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[00:00:00] Alright, let's get this underway. Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Three, two, one, for those of you right here in this area, there is a power point up there that we go by as we move through the meeting just so you know. So, we start with the agenda and we just move right to public hearing. So, I need a motion to open the public hearing. I'll make that motion. I get a second. Second. All in favor. Hi. Hi. Harry. Alright, do you want to explain? So, read a law allow now the local law vow regarding reimbursement of criminal defense expenses for police

[00:01:02] employees. Being enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Walton as follows section one Authority and Purpose Disposal Law is enacted pursuing to municipal home rule law section 11, I and 2A1 as an employment benefit and additional compensation for services rendered it is its purpose is to implement article 1211 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Walton and the Collective Bargaining Representative of its police employees by providing limited reimbursement of criminal defense expenses arising from acts within the scope of employment. Section 2, definitions. For purpose of this local law, the following term shall have the meanings stated below. A, covered employee means a person who at the time of the occurrence giving rise to the criminal charges was employed by the village in a position covered by a police collective bargaining agreement, subsequent separation from village. Employment shall not by itself disqualify that person from reimbursement. The litigation litigation expenses means reasonable attorney fees

[00:02:05] and reasonable necessary disperse actually incurred by a covered employee in defending criminal charges arising from a covered occurrence. C, occurrence means a single incident or series of related acts forming one continuous incident. Multiple charges or proceedings arising from the same occurrence shall not create separate reimbursement limits for the same covered employee. Section three, reimbursement. The village shall reimburse a covered employee for litigation expenses up to a maximum of $1, 000 per occurrence when the employee is criminally charged as a result of acting within the scope of the employee's public employment and the employee is acquitted the charges are dismissed. Reimbursement shall be made after the qualifying disposition. An adjournment and contemplation of dismissal shall qualify only when the charges have actually been dismissed. Section four, application and payment. Reimbursement shall be administered as follows. A, the employee shall submit a written application to the village clerk identifying the occurrence explaining its relationship to the employee's

[00:03:05] duties and providing documentation of the criminal charges and the disposition. Itemized bills to the litigation expenses and any payment or received from other sources for those expenses. B, the board of trustees after consultation with the village attorney shall determine whether the statutory and local law requirements for payment have been satisfied including whether the underlying acts were within the scope

of public employment and whether the claims claimed expenses are reasonable and necessary. The employee shall have any shall have an opportunity to provide spring information before a claim is denied. Any denial or reduction shall be communicated to the employee in writing with the reason stated. C, approved claims shall be audited and ban in accordance with applicable village claims procedures. Reimbursement shall not exceed the employees actual eligible expenses remaining after payments or reimbursements from other sources or the preoccurance limit whichever is less. Section 5, relationship to other rights. This local law does not authorize advance payment of criminal defense expenses. It does not diminish rights under the collective

[00:04:06] bargaining agreement including applicable agreements procedures or any separate right to defense or indemnification under state law or other village enactment. No expense shall be reimbursed more than once. Six, section 6, application. This local law applies respectively for occurrences on or after its effective date. Any entitlement arising from a collective bargaining agreement or other lawful authority in effect before the date is preserved and shall be determined under that authority. Section 7, suburbability. If any provision of this law where its application to any person or circumstances held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining, the remainder of this local law and its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected. Section A, effective date. This local law should take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State pursuing the municipal home rule law section three seven. Yes. Alright, public input. Can I read something? Sure.

[00:05:09] Caroline Shunt, According to New York State, the gift and loan clause article eight section 1 and article seven section eight of the New York State Constitution strictly prohibit the state, counties, cities, towns, villages, and school districts from giving or loaning any money or property excuse me. Two or in aid of any individual prior undertaking a non-public purpose. Public purpose requirement. Public funds can only be spent for a valid public purpose designed as necessary for the common good and general welfare of the public. Spending taxpayer money for a purely personal benefit, give, or private advantage of a police officer violates the state constitution. Excuse me, a little nervous. Public officers law. Under public officers law section 73 and related ethics regulations, state and local officials are barred from accepting unauthorized financial advantages, rewards, or gifts tied to their official

[00:06:09] positions. It's not my opinion. It's the law. How do you interpret that law? Can you put it in layman's terms for us? It's not my job to do that. I'm just trying to understand what you think that means. I think that giving someone. I can see. First of all, my personal opinion is fine in a civic suit, a civil suit, this is fine. But when they're outbreaking the law, no, they shouldn't. They shouldn't get entitled. Of anything. I believe it says it's only it's only there when it's upon when they're not, if I'm not guilty. Excuse me? I believe this is only when they're not guilty, right? So it's not, it's an a layer of protection you know when when law officers excuse me of whom well the law the officer because they're out there putting their their necks on the line to protect you know the village people and if they get sued by that person this is just not a layer of protection to protect them is what I'm saying to you the verdicting on

