The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

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

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

Mr. William Senechal from the 1st United Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING – STOP SIGN SEWELL PL.

Trustee Condon made a motion to open a public hearing to hear public opinion to amend local law to add a stop sign on Sewell Pl. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mary Phraner, 40 Union St., stated she is against this. The Village will look into getting the bushes trimmed at this location. Trustee Condon made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Northrup made a motion to pass Local Law 2026-7 as submitted to add a stop sign on Sewell Pl. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jennifer Faye, Del Co Club, is seeking the Village to approve a change in the curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that this request would require a change in the local law.

Robin Gray – The United States Postal Service would like to donate a shed. Robin is looking for Board approval to place the shed in Austin-Lincoln Park. After discussion, Trustee Northrup made a motion to accept the donation of an 8'x10' shed to be placed in Austin-Lincoln Park with the understanding that the Village will need a written agreement and access to the shed. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Jennifer Davis, 29 St. John St., the storm drain by 27 St. John St. needs to be fixed. The Mayor will have Butch look into it.

Richard Rogers, W.E.I.C, asked if the Village was ready to proceed with the project to place modular equipment at the site. The lead time would be four to six weeks. Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize W.E.I.C. to order and place the modular equipment is the skate area with the proper signage and to approve the additional insurance. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

Seth, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council of Delaware County, requested using the park and pool as a venue provide education. After discussion, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the ADAC of Delaware County to use the park and pool on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon to provide information on alcohol & drug abuse prevention, education, referrals, and advocacy. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

There is a Labor Day weekend fund-raiser event being organized for all the groups involved at Austin-Lincoln Park. Trustee Northrup made a motion authorize the use of Austin-Lincoln Park for a community event on September 5th with a rain date of September 6th. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of $39,100.84 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of $4,951.39 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of $127,601.29 was presented to the Board.
The Clarifier Project Fund Abstract in the sum of $3,400.00 was presented to the Board.
The Pool Project Fund Abstract in the sum of $35,662.84 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for June 2026.

TRAINING Chief Haqq requested training for Inv. Mitchell. After review, Trustee Northrup made a motion to Authorize Investigator Mitchell to attend a two-day vehicle tactics training in Delhi on August 10th and 11th at a cost of $250.00. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING Bill Brown, Delaware Engineering, submitted a written report to the Board for June 2026.

POOL PROJECT Bill Brown submitted a change order and a payment app for Tweedie Construction. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve change order #2 to remove the light posts for $2,500 and to approve payment application #4 for $100,793.28. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

An estimate was received for an ADA lift for the pool. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to have Tweedie Construction install a lift in the pool at a cost of not to exceed $12,850 which includes training. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Brian Suozzo, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a written report to the Board for June 2026. Still experiencing turbidity exceedances. The new clarifiers are in and working.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Corey Steffen, Code Enforcement, submitted a written report to the Board for June 2026 and showed the Board the new signs to be used as signals for the fire department with the "X" designating not to enter and the "/" as enter with caution.

PARKS & RECREATION Brian Sprague, Parks & Recreation Director, read a report to the Board for June 2026.

New Hires Brian Sprague submitted a list of lifeguards he would like to hire. Trustee Northrup made a motion to approve the seasonal hire of the following: Reese Underwoork, WSI, $16.50/hr., William Bregman, lifeguard, $16/hr., Alexa Scofield, lifeguard, $16/hr., Jessica White, lifeguard, $16/hr., Eleanor White swim lesson aide, $16/hr., Gavin Harrington, lifeguard, $16/hr., Nathaniel Harrington, lifeguard, $16/hr., Braylin Budine, lifeguard, $16/hr., Gjianna Ildefonso, lifeguard, $16/hr., and Caragh O'Connor moving from WSI to Lead Lifeguard, $17.50/hr. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

THEATER There is meeting scheduled for the Mayor and Trustee O'Dell on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. with R.S.S. and the theater groups.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Superintendent D.P.W. submitted a report to the Board for June 2026. The hydrants will be flushed this month and North St. will be paved.

TRUSTEE REPORTS Trustee Northrup thanked Ace Hardware for their donation and WEIC for sealing the basket-Ball court.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Looking at maybe putting in sidewalks in the Cherry, Guild, Bush, and Maple St. area.

HALLOWEEN PARADE A letter was received from Walton Central School requesting the Halloween Parade. Trustee Northrup had inquired if they would want to set a rain date and was told no. After review, Trustee O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Clerk to submit an application for a parade permit to NYS DOT for October 30, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

CDO WORKFORCE The Village has been approached by CDO workforce to host three workers for the summer. Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize to placement of two CDO Workforce participants to assist with the Arts and Crafts program and one for the Clerk's office. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Condon made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss PBA contract. DPW, Office personnel, and Lactalis litigation. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee O'Dell made a motion to close executive session at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT CLERK Trustee O'Dell made a motion to approve the dismissal of Assistant Clerk, Joann Walsh, for insubordination. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trustee O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for a part-time Clerk's Assistant. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE The need for a vehicle for the Code Enforcement department was discussed. Trustee O'Dell made a motion to move the oldest police vehicle to the code enforcement department after the required revision are made and the vehicle to be used as a back-up police vehicle. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Mayor Eilertsen adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer