# VILLAGE OF WALTON, NEW YORK
## Board of Trustees — Special Meeting — September 15, 2026

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**[00:00:00]** Eminently. Turn around. No, it started already. Yeah. I'm a hot mess if I got this hot air. I'm a hot mess. Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. To the Republic for which it stands, one nation under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Do you have anything to get on the? You know I I will go into effect. Is that what we do to do the other one? Our our meeting? Let's start with the court. Oh the court yes. So the court stuff is he's he doesn't have he only got one. He's still waiting for the one estimate on the doors. He had asked someone and they still coming up back to him. That was the only one that responded. So when I was up there yesterday they need 12 bay lights so we we discuss the stuff that he is talking about for this to get covered however some of the

**[00:01:14]** stuff could probably get done I don't whether with dear guys possibly so the two sets of doors are the big thing that's the that's the probably the most important thing is the two sets of big doors that's the estimate that he's waiting on and the chairs we discussed the chairs there that we we talked about and and maybe not even replacing possibly going asking down at Tony's to maybe reupholster them. So we can get a quote on that if they could possibly do that. Um and the lights the the switching those to LEDs. So is that something that you guys we did talk about it and said that. John got a quote a couple years ago for budget stuff now whatever happened to Mac that was a probably 500 bucks fish to buy.

**[00:02:04]** We had to prepare for some fishers. Not for nothing but we're looking into that for the fire station through nice egg. They've got a program that one of the commissioners is looking into a sea. That's something that Yeah but we don't have time. That's the problem because the grant has to be submitted I think by next week. Oh really? Okay. Yeah. So this is at a point now where it's like we say we get it goes or it doesn't go. You know I think he was asking for 30 000 to cover all those bases. If I'm wrong corrected right? 30000 was the is the grant and the thing is is what we're responsible for if things the way it comes in. I mean, do are we going to be putting if we end up having to pay 10, 000 15000 or is that something that we. But if we're putting stuff in house like if he if if we have 10000 on there is line item for him to do lights or something like that then I mean still. Right and he said and then that's what Chad had said and also he goes you know like the lights and stuff. I mean why can't you know we do that ourselves in house and. Right.

**[00:03:07]** And then in that I'm just saying that it would it would the grant that would compensate for your time as opposed to coming up for budget. Right and then patching that you know where we know that it's a patch. It's not going to cure it but going up the stairs the the ceiling there you know because it just it's it's you know more so again you know but to get that patched I wouldn't pass it until we find out where we just come from. Can we can we at least cut off the hanging paper in the auction? I have been in a while so you have to make it look better anyway. Um the other thing that I asked about yesterday because there is only the one escape route and I would suggest that we order to purchase two ladders that go off the balconies up there as a as an added thing because if there was something that happened up there, they need a way out. I mean, they we have nothing. We need rest off the up there. Right there in front. Yeah I mean just throw those like we have in in apartment house that people have in their homes. You know I mean you just at least there's

**[00:04:16]** another option to get found out of that courtroom. I want to say I don't think Jacob Ladders are legal anymore if I'm not correctly. I don't think they are either. I don't know what I don't know how rugged those balcony you know called railings or whatever water out there. I don't know how rugged those are. Cuz they're going to move right? Aren't they supposed to be like against the I'm telling if there was a fire up there saying echo weep when they ladder. Yeah. They're supposed to go on window. But like he said I don't think that like they're called Jacob Ladder. I I tell you I would like to throw one out for myself to climb down off of and jump or something. You know what I mean? I would think that people we have nothing up there. There's no other thing unless and you know could you possibly build stairs off of the side of the building here? You know. You have to get historical approval. Right. I mean so. Hundreds of thousands probably. And then FBL Steel. Right. Right. Yeah. Right. So but I think that's something that we need to into. I definitely feel the need to explore into that. Yeah absolutely. But I think we're discussing as well. That might be beneficial and more financially accommodating towards the taxpayers as well so. Right. Right. Um so really