[00:07:11] this is criminal Right. So, if somebody god forbid somebody has to use force and they end up being charged with assault, right? Then, they would have up to a thousand dollars reimbursed after they're found not guilty. Not if they if they've been found guilty then they should be here everyday excuse me job description and and and protect it under their collective bargains of their unions am I correct and the union is the one that wants this local law to protect them this is the this is a union requirement for their contract it's an added layer of protection to protect them so if they get sued by somebody that for example claims they use

excessive force then they have add a layer of protection to hold themselves when they go through court to make sure that they have the village backing them. So the union is mandating this? Is that what you're telling me? Correct. And we're going to let them? I mean this has gone through our attorney

[00:08:12] and the attorney hasn't found any discrepancies in it as far as your US or as far as the United States Constitution's concerned. I don't understand that but that doesn't mean are you a lawyer? Are you? No but our lawyer wrote this law. Such a I'm leaving. I'll be up a minute. I'm just wondering if you have an estimated cost to the taxpayers and if they will be able to have access to annual reports of reimbursements. Well there's no estimate cost because we don't have we don't know when things are going to happen. That's like saying you estimate when you're going to have a car accident. So the union has made this request but there's no backed up information on how often our police officers are actually going to court for these charges. We've never had it had one. So the union's

[00:09:13] requesting it but there's really no worry of it. Are you asking how often we use we have had criminal or officers charged with criminal penduct? I'm wondering if when this proposal was brought up if someone looked back into how often our police officers are actually going to court for criminal charges that they need to be reimbursed for and if anyone sat down and made an estimated report of how much taxpayers are going to have to pay if you have any information for them on that. It's extraordinarily rare. So we wouldn't anticipate it being a significant breaking. But they won't have access to any estimated cost or fiscal reports. Who's saying? The taxpayers. That is going to be who's paying for it, correct? Right, but the maximum occurrence is a 000 for instance. That's what he said. So, when this happens, will there be annual reports that they will have access to to see how often it's happening, how much money is actually going towards it. Yeah, I'm sure you

[00:10:16] could foil it. So, foil it and if it falls under the Freedom of Information Act, then, yeah, we can get it to you. It will be accessible though. I'm not saying it will or won't because there is some personal aspects this that we can't release but you can foil it and then based on what our attorney says and what we can release, we would release to you. Financial really should be a problem right I wouldn't assume so I mean you'll see in the you'll see you'll see in the budget you'll see you know cost that comes out at the end of the year so I mean if you're talking about like what you would see annually yeah around March April time frame you'd know what we spent on that at that time frame so like I said it's a000 per occurrence so I mean we have one occurrence anyone knows $a thousand dollars I understand. And it's only if the officer is found in a I did I did the research on that for I was just wondering if that when it happens if taxpayers will see where this money is going. Or if anyone

[00:11:19] you know look back to see if it's actually a necessity. Did you identify yourself? Did you identify yourself in one? Oh I'm so sorry. I'm Meghan Armstrong. Yeah. It was an added layer of protection that the union requested to look out for the officers working for us. I mean if they're out there defending us and you have somebody comes in with a frivolous claim and says that you know he hit me where he did XYZ we won't come to the dark details of that but if they have those things those are this this is to protect those frivolous details that you know we should be looking out for you know making sure that they're protected like just as much as they're working for the village so we should also be protecting this is one of their benefits and this is an added scope of the benefits of their contract I understand that so but do you do I feel that we're going to use this often no we we have some pretty stinking good officers and they're pretty you know conscientious they do and they make sure that they're on the up and up so I don't feel this is probably ever be used to be honest. So, should dramatic exception to

[00:12:19] the rule. Anybody else? Jeep. Think it's a good idea of protection for the officers and especially if they're acting and scope their duties and working for the village if they shouldn't be hit personally. When did that that happen once? I'm not mentioning what cop it was but I was working at country store and I had to give back or the person that was in charge and it was a cheap here. Cuz the person was hitting the chief. This is not to say, this is not to say that police don't use force. It's to say that

[00:13:19] they're charged with criminality after they have used force inappropriately. So, yes, certainly, police officers have to use force occasionally. That's part of the job. It's inherent to it but this is for when things have taken a left turn and thing and there's a very unusual circumstance. Was that your mom that was just here? I'm just I'm just confirming it just. I was going to say she mentioned civil. That was one aspect of it or not civil but using taxpayer funds for private use. I mean how down of a rabbit hole do you want to go on that? I mean if you think about it every aspect sir what my mother said has nothing to do with what I came in here with a concern. You have a 45 to 50% population of homeowners in this place that are living on a fixed income. Mm hmm. And when they're being dollar here, $13

