

TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2018
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams, Steven Dutcher

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Browne – The Reporter, Luis Familia, Maureen Wach, Steven Sehen, Stacey Stevens, Keith Davis

RESOLUTION # APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of January 8, 2018 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Katherine Covell a SUNY Delhi student presented options for the Town of Walton to participate in social media through a Facebook page.

Ms. Covell explained the benefits would include; emergency alerts, announce road closures, job applications, crime prevention and tips, public service announcements.

The Board was in full agreement that they would not want to receive comments or respond to questions via the Facebook page.

Supervisor Gregory thanked Ms. Covell for her presentation and will get back to her. He also thanked her for recording the Towns minutes and announce that tonight will be her last as Luis Familia will be taking over.

FLOOR TIME:

Stacey Stevens approached the Board requesting the use of Veterans Plaza on June 9, 2018 to hold the 2nd. Annual Walton Wellness Day from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #37 USE OF FACILITIES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the request by Stacey Stevens for the use of Veterans Plaza on June 9, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Superintendent Geidel received clarification that the Town of Walton can not purchase a generator for the church. The Town can not lend or sell anything acquired from Federal Surplus for 18 months.

Reported that the Town of Walton has been notified that both the Pines Brook and Wakeman Brook stream stabilization proposals have been deemed “eligible” for grant money under the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP). Due to limited funding for the program, only one formal application may be submitted. It was decided to submit the application for the Pines Brook project.

Reported that he will soon be going out to bid for gravel, stone and pipe.

Reported that he is still waiting for the March 2017 declared event monies.

Superintendent Geidel provided the Board with a recap of material used for plowing this winter and stated it was within the same ballpark as last year. He added the fleet has held up nicely.

Supervisor Gregory thanked Superintendent Geidel and his employees for the long hours they have put in. He stated, while we are cleaning our driveways and walks, they are leaving this to their families or coming home from a long day to take care of their own.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Reported that after collecting \$2,937,832.57 of the total warrant, I am 72% collected.

Requested permission to attend the annual Town Clerk’s Association conference in Albany on April 22 – April 25, 2018.

RESOLUTION #38

ATTEND NYSTCA CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission for the Town Clerk to attend the annual NYSTCA Conference in Albany, NY on April 22 – April 25, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

I presented the necessary 2017 budget amendments to close out the 2017 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION #39

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt accepting the 2017 budget amendments as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Colchester

Budget Amendments December 2017			
General-A	Account	Increase	Decrease
Town Board, CE	1010.4	95	
Justices, CE	1110.4	2,215	
Supervisor	1220.4	680	
Assessor, PS	1355.4	6,760	
Town Clerk, CE	1410.4	1,080	
Attorney, CE	1420.4	47,910	
Buildings, PS	1620.1	5,260	
Buildings, CE	1620.4	4,175	
Unallocated Insurance	1910.4	2,270	
Garage	5132.4	40,600	
Celebrations	7550.4	95	
Home & Community Services	8989.4	154,089	
Judgement & Claims	1950.4		44,970
State Retirement	9010.8		11,412
Miscellaneous(reimbursement attorney)	3089		43,604
Grants	2706		165,148
		265,134	265,134
General-B	Account	Increase	Decrease
Planning, CE	8020.4	55	
Safety Inspection, CE	3620.4	535	
Zoning, CE	8010.4	950	
State Retirement	9010.8	18	
Social Security	9030.8	2	
Reggistrar of Vital Statistics, CE	4020.4		1,415
Safety Inspections, PS	3620.1		145
		1560	1560
Highway - DA	Account	Increase	Increase
Machinery, PS	5130.1	550	
Machinery, Equipt	5130.2	79,755	
Machinery, CE	5130.4	6,890	
Miscellaneous, CE	5140.4	76	
Smow Removal, CE	5142.4	37,020	
Fund Balance	909		124,291
		124,291	124,291

RESOLUTION #40

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to grant Supervisor Gregory permission to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Colchester for snow and ice removal of certain portions of Trout Brook Road and Wilson Hollow Road. All in agreement, motion carried.

**TOWN OF WALTON
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
129 NORTH ST.
WALTON, NY 13856**

TO: Town Board Members

FROM: Ronda Williams, Record Management Officer

DATE: February 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Obsolete Records

The following records have met the New York State Record Retention and Disposition Schedule and are no longer required to keep. Upon your approval these records will be disposed of properly.

