The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Tuesday, June 2, 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CBDG GRANT

Trustee Condon made a motion to open a public hearing to hear public opinion on applying for a C.B.D.G. grant for housing rehab. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

Charles Bailey, Housing Director-Delaware Opportunities, was present to answer any questions about the grant proposal. The application would be for $4,000,000 to renovate six to eight houses. The program is income based and the house that would apply have to be owner-occupied single-family homes in the Village of Walton. Delaware Opportunities would administer the program for the Village.

Eric Noll, 72 Griswold St., asked how the houses would be determined. Charles stated that the owners would need to apply and meet the income qualifications.

Dean Frazier, 13 Fancher Ave, asked if there were any "strings" attached. Charles responded that the owners would need to live in the house and continue maintain on it for five years. If the property was sold before that timeframe, repayment of a prorated amount would as there would be an encumbrance on the deed.

Trustee Condon made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Northrup made a motion to authorize Delaware Opportunities to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents associated to this grant. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FEES & FINES

Trustee Northrup made a motion to open a public hearing to hear public opinion on a Local Law that would allow the Board to set fees and fines by resolution. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Mayor explained the new law would update the Village Code to bring it current and it would allow the Board to review fees and fines periodically to keep them current.

Lillian Browne, The Reporter, asked if there was a new fee schedule. The Mayor told her that there is not one yet but they will be working on it if the law passes.

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 6-2026 to enact Chapter 10 entitled "Fees & Fines" authorizing the Village Board to establish and amend a schedule of fees and fines by resolution. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT VACANT STOREFRONTS

Trustee Northrup made a motion to open a public hearing to hear public opinion regulating vacant storefronts along Delaware St. to promote economic vitality and public safety. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Mayor read the proposed local law and stated the intent is to attract business and shoppers to our main street and to make the area more appealing. Lillian Browne asked if an attorney was consulted and why code enforcement enforcing this. Mayor answered that this law would give code enforcement a tool to work with. Dean Frazier asked if taxes were paid on the Delaware St. properties and was told the yes, they are paid.

Trustee Northrup made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee Northrup made a motion to pass the local law as submitted. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Trustee Condon, Trustee Northrup, and O'Brien voting yes and Trustee O'Dell voting no. Local law adopted.

PUBLIC INPUT Eric Noll, 72 Griswold St., W.E.I.C. has received their 5013c status. They would like to install a modular skate park temporary. WEIC will cover any maintenance and signage that the insurance requires. The Board asked for a written plan proposal and pictures so they can be submitted to the insurance company.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of $32,448.99 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of $12,145.12 was presented to the Board.
The Sewer Fund Abstract in the sum of $102,724.56 was presented to the Board.
The Clarifier Project Fund Abstract in the sum of $387,900 was presented to the Board.
The Pool Project Fund Abstract in the sum of $219.73 was presented to the Board.
After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS Butch Smith, Superintendent D.P.W. submitted a report to the Board for May 2026. The guide-rails by Ace Hardware have been removed and will be re-installed soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tahir Haqq, Chief of Police, submitted a written report to the Board for May 2026. Ruben has graduated academy and is moving into Phase II.

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

POOL PROJECT Bill Brown submitted payment application #3 for the pool project. After review, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize the Clerk to pay Tweedie Construction $197,241.38 for payment application #3 for the pool project. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously. Delaware Engineering will submit to DASNY.

CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL Shane Boice, Cedarwood Environmental, submitted a report to the Board for May 2026.

PARKS & RECREATION Brian Sprague, Parks & Recreation Director, read a report to the Board for May 2026. The pool project is on schedule. Target date to open the pool is June 29th.

SEASONAL HIRES Brian Sprague submitted recommendations for summer hires. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hire the following for seasonal positions:

Arts & Craft Coordinator – Amanda Conklin, $16.25 per hour, effective July 6th
Basket Ball Coordinator – Crystal Stanton, $16.00 per hour, effective July 6th
Mower – Kraygin Constable, $16.00 per hour, effective June 29th
Swimming Lesson Supervisor – Rachel McLachlan, $19.00 per hour, effective June 15th
W.S.I Lifeguard – Caragh O'Connor, $16.50 per hour, effective June 8th
Lifeguards – Camron Clark, $16.25 per hour, effective June 4th
Alivia Conklin, $16.25 per hour, effective June 29th