[00:14:20] here in all these taxes and extra money. It it doesn't seem like a lot to a two-family income home but to these, to those people, it's a lot and I think that needs to be taken into consideration. That's why I asked, did you guys do research to see even this if this is even necessary? I'm glad you brought that up because there's so many other aspects outside of this public hearing where we could be saving tax dollars for different things that would be far better than the thousand reason to protect the police officer? I'm not saying there is. I'm not saying it's not a good reason. No, I'm not disagreeing with you. What I'm saying is that this layer of protection as I said before probably will never get used hopefully knock on wood but it's a $1000 dollarsand I know a $000 dollars is you know, you talk about how many households are in a village and you talk about how many taxpayers there are, you know, and then we talk about, you know, properties coming off tax rules. I can go down a rabbi hole in this too. There's so many different things but the thousand-dollar thing in the end would be like

[00:15:23] nickels on the dollar maybe. If we had to do one, maybe pennies. I got you. So. I'm a little more level headed than her. I came in here with a list of questions and the form that I picked up answered most of them. Okay. Just want to make sure that what gets spent is accessible to people who need to nipple so they can see where their nipples are time to go. The budget is very public at the end of the year. Right. Appreciate it. Of course. Any other anybody else for public input on this? Get a motion to close. Make a motion to close public hearing. Second. Second. On favor. Aye. Carried. I'll make a motion to approve the local law. Second. On favor. Aye. Carried. Before we move in the publican but we have a letter that we have to get out to. $99 Dollarwood Street, $99 Dollarwood Street. Wants to offer their property for the

[00:16:29] floodplan buyout in New York City we had our engineers we had a court officers look at it and we decided well we haven't decided yet but we believe that the building is in good standing it could be sold and it would be a burden to the village to take that off the tax rolls at this time so I need a motion to approve this letter so we can get this letter sent out to this individual on that motion Second. Second. All in favor. Aye. Carried. She should've stayed. She heard that. There would have been a lot tax a lot of stage right there. Gratitude. The past month we've had a lot of work done done like in the past year. We've had a lot of work done you know parks and rec. Um a lot of people stepped up Ace Lowe's etcetera. These are all the people that contributed to that effort. This is some of the work that was done this past summer and fall and also

[00:17:29] DPW stepped up as well to make sure that all the things that they were working on painting were ready to go so they would take paint and not just fall off after they were done so I just wanted to take a

second and give thanks for all the people that showed up into this it's on the Facebook page I'm not going to go through all the names there's a lot but there's been a lot of work down there so if you get a chance go down to Austin Link and check it out you'll see the work that was done Alright, public input. Uh Stan, state your name, address, your business, and your message and then we'll move forward. So, anybody for public input? Is this important? Yeah. Yeah. I'm Thomas. I'm resident Walton. I just would love to offer any help or services here. I work in AI. Automation. Um there's a lot of things we can do that's just automated. One thing that I'm really curious about is getting town minutes excessively to the

[00:18:31] public faster. Um some of the towns are a little behind. Yeah, I just want to offer my help, services, anything I can do. So I just came by. That's awesome. I appreciate you coming out. You know that we spoke to your email and ask you to come to the meeting so I appreciate you. Yeah thank you Female. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you. So yeah and just take a listen through what we're talking about. If anything strikes some inspiration with you tonight we'll be glad to accept input and if you can streamline things and make it better we're all we're all for it. Yeah. Is there any way to as a lot of the websites get they say the town minutes are bogged down because of the website and uploading it and creating automation that's just instantly accessible. Are you talking about town minutes or village minutes or two? Yeah, right. Two different entities. Yeah, I would love both to be a little bit more go faster and. Sure. Made more accessible so.

[00:19:33] You have a solution for it and you think that there's a system that you could put in place I would love to hear it so yeah yeah I think recording this and then instantly it's transcribed and put into the format that you approve and it could just be choosing them oh I approve this and instantly being uploaded all of that's now so easy to do but really doesn't take any effort that you want just really exciting but if there's any other areas that I can assist that's one that I'm curious about just sort of Absolutely more time than that. Well, thank you. Appreciate it. Anybody else Republican put? Adrian McFillan, Walton Kindness for Cats. I just want to give a shout out with the chief being here to the new officer. Uh Officer De Jesus for his actions a few weeks ago with the cat that was hit by a car on Stockton. The cat did survive the hit and we did eventually humanely euthanized

[00:20:36] because of the condition of the cat but not only did he stop, he got that cat off the street, reached out, got my phone number, brought the cat to me so I could care for it and followed up with me after and I just want to say first I've never met a police officer that would take a cat in that condition off the street without calling somebody to do it not you know and that just the compassion that he had when he spoke to me and you know the concern for this for this animal and I just want to give him a shout out because he that was tremendous to me and you know I really I really appreciate and know that we have an officer with that kind of compassion here in Milton. Absolutely thank you I'll pass that one. Sure. Yeah. Anybody else Republican put? Is everybody has energy taken when they voted today or