**[00:05:25]** the lights, the chairs, the doors, doors being the biggest thing some some other form of an escape ladder of end of hatching that ceiling are on this list. So, what is the 30000 put us on the hook for? So, he doesn't have, again, he only got the one quote. He doesn't even have the quote. He asked Zupos and they haven't got that back yet for those doors. He explained it and everything. So, he's waiting on that. That's the only one that he has. We're going to check. Right but what I'm asking is what does the 30000 put the village on the hook floor from the grant. It's like 20% match, 50% match. Yeah, I'd have to go back. No. With that grant, it's like if we asked for $30, 000 and they come back and say, we're only going to give five towards this project then we're on the hook for the rest of it 25, 000 so, but with this it doesn't sound like it's going to be really that much it's not going to be $30, 000 right well and not and then and also no I wouldn't think so I guess we should find out

**[00:06:34]** because we do have two sets replaced up there so and what did that look like back then you know and do you have that don't even remember hm I believe my dill glory and joy to those.

So what if we approved it for fifteen? I mean I just yeah I don't want to put this out on the hook for I mean, I don't even know what I'm voting on though. We have three ideas of things to do with no price tag and then unknown amount of money that those might or might not cost and we don't know what we're getting back. Right. That's a whole lot of unknown. I don't know when you'll get that from Zuba. He knows that the he asked for it. He knows that that it's gotta be submitted. When's it going to be submitted by? I think it's next week. And we have no meetings between now and the twenty-2nd, I think. So, I would say we in if we have to schedule an emergency meeting to come approve something like that. I agree. I don't know if that's possible.

**[00:07:32]** We can hold a placeholder there if we have something to do for next week and we can have more finite numbers on that and I'd be willing to reapproach but in the absence of a lot more information, I don't think there's enough that we could do that, do you? Why don't we do a motion to approve a Email voting system on this one through the trustee accounts and then have that for public no public foil. It can be filed anyways. What do you about that. Yeah, I'd like to see quotes. Yeah. I need to see numbers before I had to. Right. Spending every money. Right. I mean, this gives you the ability to look at that and then obviously go vote that way but this would be like a probably a very radical new motion to be honest but I mean, it's the option we have right now. Right. Myself if we're going to be dealing with money like that I just assume we should do it in person I agree as may as as inconvenient as it may be but if we're dealing with money I'd rather especially in person yeah I don't think we can so long we just plan on spot when's it when's it due I think I thought the twenty2nd-ish does it say online place holders spot to do it yeah the 22nd have to do

**[00:08:46]** that next Tuesday So next week. We can't. The paperwork is due by next Tuesday. So why don't we just have. All this paperwork is due. Have all its paperwork together. We'll get together at eight o'clock or 830 on week from the Monday. Yeah. On Monday. Yeah. The 2first. That'll be the only thing we just go over. Right. So are you going to make a motion for a special meeting? Somebody? Make a motion for a special meeting Tuesday tentatively to agree or to review this grand proposal. Second time. All in favor. Hi. Carrie. Are we meeting at eight thirty? 830. 830. 830 to 330. Yeah. Yeah. Right. And which day Monday or Monday? Monday.

**[00:09:30]** I'll give him a chance to submit it. Well up there Monday night. That's what I have on. Alright we were there were some issues with some people accessing manholes in the village I just we wrote a letter the party that was violating this discrepancy so we it it what they were doing is they're opening manholes and exploring different options in the manholes and see what's going on something like that and that's not that's not legal it's not right it's also they're supposed to have DPW present to do that also it's a huge safety risk something like that and they're opening a village contain system so what we're going to do is we're just going to send a letter out just reinstating the fact that this is illegal and DPW needs to be on site to do that so it's just a warning letter there's no no punishment So, I just want to I just want to just make you guys aware and I just want to I just need a motion to sign this letter. Make a motion to sign

**[00:10:40]** the letter not to access mailholes without EPW present. Second. Second, all in favor. Hi. Gary. Um in the Booster Club, there was a conversation in regards to requesting Watershed to do a survey and this can only be requested by the municipality and this is free to villages and municipalities and it's a survey to create drawings for the football field at no cost to the village. Somebody in a motion to ask Watershed to create that drawings. Make a motion to request a drawing from the Watershed. Second. On favor.