**DOG IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL
RETENTION**

2014	Copy of original or renewal license	3
years		

FISCAL

Banking and Investment:

2011	Banking communications; bank statements	6
years	copy of checks, deposit books & slips, receipts	

Payroll:

2011	Employee time cards, sheets, request for time off,	6
years		

Purchasing:

2011	Invoices, abstracts,	6
years		

General Accounting and Miscellaneous:

2011	Accounting register, Cash transaction, Daily cash records	6
years		

GENERAL

2016	Correspondence including e-mails of no fiscal, legal or administrative value	o no
	longer need	

INSURANCE/SELF-INSURANCE

Insurance policy:		
2011	Insurance Policies	6
years		
Certificate of insurance:		
2011	Certificate of Insurance	6
years		

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Consumption and Dispensing Records:		
2011	Fuel Consumption Records	6
years		

TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment Roll/Tax Roll:		
2012	Tentative assessment roll	5
years		
2011	Tax collection records	6
years		

TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING

Highway, Engineering, and Public Works:		
2011	Truck Load Slips	6
years		

RESOLUTION #41	<u>2018 OBSOLETE RECORDS</u>
	Motion made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the disposal of the listed obsolete records. Roll call vote: Aye Councilman Armstrong, Aye Councilwoman Wood, Absent Councilman Govern, Aye Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, Aye Supervisor Gregory

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided Monthly reports to the Board.

Stephen L. Dutcher
Town of Walton Dog Control Officer
129 North St.
Walton, NY 13856
January 2018

Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints Received	6
Dogs Seized	1
Returned to Owner	1
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dog Cases	0
Tickets Issued	1
Total Redemption Fees	\$10.00
Vehicle Mileage	86

With addition of December’s past due licenses and progress made on past due list total is still 60 past due licenses.

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher, CFM

Monthly Summary Report
Month of January 2018

Building Permits Issued	1
Building Inspections Completed	2
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	0
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	3
Vehicle Mileage	227

Code Enforcement: Completed and submitted annual code report to NYS.

CRS: Annual recertification packet was submitted on 1/17/18. Confirmation of recertification was received on 1/25/18. Next steps are to determine if we have enough points to apply for a class modification and if so submit that request to FEMA.

Printed :

Town of Walton

January 01, 2018 January 31, 2018

<u>Document #</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Property Location</u> <u>SBL</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
January						
BP-2018-001	1/17/2018	Nate Picinich	Storage Shed	523 County Hwy 23 230.-1-19	\$7,000.00	\$57.60
16 x 24 one story storage shed						
January					Total :	
					\$7,000.00	\$57.60
Reporting Period Total:					\$7,000.00	\$57.60
Year-to-Date :					\$7,000.00	\$57.60

February 02, 2018

Town of Walton

Inspection Schedule

From January 01, 2018 to January 31, 2018
For Inspector : All

<u>Inspection Date/Time</u>	<u>Inspection Type</u>	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Identifier</u>	<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
01/17/2018 11:02 am	Site Inspection	Stephen L. Dutcher	523 County Hwy 23	230.-1-19	Storage Shed	BP-2018-001
01/17/2018 11:02 am	Plan Review	Stephen L. Dutcher	523 County Hwy 23	230.-1-19	Storage Shed	BP-2018-001

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher, CFM

2017 Annual Summary Report

Building Permits Issued	89 + 9 Renewals
Building Inspections Completed	239
Fire Inspections Completed	1
Notices of Violation Issued	3
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	54
Complaints Received	7
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	3
CO Searches	28
Vehicle Mileage	2471
Permit Revenue	\$8535.00
CO Search Revenue	\$ 800.00
Total	\$9,335.00
Permit Valuation	\$1,639,858.00

Code Enforcement

Codes: NYS completed its transition to the International Code Counsel's 2015 edition of codes which became effective in October 17. Most of the training I completed in the past year was related to this transition. It has been a challenge to educate many of the contractors on the changes in the code

Permits: The total number of permits for the year, 89, is about average as compared to the past decade or so. Renovation permits were the highest category and many of those were related to roof and deck/porch repair. Septic replacement was the next highest category at 18 permits. The remainder of the various permit types were in the single digits. Permits were issued for 3 new single-family dwellings.