[00:21:37] something? Alright, moving on from public input. We got a complaint about Director Trailers in residential areas of the village. Um It was a complaint about some of the tractor trailers trying to get to different industrial businesses in the village and they were getting stuck particularly over on Fanshire, Marvin, Holly, those streets and it's it's a it's pretty big problem at least for a few instances there. So, we reached out to our attorney to see what leverage we have for those kind of instances and there's two options. Uh one is the village has the authority to address the problem. No petition from the residents required. One clarification concerning the response is an enforceable traffic restriction does not necessarily require any provision the village code. Section two forty-five to SthreeE already delegates authority to the board as

mayor

[00:22:41] and myself as mayor to exclude trucks from designated streets by official orders. State traffic laws concerning speeding and unsafe operation can also be enforced without being repeated in our code. We asked butch in chief to inspect the neighborhood, identify the streets and entry points that should be protected. This restriction should address track to trailer combinations which are vehicles described in the complaint. We should provide necessary local deliveries and pickups, emergency access and public works and utility operations. Truck going to local industry does not qualify as a local delivery merely because this destination is within the village. So, we have two practical options, issue an official order under the existing delegated authority or have the board adopt the local law. Just my opinion I mean I think we should try A and then A works we should go to B. Think we already have that up on Park Street and High Street right? Or that restriction?

[00:23:42] There's a couple already who visited the whole book. Right. Bush Chief your input on this? Good input. Not all of us. All you need to do is sign it over there on that side of the river. Um we have the signs that before in other areas and the tractor trailers drive over the signs and then we have to put them back up and just move on. So, Is there other areas in this village here that we should be also adding signs to accommodate this concern? I think the only one really requiring signs now would be that so or should we make a motion to relooking it which one it's sold and one at Holly Holly Holly and keep it from going into those type neighborhoods right now we have one for Upper Dower Street and for Park Street and right so you would have one going up Holly and one at Seoul yeah where it comes doctor yeah I

[00:24:43] make a motion that we yeah do that try to sign that second second one favor who is that Eric or sign much is getting out of hand, isn't it? Yes. Yeah. Mm mm. Alright, need a motion to approve the abstracts. Motionally approve the abstracts. All second. All in favor. Aye. Aye. Kerry. Alright. Department hands will start with Cory. Law enforcement. So this goes back to a couple months ago when we bought the signs that's two foot by two foot signs for the vacant buildings. Uh kind of now getting into the process of getting a setup to where we can start putting them out. Um I need approval though for the local law due basically if we have the sign and we need to

[00:25:45] replace it from aging damage, vandalism, anything like that. Um there'd be a charge to the homeowner or to the the property owner of 250 bucks to replace the sign. And that would be our time of going out taking the old one off. Putting a new one it's not a local law he's asked where he's asking for a fine on the sign if it gets removed yeah so this is just going to be the plaque policy correct yeah this is just going to be enforcement of the signage so the sign it just shows that the the building is unsafe for injury so if that sign gets removed by the homeowner damage by the homeowner or not even homeowner or anything yet yeah that's the fee is going to be to replace it right and that falls unfortunately on the homeowner and the fee is going to $250. Correct. I'll make a motion to approve that. Okay, a second. Second. All in favor. Hi. Hi. Gary. Um and then you guys should have all gotten my reports. Um I then slammed the

[00:26:49] classes last month and this month, they actually got me into two classes each month. So, I've been pretty busy with classes. So, there really hasn't been a whole lot been done in the village as far as complaints and stuff like that. Follow up on stuff but something really nature going on. He had a we had a meeting with Delaware Opportunities this week two days ago actually and in that meeting it was discussion about their inspections they're going to be doing of you know the rental properties and stuff like that that they have that Hud is providing assistance for so they're going to send us a list and that list is going to be working with Code and they're going to do the inspection at the same time for their fire safeties so we're not

burdening these people with multiple inspections over the course of the year it's one and done that sounds like a good plan so they're supposed to be reaching out to Code within the next days with their next list of housing that they're going to be looking at and then they'll be discussing things how to move forward. Going with the

[00:27:51] fire inspections. Uh we had an issue with the mailing system. I was giving two weeks notification of. Uh for some reason our mail was going like ways away from us and then going back so people are getting their letters in time there are some of them actually we're getting their failed inspection letter at the same time they got their letter to schedule the the inspection so talking with the mayor and with Josh and stuff we've pushed out to four weeks notification so I've done and sent out I think probably between a dozen and two dozen letters for fire inspections now and so far the people I've heard back from have gotten them pretty quick but we're going to do it 4 weeks out just so it gets people that live out of town enough time to mail get to them and then have the notice of fire inspection but other than that I don't think I have any of them