**[00:11:31]** Dot traffic cameras. You just spoke to mister Heiser in reference to that. He's going to address it. He's going to address it with the signal people and then also told me that you know, any other complaints or what's going on, just keep em both, you know, every couple of weeks till we get it working well. Alright. So, publicly announced that we're we're aware of the situation, we're addressing it, okay? Yup. Uh court grant, we just took care of that. Um we have to have a discussion on the $99 Street funding a New York City funded bio program. Uh the board passive resolution and support by passing this motion to draft the resolution. This will take the property off the tax rolls and create yet another hold of a taxable property. What is the thoughts from the board as far as this property moving on to this ninety New York City funded by a program? I'm not a big fan of putting that back into a non-taxable chunk of property on Delaware Street but also how much damage is done to that building through the years of flooding and just not really being done to it. Is it worth us to do this and remove the

**[00:12:46]** building because if that building is not of any value I should say. If there's a lot of damage to it, it's gotta be replaced and yeah but if that building still can be you know revived and used. It's it's going to be a big hole in Delaware Street. I think the more properties we take up the tax rolls, the more we tax the people that are actually paying the taxes. Absolutely. And if we have somebody that would come in there and potentially use that building or buy it or do something with it. I think that would be a better force moving forward than taking it off the tax rolls. And there again too is how how sturdy is that building you know being sold. Is somebody going to be able to repair it, get it up to snuff without costing somebody a small fortune or have to have it flood proof or anything like that. So, I I don't know. It's not without somebody who's got more smarts than me to look at and say, you know, the building is not worth it. In my recollection, it's the one back wall but is in need of some repair but I believe that the owner knew that probably going

**[00:13:57]** into it. Yeah. And I feel lower the price and I I mean I'm not in favor of us. I I think what do we have to know about? Which is really no there's no time limit. I mean we can just pour other options before we do that, right? Before we just get a nuclear option, pick it up and see if there's anything else we can do with it. I would say maybe make a motion to have our engineering team look at it and see what they think and then give us an educated answer from there based on your structure problems but. Yeah. I don't like you said I don't know. Yeah because if they said if somebody else purchases that and they go to put money into it and find out they've gotta do a lot more than of course all the other stuff comes into play with the with flooding.

**[00:14:45]** Right. Yeah. Floodproofing or the insurances and everything so. Yeah. Um yeah I think it needs to be explored more before we decide to do anything and I I really really don't want to see

another vacant lot on Delaware Street. So Ever Frozen we make a motion to have engineering Delaware or yeah Delaware Engineering just take a quick peek at give us their opinion so we can make an educated decision from there motion is that good second long favor so have that for the next meeting in October yeah I'll reach out to mister Brown today and see if I can get him take a peek at it would you mind taking a trip with him too see what your thoughts are I know I was in there a few lots from him where everything was still quite solid in there I know there's been talk years ago about some big crag on the wall I've also heard that Craig's been there 56 years so I don't know your budget sleep so he'll give you permission to get in there but I'm sure if he wants his program to go through or find out stuff he'll probably hopefully he's accommodating well I mean a lot of it can be visible from the outside too on the bank as well yeah so

**[00:15:57]** alright moving on the tax auction on 14 Camp Avenue the envelope opening was done yesterday mister Frayner won it was $121, 777 correct Jody and there was only one other big that and that was what was the number on that? One 10 I think. Okay. What was the winning bid? One twenty-one. Seven seven seven. And that makes everybody whole again it gets us a lot closer we were really in the dips on that one between stuff yeah Alright, I need a motion to create a New York Forward Committee to start the application process for the upcoming New York Forward, New York Forward grant. This is no cost of village. Just a committee to start this process and get this grant writing underway so that we're ready for it this time. Make a motion to create a committee for the New York Forward Grant to prepare a village for application. Second on favor. Hi. Carried. Alright. I also need a motion to have a public hearing at the next board

