A special meeting of the Village of Walton Board of Trustees was held on February 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton, NY.

Present: Mayor Eilertsen
Trustees: Stephen Condon
Richard Doig
Eric Northrup
Beth O'Brien

Attorney: David Merzig, Esq. not required to attend.
Village Clerk – Jody Brown

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

FLOOD BUYOUT RESOLUTION

The Mayor called Graydon Dutcher of Delaware County Soil & Water regarding a NY City flood buyout of the Walton School Bus Garage located at 214 Delaware St. Graydon says that passing this resolution will not obligate the Village to anything it just starts the process to relocate the bus garage. There would be restrictions on the lot, but he thinks that paving it for a parking lot would be okay. Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution of the Village of Walton Board supporting participation in the NYC funded flood buyout program for 2014 Delaware St. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

IMMEDIATE REGULATORY ACTION

The Mayor submitted a draft resolution to the Board. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution demanding immediate regulatory action independent audit, public hearings, and rural ratepayer protections regarding NYSEG delivery rates. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

CLARIFIER PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER

Brian Suozzo requested approval of a change order to the Clarifier Project to add 9 plug valves. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Clarifier project to purchase nine plug valves from Koester at a cost of $29,000.00. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The numbers were entered that the department heads submitted. The general fund is short $71,365.87, the water fund is short $22,073.00, and the sewer fund is on point.

Discussions included raising fire inspection fees, the reducing the Mayor's request from $15,000 to $10,000, the Deputy Mayor from $8,000 to $5,000, the Judge's salary increase, from $15,000 to a 5% increase $12,877, the cost of the T2 ticket software, PILOT's, and reducing one full-time officers wage to half a year as the academy wouldn't be completed until mid-fiscal year. Clerk was asked to send Zack a copy of the letter requesting the repayment of his training costs.

WATER RATE INCREASE

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hold a public hearing on March 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. to hear public opinion on a water rate increase of $.10 per thousand gallons. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD CONTRACT

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract renewal with Cedarwood Environmental to operate the wastewater treatment plant for the next five years with an annual increase of 4%. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

2026-2027 NYC DEP BUDGET	The Clerk submitted the NYC DEP portion of the sewer fund budget. After review, Trustee Doig made a motion to approve the NYC DEP portion of the 2026-2027 budget, $1,686,533. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
MEETING ADJOURNED	Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Trustee Doig seconded. Carried unanimously.
NEXT MEETING	The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L Brown, Clerk