[00:28:53] Thank you. Virgin, right? Well, I'd like to thank the mayor for putting up there with gratitude for those and all that. You would have saved me an hour by doing that by typing letting them do all that but other than that, I want to thank all of you for doing the volunteer work they've done but we also, I think we miss the volunteers that take through the summer spring, summer, and fall programs up there. The volunteers, the coaches and all that to the incredible recognition for well deserved what you know going in for kids. The only other thing I got is if you think about one job as a lifeguard, you know, think about it now. Start looking for these places like high college, the Artville Rec Center, Sydney High School, only on the YMCA, just a phone call but find out when you get my course and you can get yourself in. That's about it. So, your hour paid off because

[00:29:54] I missed some of those things. What's that? I said your hour paid off. I missed some of those things that you brought up. Yup. Well, Type it like this. Yeah. Not even two hands. One. Thank you, Brian. Thank you, Brian. Public Works. Good evening everyone. Okay? Yeah. Any questions? Concerns? Um I do have one asked. I forgot to come to report. Main Christensen's up rehab in one of our wells right now. Um so technically we're down two or four and they found some issues with that well. Um issues being this aged. Uh the pipe is getting closed up of the irons in the water and the other stuff and the well pump itself are getting pretty aged. So they would like to replace that while they're here. Um we don't know why they're here at $6200 to remobilize em. Um the cost is sixteen 00 or 16 thousand seven hundred eight dollars and

[00:30:54] we do have it. It's not technically budget for but we do have the money there. I make a motion to allow him to do that. Second. Second. On favor. Aye. Aye. Kerry. Uh how much was it for if we didn't hopefully with this right now? The additional $200 removal is so if they left here without if we decide not to do it tonight they had to come back at 6200 at this point with fuel cost where they are and everything changes so fast I don't know where it would be down the road so that would be at least $22, 000 yeah good good Well, it's important that we have good water and good flow. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Alright, well thank you. And you. Chief. Good evening. Any questions on the report that you received? No. Keep up the good work with the guys out

[00:31:55] there being vigilant and just looking out. It's good. So there are two trainings I'd like to send ask the board to approve trainings for our officers. Uh first one is a low light reduced light firearms qualification. Uh it's November 4th. Uh it's being held in Delhi. It's free. Um basically I just just run down this firearms training will include standard static qualifications course using no light flashlight for flashlight

mounting a firearm and then they'll run through some scenarios and things like that so that's for both our officers and then the other training I'd like to ask for is being held December 3rd and fourth comprehensive sexual assault and child abuse investigations. Uh basically, New York State has said that every agency has

[00:32:58] to have an officer qualified in Let's see. New York State Executive Law E 38 A section 3-A, which requires each police agency another law enforcement agency within New York states designate at least one person who's trained in trauma and victim response that meets the minimum training standards so anyway that's for the best way to visualize them yes and that one's free as well it is the first one you guys supply your own ammo right yes Hi, I'll make a motion that we send both for the November 4th and also Mitchell for the December individually okay make a motion for that on the first one second right yes yes the reduced light firearms qualification then

[00:34:01] make a motion to send Mitchell to the comprehensive sexual assault and child abuse of abuse investigations on December 3rd and fourth at no cost second All in favor. Alright. Bye. Bill Regner. Um nothing formal to ask for tonight. Um if you'll continue to work on the permitting for them very well. Um if they work in the DOH that kind of kicked us to DEC. DEC has not picked us to double or lower basing commissions. Working through that. Um the service line and inventory also kind of continuously ongoing. There will be another round of letters going out next month. Um regarding that. We expect next year to be doing excavations for the places where we don't know what the pipe is to confirm no that so far no webs have found which is good. We have to confirm that for every individual service in in the village. Um Austin

[00:35:01] Lincoln Pool I've seen operation for the summer but we did get the last of the money from Dasney to cover construction cost so kind of You do have to put the lift in. I'll be in service prior to next year's operation. Awesome. Great. So yeah. Thank you sir. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Waste water treatment Mike. Everybody get my report? Anybody have any questions? I don't have anything to ask for tonight. Waiting for folks. No worries. I was so close to perfect. Trustee reports. Start with any offended disable. You got anything? I do not have any report tonight. Mister Counted? Nothing either. Sir. I do not. Merits? Nothing that has already been said. One for me. Okay. Mayor. Uh yeah. Here we

[00:36:07] go. I knew they were waiting for it. Shoot. Well, I'll cover all your bases then. Alright so these are some village reminders we'll put this on the village page just some simple stuff talking about basketball hoops around the village especially in snow season make sure they're pulled in so that the plow doesn't drag them down the street never hit a recall alongside it shovel inwards and also keep the the grass like that clippings I know you're not going to mow it along in the winter but it's always a good idea to keep that out there for next year when you zoomer or leaves it's also a VTL violation to blowing your stuff in the street so. Another reminder the wipes this is a big taxpayer burden right here buying new pumps at thousands upon thousands upon thousands of dollars a time because wipes are being flushed on the toilets so I figured every month I'll show new pictures of