**[00:17:05]** meeting for public input on Walton needs, wants, and information on what the process looks like for this New York Forward grant. Um before the motion's made, I just want to make sure that people are advised that they need to do a little bit of homework before they come in and that just come in and say we need, you know, a Mexican restaurant. Yeah, something, you know, something that really doesn't New York Ford doesn't cover. So, please educate. So, what are we doing? So, we need to have a public hearing for the New York Forward. It's part of the process. One of the one of the steps in New Year Ford grant is to have either public input through survey or public input through public hearings items of that nature so that's one of the steps so we've been getting ahead of it by doing this now win win do this before our next meeting. Probably would be good to get some information out there so people know. Yes. Not to like you said come in and they say we need a Mexican restaurant. Something else but kind of kind of give them the guidelines. Municipal infrastructure things projects we can actually fund with tax you know work with that would help us offset the cost of taxpayers but also better

**[00:18:15]** better the infrastructure. Right. So what I'll do is I'll get with the I'll get with a committee started and then have them put something out. Okay. So you need a motion. We already created a committee right? Right so we need a motion for the public hearing. So I'll make a motion we held a public hearing for the October meeting to allow the public to have input as to what we should focus on for the. Before the meeting or at the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting right? Okay. No I'm just going to get the date. Is that right? Yes. So we'll start the meeting. You said before and to

me that was like a different day. So that's why I was confused. Oh it's interesting. Yes no I meant like at the normal time slot at the start of the meeting and we'll do the meeting. The second time. Second all favor. Hey. Carrie. The I just no to add anything to but just a public put out there since we're being recorded so like that one make sure that this public hearing moves quickly and it doesn't take all night so we're going to leave it open to like 30 seconds to give your opinion and then from there you see and then we go into the next one this is not a big thing where people argue if your idea is your idea that's it stand up say it move on right I agree. The left, you're going to hold the stopwatch.

**[00:19:31]** There you go. Some of the stuff that Mersick's working on right now is the Blister Club Agreement Living agreement no parking 23 from corner in all streets these are just some of the things we're working on we're also working on the collaboration with the deputy mayor myself and trustee Odell in the theater agreement and there's some other small things but nothing that I can bring the layering out can I do my let's do your motion so I spoke with the ADA that works in the village court and he would asking us to take a look at the fine structure for local ordinances and it's not at all online with the same violations that are committed at the state level so if we we need we just he just asked us to upgrade up the like showed everybody a list before the meeting of local ordinances that are paid to traffic violations he was just saying we that the fee structure is at $150 maximum and he he suggested that in order to make it comparable to the state we would raise it to 300 so they had it they had the

**[00:20:42]** judge Paul has discretion as moving it to he has got more options to resolve tickets basically and that the fee structure would help bring keep money in the municipality and fund the courts so I would make a motion that those violations I showed you and that I'll share the structure be moved from hundred and five range be moved from zero to 150 to zero 300. Any motion on that? No. Any motion. I have a question. Mm hmm. Are these specific in the local laws? We There there are local laws that are. Yup. There is. Yup. You're encapsulating all of them, right? Yes. So, you're changing the fee, the fee schedule from zero to 250 from zero to 300 now on all. Right, 150. 150 to 300. Zero to 150. That's zero to 350 now. Okay. Or 300. So, technically, can we do that or do we have to change do the local laws? I thought that when in our last law changer was the change, the board has the right to change all fees, findings, and on the the entire the entire book. You disagree? I don't know. I think we need to

**[00:21:53]** make some make sure. Cuz I know we made that motion. I know we did but I don't know. You'll be checked to make sure that it was. I guess looked at it. I don't know. I hope so. So why don't we make the motion pending Mercedes approval then? Right. There you go. I mean if we need to wait till next month we can do that or two weeks we can we can do that. We still make make the motion just to make a pending by the law to make sure that there that works but if not we'll reapproach on October. I will. 30 seconds. I will make the motion to that be corrected. How's that? The amendment? Yeah. Alright. Alright. It's a second. Go ahead. Move the second. That was I was in motion to use a second. Alright. All in favor. Aye. Carrie.

