and you're not there, broken pipes etcetera this would be a great thing to try to look out for our for our people of Walton. So, I would

[01:19:17] need a motion that you approve this vacant home information program by the board. I'll make a motion to approve the vacant home information program. Second. Hi. Hi. Seconded. I think. Okay. Thank you. Alright so I've been reading the the minutes from a long time ago to now and this is kind of something I came across and I thought it was kind of cool especially it was a motion made by the the mayor in 1969 and this is where is the season for goblins ghosties and other imaginary creatures and each must have their days now therefore the Village of Walton proclaims October 31st 2026 this Halloween trick or treat night in the Village of Walton I know that mister was married he made it Halloween's always Halloween I'm not changing that I'm just I thought this was kind of cool so I thought it'd be resuscitated to do a little thing like this so we'll put this back on yeah don't mess with the date trick or treat yes we did it once back when I was clerk and it was a disaster so this will be posted online so everybody can stop asking and they know that will be on

[01:20:29] Saturday October 31st so I think which asked me once maybe twice We had a We had the pool and the arts and crafts program basketball program keep it log this past summer of their visitors. Uh the arts and crafts program had 545 total visits. This is from kids using the basketball program and also excuse me. The arts and crafts program that they had down there held by Amanda Coughlin that was here earlier today. That's pretty incredible. Honestly, five hundred and forty-five kids that were down there using that program. That's that's taking an account way right signed in. That doesn't mean all the ones that didn't sign in or didn't feel the need to. Um the pool we had around 3400 visitors to the pool this summer. Um on there I have listed all the different agencies that used the pool and the arts and crafts and crafts program. Um the reason why we used we did these logs was one to keep an eye out keeping a log of how many people used it but also so I can reach out to these other townships and ask for financial aid or assistance showing that you know these are other their peoples using our our our programs in our in our

[01:21:38] pool here in the village and the village here covering the entire expense. You know, the town does assist with the pool but I mean, it's still a community park for everybody in the entire community, not just Walton I thought that was pretty cool to see those kind of numbers. Moving forward I I would like to meet with the planning board and the zoning board or the zoning board of appeals to work on updating the zoning log or zoning codes something that's a little bit more fitting to Walton there's a bunch of zoning regulations in there that are completely outdated that don't comply with what we need one for example is there's gotta be 23 minimum parking spaces for a restaurant which I think is just a little way out there it's just an extra hurdle and hoop that these people have to go through to get a business open. I would like to eliminate a lot of this red tape especially if it's something medial like that. So, what I'm asking is a motion from the board for so I can sit down and have a meeting with their presidents or their board heads and and try to work on updating. I think you need a

[01:22:50] motion. I don't think you need emotion. I just think you need us to agree that that's a good idea. Uh I just figured I emotion is always a nice thing to put in the book so we can go either way but I Thoughts on that discussion? Let's go ahead. Go ahead and do it. Any changes would have to be local law so. Correct. Yeah. So, I'll be working with Sean Letty as well on that to to try to eliminate some of that red tape. I think we also need to put something that it covers. For example, mister Video was here earlier that covers fire. If we have something that's damaged because of fire and he wants to rebuild immediately exactly the same. There should be something that doesn't stop him from doing that. Obviously, you have codes and you have mining board and and allergy relief restrictions but maybe something that would streamline that to help these people get things going. And I think he's to build in steel rather than wood it's really smart because you know it just might make you sense but you know it sounds like he's trying to build back better. It is but the the the problem with the plank work is that it had in code they have to review it because even though you're building a building with steel versus wood you build it with wood you're

[01:23:58] changing your structural layouts use plates so kind of ski patterns that if you're building with steel you have points that sit that holds the whole weight of this the thing and if you're

sticking on the existing pad and you don't know what the depth of your pad is or if the concrete is deep enough to support those things it could be another insurance plan down the road so we gotta cover all those things and make sure it's a hundred percent. Right. The we need to have a discussion about the payment for the survey for the Green Space Grant and how we're going to pay for that that's something that we will get paid back for but that's a green space grant that's been in motion now for a handful of years that's a pathway that goes around the green space area connecting to Delaware Street so that's my understanding it's going to we will get the money back within two or three months correct me if I'm wrong Jody is that the way it's supposed to go what it's supposed to go but so is Dasney so Yeah. So, suggestions or. And how much, what are we looking at, number? It was what, 12000? 12 in change, I

[01:25:08] believe. So, we would be pretty much taking funds out of something that we are needed of something else, hoping that we get the money back in time for it to use for something else. Right. We probably should discuss that some more then. Which. Right. But here's the issue. We can have the discussion but the other part of the discussion is that if we don't move forward on it, we lose the whole thing. Right. And we're still stuck with the bill. And what agency is this grant through? Awesome. Yeah. EFC or state parks. Might be the state parks. State Parks.