[00:37:07] disgusting wipes until we get a wipeless village but the flushable does not mean dissolvable alright just like gasoline is drinkable but I wouldn't advise it tax dollars are just being dumped what's a pump cost Which one? For the for that these wipes are going through. Just give me any pump. Oh 50, 000 for an influencing. $50, 000. And how many pumps do we have now? Two there and then your rasp pumps are probably fifty thousand. So we have what about three hundred 4 hundred thousand dollars in pumps? Simple wipes. Don't flush them. We did the vacant home program not too long ago so I'm just reminding everybody that we have this available it's just for people to go to leave the area for lungs extended periods of time so fill out that form it kind of helps us look out for each other make sure that somebody says celebrating Christmas

or the holidays in your house when you're not there it's also to make sure that you know we don't have

[00:38:08] water dumping into your basement or your house as well when you're not there so it's kind of a good community look out for each other no parking is in effect effective Sunday for the snow inclement weather from 11 or from 12AM to 7AM the snow removal and snow shoveling supposed to be done by 9 AM the following day after the storm we're not running around at 10 o'clock giving citations usually we hold off two or three days before people go around checking for sidewalks filled with snow so I'm not saying you have a couple of days but just be conscious of the fact that there's people out there blind trying to walk on sidewalks you know there's people that have you know elements that makes it or very difficult for them to walk so we just need to be looking out for each other on this one as well make sure sidewalks cleared so that everybody has a way to get to where they gotta go without getting hurt there is guidelines as far as what you have to put on your sidewalk as well it isn't recommended but salt in your sidewalk because it destroys

[00:39:09] the concrete so look for alternatives it does talk about ash and those things I know a lot of people don't burn firewood but mirrored as a possibility so if you want I'll put this up on on Facebook as well so you can so you can check them out this month we had a lot of things going on in Walton so I thought it would be kind of cool to put some pitchers as well yeah of what happened in Walton the steps on the front of the theater were completed you know we actually had the Austin Lincoln worked on the Booster Club had their last senior game this year for the sixth graders pitch of fifth and sixth graders Chief had a was epic proud individual in his passenger seat We have Brian on the bottom there. Pressure washing. White rock. Glows if you take a ultraviolet light up there it goes red. So and the fridge. The Booster Club would like to have their second annual trunk

[00:40:09] or treat. They've already started advertising for it but they still would like to get more approval to move forward on their event coming this coming Saturday. Asking the board for approval on their behalf to have their trunk or treat so they have their insurance with us so they have their court on file with us which I assume based on having it it covers everything across the board their uses what they do everything That's my understanding, correct Joey? We're assuming that yes as long as that I I feel as long as they have the insurance and they're covered and that's what we require then I think a motion to let them go ahead and have their November 7th all in favor alright like to get a motion on the table as well for using Water Street for the snowflake drop for New Year's Eve I haven't spoken to the fire department yet or anybody as far as if we're going to do it or not but I just figured if we have the motion on the table

[00:41:10] we have the option to do it so right Question for on New Year's Eve. Second bet. On favor. Aye. Aye. Jared. Let's see here New York Forward we have applications up here New York State dropped the New York Forward program timeline on us on Friday which we thought we had a little bit more time than we did but we don't so our applications for us to get our application underway from private businesses and any businesses actually that want to participate is by December first paperwork here for the application there's also some guidelines to go over to help you out see how month to get underway the application is due on January 8th, the village has to file and intend to file by December so I just want to make sure that we get as many people out there knowledgeable about this as possible plastic awards is

[00:42:10] super important it's a lot of money so the difference is between 66 to $8 million dollars of total projects for the New York Forward or $12 to $15 million dollars for the DRI grant which is what we're trying to get in total projects. If you're doing a private project, the project gives you it cost 25%. So, if you have $100, 000, you have to contribute 25% of that to the project and you get 75% back. If you're not for profit, it's 100% you get back. Issue is you have to supply the money upfront and then you have to render all

your receipts and how you went about it to get the money back. It's a two to three-year process. Um one of the big things we talked about in our meetings last night was you know whether we go for New York Ford or GRI is depending on how much involvement we get from our community. You know we there is a portion of it this is of this that's infrastructure which covers sidewalks and your walkability and to get to these businesses but it can't be the whole