**[00:22:40]** We have a sheriff's contract. This is the contract between the village and the sheriff's department that covers what they're offering, how much they're charging, what they're offering as far as vehicle services, and this is so that we have a contract enhanced. So, if we need extra law enforcement reinforcement, we can call on the sheriff's department and we have something in place. Now, obviously, the biggest question what people ask would be like, well, we're already paying taxes for this thing. This is for services above and beyond with the tax-based covers. So, to be clear, these officers will be coming in on their off duty to work to help the village our gaps in our scheduling, gaps in our manpower, whatever we need.

**[00:23:23]** This is just another tool that we can use to advocate for our residents to make sure that we have the first line of defense out there to protect them. So, this doesn't put us on the line for anything right now. It's up to us to decide if we want to move forward on their services. This just puts an agreement in place so that we know both understand what we're paying for and what they're expecting from us. So, I need a motion from the board to sign this contract moving forward. Probably that let everybody know what kind of question we're looking at. Sure, absolutely. Just let us know what kind of money it could be spent. I apologize for Uh deputy reimbursement rate should be made at the rate of fifty-seven 8-three per hour including fringe benefits.

**[00:24:17]** Vehicle reimbursement should be made at the rate of a 20 per ten-hour shift and shall be prorated prorated for any shorter shift. The four the foregoing rates include personal compensation over time, holiday pay, fringe benefits, fuel maintenance equipment, and other costs unless a different charge is approved in writing by the village before the service provided. The village is application or the agreement shall not exceed so we have to put in in a maximum amount right here that we're going to agree on today as well. During the initial term without prior authorization by the Village Board of Trustees. Undisputed amounts will be payable within 30 days after receipt, audit, and proper invoice. So, that covers. I mean, that's yeah so basically if we find ourselves suddenly short staffed due to resignation sickness injury whatever situation we have a system in place that can have a law enforcement officer here at a known cost with an own agreement in place ready to go

**[00:25:28]** basically that's that's what this is and I think that's kind of vital so the other thing too is that we have a certain amount of money that we are not using because we are not fulfilling our complete service with the amount of officers that we have on duty between our in our budget here so we could take some of those funds and allocate it towards this to allocate to fill those spots if you you understand what I'm saying so I guess the first question I have is that one do we want to agree on this agreement and two the next thing is we gotta fill these blue caps on this as well so I guess the first motion would be to approve this agreement and then go forward from there and that has an expiration date of December 31st I believe sure. Yeah, that's right. Cuz there was a blank for the start date when there was a date. Okay. Yup.

**[00:26:27]** Yeah so we were just this this would be agreement that we could start with. This was basically a feeler just to see and then we can on December 31st we can re up for another two years whatever we need to do. I figured this is a good way to start. We got 3 months. Try it out. See what

we can do from there. Right. I agree. Okay. Make a motion that we agree. Sign this agreement. So sheriff. Second. All in favor. Five things. Okay. Alright. So the motion this will take effect today, Tuesday fifteenth of September. Joy you got two copies and I'll give you both of them. Uh the agreement should not exceed the maximum amount for this three months, Jody. Thoughts? How long often do you think you're going to want them once a week? Well, this is only a two-month thing. So, I mean, I mean, we have draw officer sits at when we get 30thousand.

**[00:27:42]** And it gives them a 10, 000 a month to allocate towards extra services that doesn't mean we're going to spend that money it just means that we're going to no but I think that's probably a good spot meant to exceed that so this is roughly $60 an hour for a 10 hour shift plus 120 per vehicle so do 60 times, 10, which is 600 plus 120 to 720 so you could buy if you did $30, 000 that'd be 41 shifts 4110 hour shifts until the end of the year that seems like more than enough in my opinion yeah that's yeah if anything would over populate which is a good thing and you have legal legal you know again worst case we don't want anybody get hurt or sick or anything but you know that can happen so I'll make a motion that we cut it off at 30, 000 between now and December 31st would you mind if I amend that and ask to make it 10, 000 per month could do that too works. It's important feeling is that

**[00:28:50]** good? Okay. Second all in favor. Second. All in favor. Sorry. Uh this was signing by Tina Malay and Craig Devine as well. So, I'm signing it as the last signature on this.