[01:26:06] What I propose is that maybe we take a week or a week or two. Maybe do some discovery and and and research on this and then have a special meeting to be good. I agree. Yeah. But this is something we need to actually get underway or. Okay. So we can do it. Right? So maybe we can plan a special meeting for one day in the morning, 9 o'clock maybe pick a day. The last week? Twenty-six? That's too far out. Too far out. The 19th or twentieth? What about the sixteenth? What's the date? Sixth is the sixth. This is excellent. Okay. Next Thursday, the 15th? 15th? 830? 830 in the morning. 830?

[01:26:52] Yeah. 830 on the fifteenth? Yep. We need elevator music in here. Okay. It was a discussion about the cameras on Delaware. Steve, you had a discussion with mister Heiser? Yup. Uh you didn't talk about the fog or anything like that bothered him moisture. It's just was how they were reading I guess but I couldn't give them a call because I know that they're working intermittently the best. When he initially described it to me the candy cane camera sitting on top of that. Yep. He said that when there's moisture in there or fog. Yep. The sensors can't sense the pad to the the camera itself or sensor cars. Cuz it can't confirm that it's a car or it's like a moving fog or something like that. So he said that the cameras would or the excuse me of lights would revert back to their original setting which is like three minutes here or three minutes there or 3 minutes there. Yep. Which I mean if you're in a school setting three minutes here on this light it means

[01:27:59] traffic's going to be all the way up to Westview. Yeah. So this is gotta be a better way around it or see if we can figure something out but it that was what was brought to my attention. Okay. We'll have that another conversation with mister Heiser and see what we can do. Alright, a discussion to explore codification of the codebook. What this means that the code book we've had a lot of laws created over the past years and the codification means the book would be created whole and neat and everything would be in there in one code book. It would also be updated to

current regulations as well. Um this is going to be another expense but I just want to put on the table now to have that discussion and something we're working on looking at funding seeing maybe we can get some grants for it as well I also looking at getting grants and money I know New York State's offering something for all of our minutes that can be digitized so that we can under records management yeah I believe so so they would go through all the way to 18 I think 1850s a lot of those were done back when I was we had a records management grant and they came and they put them on micro quiche so a lot of the

[01:29:12] records all the way up to the point where where I was clerk were filmed and so I don't know if that would probably be easier if we could access that microfilm and have it transferred to digital would probably be a lot easier streamlined type of process I would think yeah there was I think $75, 000 grant that I saw the New York State offers for that Haley Gransbury from the county the county clerk it was done under her management well under her prior the prior clerk's management but they are all on microphone up until I think in the nineties Yeah, my personal microphone wasn't working so I had to read the books. And then they they machines get old and they stop making repairs. I mean parts

[01:30:21] for replacement parts. Yeah this would be online. So if we were looking for like a motion made and I don't know. Not seeing some random but it it whatever you're looking for you'll be able to find well and and the minutes were indexed all the way up until the flood of 2006, as well from all the way back from 1851 or 1871 because the Village Hall burned and so the minutes from 1851 to 1871 were lost but the everything under the records management rant that I received back when I was clerk everything was indexed and the index cards were in the safe. Yeah. Everything in that time frame was written Gothic Cursive so you can't even read it. It just. Well, it's it was difficult but it's not possible. Oh my god. It was difficult but not impossible.