Avelyn White, $16.00 per hour, effective June 29th
Grace Reynolds, $16.00 per hour, effective June 29th
Mark Jefferys, $16.00 per hour, effective June 29th
Weekend Supervisor – Mary Phraner, $16.25 per hour, effective June 29th
Lifeguards if certification is achieved: Trystan Haywood, $16.25 per hour, Logan Gregory, Zander Stanton, Chasidy Constable, Elena Clark and Anika Fassler all at $16.00 per hour, effective June 29th if certified.
Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

THEATER Jim Rice, The Walton Theatre Preservation Association, reminded everyone that Porchfest is this weekend. A contractor has been hired to repair the front steps.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

BASKETBALL & SKATE PARK COURTS Trustee Northrup received quotes for resealing courts. After discussion, Trustee Condon made a motion to authorize Webster's to reseal the basketball court and skate park area for $6,290. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

SPRAY DOWNS Jesse Thomson requested permission for "Spray Downs" again this year in the greenspace and at the Townsend school. The water usage from the hydrant was discussed and because of the cost of the water it was suggested that maybe water from the brook could be used. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to allow use of the Greenspace for spray downs with water coming from the river. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW STOP SIGN – SEWELL PLACE The Mayor submitted a draft local law regarding a stop sign at the intersection of Sewell Pl. After, review, Trustee O'Dell made a motion to hold a public hearing on July 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. on a local law to amend Vehicle and Traffic to add a stop sign at the intersection of Sewell Pl. and Marvin Ave./Fancher Ave. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

VOLLEYBALL COURT FENCE The Mayor stated that a soft fence has been requested around the volleyball court and the Grey's have agreed to maintain the grass area inside the fencing. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to allow soft fencing around the volleyball court to be removed in the winter. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

VILLAGEWIDE LAWN SALES An email was received from Christine Neuman requesting the Board to waive the registration for a Village wide lawn sale event. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to waive the registration for lawn sales from July 3 – July 6 for a Village wide lawn sale event. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.

ATV's - STOCKTON AVE The Mayor submitted a draft letter for NYS DOT regarding ATV use on Stockton Ave. and the bridge. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to NYS DOT asking for permission to allow ATV's on Stockton Ave. and Bridge St. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

TREES - COUNTY ROUTE The Mayor submitted a draft letter for the County regarding tree removal. After discussion, Trustee O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Delaware County Dept. of Public Works assistance with tree removal along the entrance to the Village on County Highway 21. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC The Mayor submitted a draft letter for the Public Service Commission regarding the double poles

SERVICE COMMISSION	and sidewalk damage because not all the utility companies have responded to his prior request to have the work completed. After review, Trustee O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter the Public Service Commission requesting their assistance in encouraging the utilities to remove the double poles and to repair the sidewalk damage that poles have caused. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
4-H DUCK RACE	A letter from Cornell Cooperative Extension was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the 22nd Annual 4-H Duck Race in Third Brook from the Ogden St. bridge to the Robinson's property on West St. on July 18th. Trustee O'Dell seconded. Carried unanimously.
BANNER FAIR	A request was received from the Delaware County Fair for a banner. After review, Northrup made a motion to authorize the Clerk to file an application with NYS DOT for a banner over Delaware St. August 1 – August 23 near CVS. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
WCS – STREET CLOSURE	A letter from W.C.S. was submitted to the Board. After review, Trustee Northrup made a motion t authorize North St. to be closed for the Townsend School Summer Kick-off celebration from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. on June 15th. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously.
R.S.S. THEATER LEASE	A letter was submitted to the Board from R.S.S. to renew their lease. After review, Trustee O'Dell made a motion to renew the theater lease with Rehabilitation Support Services with a 2% increase, $1,121.69 per month. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.
VILLAGE WIDE LAWN SALES	An email was submitted to the Board regarding Village wide lawn sales. After review, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to waive the registration requirement for the July 3 – July 6 event. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
BUDGET AMENDMENTS	The clerk submitted 2025-2026 budget amendments. After review, Trustee O'Dell made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget amendments as submitted. Trustee Condon seconded. Carried unanimously.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Trustee Condon made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss PBA contract negotiations, Police Personnel, and office Personnel. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Carried unanimously. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Northrup seconded. Carried unanimously.
ADJOURN	Mayor Eilertsen adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
NEXT MEETING	The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown, Clerk-Treasurer