**[00:29:49]** No, you can't have a pen. Alright, we got a couple questions here real quick. Um just noticed that we got the bonfire Email that you were talking about and we're looking into that as far as it was a concern about heights, wits, and locations. Um one thing I did reuse it, there was 25 feet as far as the distance from a fire to combustible services or combustible material. Thank you but anybody knows anywhere's in this village. There's not 25 feet between a little fire pit and something combustible. It's just I mean you're having in the middle of green space. I don't think there's 25 feet. So, it's something to explore.

**[00:30:35]** The the the only thing I'm I'm bringing this up for is just to make notice that we're looking into it and the coach working on it. Okay. Um fifty-eight and a half high streets and sent an Email and requesting access to White Rock Road for a driveway. Um the previous owner had the same request and in that conversation, there was a whole bunch of things that have you brought up because of the hill over there and that included stormwater plan, easement, stitches, liability, and maintenance. Those are some of the big ones that were covered. There was a couple ones as well but those are the big ones, the most costly measures. The biggest one was the stormwater runoff because you create a driveway, you create an access, you create stormwater and hits every house below it. So, you're putting everybody in harm's way by creating that access and that was a hard note last time. So, we'll have a discussion on this and let her know that those are the big parameters and stuff like that that come into play but it just it's also not a street. It's a right away or not a right away.

**[00:31:34]** It's a path to get to our water towers. It's not designated as a street either. Yeah, it's an point that the village does own based on our surveys but it doesn't mean it's a street. The street ends the pavement. Right. So, there's there's a whole other accessing there. So, I mean that discussion will be have. I'm just bringing it to public notice that we have received the Email and that we're addressing it. Um you order the new street signs that are missing you're going to put the stop bars on town the street and we got used to the bucket truck to investigate and possibly fix the lights in the Austin Lincoln also surrounding trees and stuff like that that we can use the bucket trucks for police we I talked to here we're talking about further discussion and conducting safety checks DUI checkpoints speeding checks and stuff like that and he's also filed alley grant so I think that's everything I have for right now to you trustees reason. What is the standstill agreement pending arrival? Let me do that. We can talk about that. Gotcha. Alright. I don't have anything else. Alright, so I need a motion. Oh, sorry.

**[00:32:48]** Couple things for me popped up. Um we have water class in Sydney is on the 8th and registrations as we do before the next board meeting instructed together today. So, I'd like to approval to send myself, John, and Matt to that. Um that's been dollars person on the eighth of October to eighth of October. Eighth of October. Make a motion and we send out 300 of that. Then the other one that stuck up on us is my Nikon conference. Hold on. Hold on. I need a second on. Second. Go ahead. On favor. Hi. Hi. Gary. Okay. Another one stuck up on me is a Nikon conference. Um early registration for that is due by the twenty-fifth of this month. Um and that is like placid from the 19th and 21st. And the total, I don't have. Of October. What's that? Of October. October. Okay. I don't have the total cost on yet because I have another registration process but usually around 12 or 1300 bucks for three days as for lodging and everything. And who to refer to it ago? Myself. You you.

**[00:33:58]** And we do budget for that everywhere. And you're and it's your time is up. Registration is now. Right. Like you gotta Okay. How much you think is total? All the 1300 usually. All the 1300. So if we approve 1500, you'll be fine. Should be Okay, make a motion at the end of the day. Make a motion. We approve $1, 500 for the icon class for which. One second. Second on favor. Hi. Carrie. Awesome. Uh just one small thing on this contract real quick. I just noticed the 30K total. We type October, November, December, that's thirty K. That means that we're starting at a halfway through September. Do you want to leave it 30 K regardless? Yeah, because it's take them a while to get it in place and get somebody that you can sign up probably if we. Right. Correct.

**[00:34:45]** I just want to bring awareness to that's all. Alright, I need a motion to move the executive session to discuss contracts. A motion to move to executive session. Second to second. Perry. Thank you. Thank you. Have a great day. Will you be reporting the outcome of the executive session? Should I wait or?