[00:43:13] project so it's like a small sliver by like 2530 percent. The remaining portion has to be covered by private businesses and not for profits. The other aspect is you have to own your building or be have a strong agreement between you and your the owner of the building to move forward with this project. So it would be nice to get this out there make sure everybody has it we'll also put this in the village page as well but this is a great thing my feeling is that I would love to go for DRI because I feel like mirrored forward with the amount of work that Walton needs I think it's going to look half done so it would be nice to see us get go for the bigger one but at the same time it'd be nice to see us get anything so the goal is to get it here. So. We need a motion. We need a motion too. What's that? Did you need a motion for something? Yeah, I was going to read it. Okay. It sounded like you were moving on. No, so I need I I gotta get three motions. Uh one for to with

[00:44:15] intent to file for New Forward, DRI, and Restore New York if we can do that but Restore New York is just we're still waiting on complete information on that. I just want to get ahead of that so if there is an intent to file, we can do that. None of this has any financial obligation to the village or any cost to the villages. All volunteer and all people stepping to get this program underway. So we're authorizing you as mayor to we're giving you permission to file for New York Ford DRI and Astra New York is that right you're giving the New York Ford and DRI committee right permission to apply for this right yeah do that yes all in favor Alright, we have to have a discussion in regards to going paperless, ACH payments and we also have to talk about, are we moving forward to that contract, Jody? Do you have any more questions on that? Tim and I are still talking so. Okay.

[00:45:16] Of course I have more questions so So, we're looking at trying to be preventive and the world of stealing money or we're trying to be get ahead of things from happening. So, having paper out there, having anything out there where people can grab a hold up and use it for to to reverse take funds from the village or take funds from anybody and also go pay for this because it saves taxpayer dollars a lot of money right there I mean I think it's what $6, 000 we set a spend something like that a year for water bills that go out for everybody something of that nature just for postage just for it to visit all over the world before it gets to where it's gotta go so would be nice to see if we could try to get that to go as pay as possible, Emails I know. There's people out there that want their bills but maybe there's a way we can work it out because it is costing a lot of taxpayer dollars. So, I wanted to see

[00:46:20] what you guys thought for. I think if it's going to save us $6, 000 a year and it's there and it's efficient and that's what we should do. So, who's taking the phone calls? So, when people start screaming at us in the office, who are we pouring the phone calls to? Cuz that's what's going to happen. Our AI guy. Set up some some completely comfortable with everything going but it's just me. Do think we should try to keep anything to do with bank accounts. You know maybe you know using white paperless for paying our bills and things of that sort but as far as water and sewer bills people want to see what their usage is and

[00:47:24] things of that sort I think this this just to be very clear this is not to camouflage the details of your bill nor is it to hide it from you or to make it seem like oh you sold $300 provided. But there's a lot of our community that are older people that don't do a lot on internet. About this. Can we explore a transition

even if we could save $3, 000 by going half paperless. Could that be a better solution? I don't have the negativity that's associated with that but you can also opt in. I think those that want to go paperless should have that should have that option but I think the ones that still want to get their bill in hand should have should have that opportunity as well. So I will say this then the postal system has changed where it's no longer going through Binghamton. It's going through Syracuse the process mail. So being forward on this that we everybody out there in

[00:48:26] the village town understands that yes we'll send you water bill and yes, it might get to you very late, maybe next year. I don't know when it gets to you but you're still responsible for paying it on time retirement. Exactly, that's always been, that's always been the case. Not receiving a bill does not alleviate you from having to pay it on time. And so now there's a new campaign. And it did take me two weeks this time to get my water and sewer bill from the time it was sent out. Right and I'm just speaking as the board that we're acknowledging that it's taking longer than normal when we're sending it out. So People might not get it. They might get it. But that doesn't alleviate your responsibility to pay on time. And we do offer a paperless alternative. They don't want it to go that route. No. What about that? You had the Email bills for couple of years so I mean. Maybe we should need to push it. Did a lot of people take advantage of that or no? There's not a whole lot. If we've even got 1 00 that's pushing it. Out of the 1300 that we mail.

[00:49:34] And I know for a fact we have one customer who have got a shut off list for lack of payment and he went to Email and he's still on the lack of payment shut off list So it's not the system. Right. Options are not completely appocial but I just need to have some more information. This is exactly why I want to have this this discussion because I want to bring the public notice that there is this and these cost factors coming to play as well because. Right. You know, sending out mails escalating every single day especially with fuel prices and stuff like that. It's just going to go up to the roof. The other aspect of this conversation is ACH for our banking for the village and start moving away from checks.