[01:31:17] But it's something to explore. So, I just want to bring it to the board's attention that that's something else I'm doing in my time off. So this is something that was lost White Rock Park Pine Hill 1969 there was a acquisition discussion for 25ish acres up on up up of well White Rock Road is a Bass Park up in that area there and part of it was part of the the loan that was used at the time from the AFHA was to renovate Austin Lincoln pool the the bowl that was the pool at the time and the other part was to purchase land. $2500 later, we owned 25 acres land up there and at that time, it was going to be White Rock Park and it just never was recorded as such afterwards. So, I've reached out to Sean Letty up at Delaware County. I've reached out to showed him all the paperwork including all these papers that I found showing the acquisition of this property and it was purchased with the intent of being in park. So, he's making the corrections to Delaware County's parks sheet and I just wanted I know that the town is interested in and potentially working with us or

[01:32:30] whoever to create signs to label us as a park up there with the trail and everything so I I thought that was pretty cool. There's no request from the board or anything for this but we now have another park in the village. Another 23 acre park that was never identified. Um some cool facts that I found about it was there was a mister White Griswold that lived at the end of Griswold

Street. Obviously, his name was named after street. He was constantly asked to show where this rock was and he got angry so he painted it. So, everybody could find it and at one point, it was actually painted red according to what I read and it went white obviously in his in his honor hence White Rock. Um it's also where the mask from the US's constitution was faking. Uh old iron sides. I don't know if anybody knows that or not but that's pretty cool history. And we used to take trips up there when we went third grade. Yep. We used to hike up to White Rock and have a picnic. All third grade classes. They said that it was a very popular to hike to and then the automobile came along and destroyed it. So nobody hiked anymore. They all rode everywhere but we have another partner of those which is

[01:33:40] really cool so that opens us up for a lot of grants and possibilities too. Veterans Day Parade the eleventh day a month at the 11th hour. I'm sure everybody knows all of the veterans post would like to have a a parade and they'll be starting at Gardner Place and marching to Delaware Street to Bridge Street Stockton and then to the Old Armory and return in the same route So it's pretty much a circle to the to the castleman back. So we need a motion to. I'll make that motion to allow Jody to apply for the permits and to give permission for the veterans to hold their parade. Second.

[01:34:32] Second. All in favor. Hi. That's actually the flag that was in 1918 too. We gotta do the Village Court audit motion. Right Jody? Yep. So we need a motion to approve the Village Court audit. Make a motion to approve the Village Court audit. And I'll second it. All favorite. Aye. Aye. Carrie. Sam is going to be attending the New York State Retirement System Training. Need a motion to approve her to go to that? I'll make that motion. Any second? Second. All in favor. Hi. Okay. Carried. I need a motion to approve working on a permit from for the New York State DEC to approve the process of starting removing gravel and build up underneath the Bridge Street. We don't have any way to do it but I just want to get the process moving so that we can get somebody to remove that gravel. It's about six feet from underneath the bridge right now. It's actually dangerously high. So, I'm going to flood. To allow you to apply for the permit. Give me a second. Second. All in favor. Hi. Hi.

[01:35:38] Hi. Carrie. Delaware County Veterans. This is we'll post this online. It's a this coming Saturday. We're doing a big picture up at the courthouse. Projects in action. Working on the Booster Club Agreement, Little League Agreement, the theater use agreement. Uh the non-barganing agreements, DPW contracts will be up for do and then no parking here in the corner. Um while we're working on as well. November 1st. There are no parking on the streets goes into effect so just has to work. Make sure everybody knows. I just want to remind everybody this Saturday from 10 to four. Historical Society's Walton Fall Market at the Fairgrounds. We have maxed out the vendors of 160 vendors. We have seven food trucks coming.

[01:36:30] We had 1200 visitors last year. We expect more this year. Just be aware. We're hoping to have lots of traffic in town that day. So. And the car cruise starts at the Veterans Plaza at like eleven and then comes over to the fairgrounds at noon and they're going to have all their cars on display. We've got a cornhole tournament this year. There's it's growing. It's amazing. Mm hmm.

We have one other item. Uh we have the local law closed for the. Oh, public hearing. For the, we need to set a public hearing for the local law for the police contract. Oh, yes. So, we'll do the public hearing the next meeting, beginning the next meeting? The November meeting? Yes, I need a motion to approve a public hearing for the next November meeting. I'll make a motion. Second. Second.

[01:37:16] One favor. Aye. Carrie. We're moving to executive session by the contracts and some litigation issues. Thank you everybody. Second. All in favor. Aye. Aye. Kerry. Continue and we got the pad up.