[00:50:35] Especially in the world of hackers and I know this is not going to be a comfortable situation for the office because this is going to be a tremendous amount of upfront work but in the end, it's going to be a couple clicks and it's going to go because all the accounts will be set up and then you're just doing bill pay. So I'm not asking for a motion on it I'm asking to just discuss it or maybe put the information out there so that maybe we can have a discussion about it next month after a month of research on it maybe in December yeah I like that so we can discuss it further and we also have some other information too that we need to rent the table but Jody and I are working on it as well okay Sounds good. Can I help you make a video or you know, to people who are informed, it might be easier for them to be like, oh, This is how it'll work. This is how it can opt in and video content can help

[00:51:36] people understand. I mean, you could. I just, we don't have like money to offer for those services right now. No. No. I have to do this to it. Huh? Talk to me afterwards and see if we can pay that out. Yeah. It's Veterans Day this month the 11th day eleventh hour it's a big day you know in 1918, the Armistice Cease Fire Agreement was signed it's a it's it's a it's a big day for veterans. You know that it's the one day that they get a year they get recognized. You know these are the guys that came out and survived. It's not Memorial Day. They didn't you know they didn't die. But it still needs something. Something they need to recognize for. We need a motion to allow them to have their parade. They already did that last night. We did that last night. Yep. So we're all set there. So there's a public service announcement. They're giving turkeys away for veterans that are not able to

[00:52:39] provide for their families or or just need a little extra assistance and the Veterans Pub is offering that so just get with them they need know how many before they can get them in I think the week before so There's a picture of Steve Condon grabbing a firetruck. Just kidding. Okay. I swing around right there. So we need I need a motion for holiday parade coming up on the 27th of November at 6PM we're out from the bus garage Delaware to bridge to water for make a motion for Jody to write for you to do the paperwork so that it can be the Christmas parade November 2nd, we need to set a public hearing I need a motion for public hearing in December for Delaware opportunity to come to table with some information in reference to CDPG grant that we

[00:53:39] did recently so they have some more public information they bring out. So, Ina, motion. Motion for public hearing for DO. Uh that's it for the next meeting. For the next meeting. Second. On favor. Hi. Okay. Your election notice? Yup. We're going to do that at five o'clock. Five o'clock. That is great. We need a motion for election notice to go out for March? Yep. Make a motion for the election notice to go out for the martial elections. Second. All in favor. Aye. Carrie. My position's available. Fine. Is the judge this year? Three of us. Yep. There's three of us. Boom. Boom. Boom. Yup. Sam. gov we are we do you know where we are with that or have

[00:54:39] you done anything with that? I'm There are there were 72 documents on the current site that need to be there were PDFs that need to be transferred over to the scannable for web readers. I'm projecting this to be within well within the next month of completion. Alright so that information biller opportunities is asking for as well that we need to have a conversation about as well because they need that for the CDBG grants so they can handle whatever comes with that so they can take care of it without burden to the to the village to take care of it. Pump that timeline. Okay. Alright, that's I also was hoping for a conversation of some additional features to the dock up site. Okay. Um I wanted to set something up where Village would have control of emergency notices to people that are registered to the site. It would just be a push notification going through the

[00:55:39] site to their phones and also I had an idea of I'm phrasing a talk of the town which would be a it's an AI component where people could call in or chat and they could we discussed their topics of the town. In in my beta planning of this what would happen is the AI would segment the complaints or conversations rather it would come to the court the clerk or the mayor as a summary in the segmented departments could would be ready for Emails to send off the code to send off to DPW or the you know the the agency that's most apt to take care of those issues Okay. The Sam. gov relative to this to the CDBG grant or or is that I think that's separate from the villages website of Village Walton. gov. You know there's a

[00:56:43] transition they don't want government entities to use. coms or they want. govs so that that's a thing that's good it's underway. Sam. gov is a website that the federal government has to register communities and not for profits and a variety of entities with the federal government such that government can give money so it's a registration it's a separate website from whatever you know the village's website is yeah we've had an active registration in the past when past funding was you know sourced initially from the federal federal government the water project we did in 2010, 2012 was USDA funding there was a registration in in in effect then that need to be updated so that's what's the now our opportunities is asking about us and that gov registration you already have it for us, Bay Village? It exist. It probably needs to be updated. Okay. Um it's but it's a federal registration. It's it's a unique identifier similar to

[00:57:47] your EIN number but it's it's own own thing that is is created for for every municipality and to get money from the federal level that's a box that gets filled out in a grant application of which your Sam

numbers along with your EIN number and and all these different base information. So, that's we may need to update it because it's you register it. It's only good for six months at a time and all that kind of stuff but that sounds like what this opportunities is which is different than than the website update. I didn't have a lot of information on that so thank you for the education on that. Now, can you give me those details so we can get that over to them so. Yeah. Yeah. You can use that? With the office and figure out what we gotta do but it's a it's a thing. Okay. I appreciate that. Uh that's all I got. I just need a motion with the executive session. Talk about some contract work and some Make a motion to move to executive. Second second. On

[00:58:47] favor. Aye. Okay. Thank you everybody for coming. Check. Bye. Good night. Is that? He turned off red in there.