Flood Plain Management

Data from the stream bank restoration project on East Brook just outside the Village line completed in 2013 was submitted to FEMA to request a map change. The project once completed and modeled showed that several properties and structures in the area were removed from the floodplain. A determination from FEMA is expected in 2018.

The Local Flood Analysis for the tributaries East Brook, West Brook and Third Brook was completed in 2017 and adopted by both the Town and Village in January 18. Now that the LFA is adopted it provides viable mitigation projects to pursue and provides an opportunity to access grant funding for those projects that otherwise would not have been available.

The stream gauge on East Brook has been reactivated and a stream gauge has been installed on West Brook adjacent to the swimming pool at Austin Lincoln Park. The Town, Village and Emergency Services now have three stream gauges they can utilize to help monitor the streams. Data from these gauges will aid in decision making during high water events and allow us to get people out of harms way in a timely manner.

The Town completed its first full year in CRS at a level 8 giving flood insurance policy holders a 10% discount on their insurance premium. Annual recertification was completed and submitted to FEMA for 2017. Confirmation of recertification was received on 1/25/17. Looking ahead the next step is to try for a class modification. The goal is to move the Town (and Village) from a class 8 to a class 7 which would result in a 15% discount for flood insurance policy holders.

A mitigation project on Lower Third Brook was submitted to CWC for funding and is expected to be approved in February. Moving forward I would like to identify other projects that meet the CWC grant program criteria and work with landowners to get applications in to CWC to try and move those projects ahead. Most of these would be in the form of elevating residential structures.

Discussion took place on the need for a projector screen and projector. Councilman Armstrong stated he would check on Federal Surplus. Councilwoman Wood suggested the possibility of a Smart Board versus a projector.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Town of Walton
Monthly Assessor's Report
January 2017

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Delaware County Assessors' Association in Delhi.
- Responded to numerous Property Assessment and School Tax Billing questions from parcel owners regarding their new reassessment roll valuation.
- Completed field inspections for several of the new buildings, property improvements and demolished buildings that have been reported by The Town of Walton Code Enforcement Officer.
- Completed field inspections on five parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of reassessment data or valuation.
- Completed land value calculations for a parcel which is to be divided into five parcels for family members who currently have five homes on the one common parcel.
- Completed two parcel merger valuation recalculations for combined parcels in Real Property Services Data System and completed postings for all outstanding RP-5217 Real Property Transfer Reports.
- Completing administrative work on the 2018 exemption renewal documentation for Star Enhanced, Forest 480A, and Agriculture Exemptions.
- Completed a Mobile Home assessment review for the 52 units in the Country Meadow Mobile Home Park with a local Realtor who had completed individual unit appraisals. Updated values will be posted for the 2018 Roll.

Fran Zujovic
Assessor
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856

JUSTICE REPORT:

Judge Paul Laauser approached the Board stating the Court will hold hours at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays instead of 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if that was going to be a conflict with the Town Clerk's office? Judge Laauser stated only one day would have an effect and that would be on the DA afternoon when there were more cases.

Councilwoman Wood asked why the hour change? Judge Laauser stated for the ADA and lawyer's conveniences, they do not like coming out at night.

Supervisor Gregory asked if I had concerns. I stated the traffic through my area, the lack of privacy and security were all concerns. I stated people coming to court see me first and do not know I am not the court clerk.

Discussion took place as ways to eliminate traffic through the Clerk's area. Councilman Armstrong stated at one time they discussed a door between the windows, but because of the stone header and footer, that was eliminated. Other suggestions were to hold court in the Board room and another was to hold court at the Village Hall.

Supervisor Gregory suggested people coming to court could enter through the Board room to eliminate traffic through the Clerk's area. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested the Clerk set up in the Board room on that day. Councilwoman Wood commented because the Clerk needs her computer and files.

Councilwoman Wood questioned when would the Court like to start this? Judge Laauser stated they will start March 1st. Councilwoman Wood asked how can they start if the Board has not had a chance to build or remodel? Supervisor Gregory stated short term, we will have the people enter through the Board room. Long term, we will look at structural changes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

APPOINTMENT:

Supervisor Gregory recommended the appointment of Matt King to Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the vacancy created by Donald O'Connell.

Supervisor Gregory provided his financial statements to the Board.

RESOLUTION#42

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to appoint Matt King to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 2/12/18 – 12/31/2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that the audit and examination of the town financial records has been completed. The Annual Financial Report has been filed with the State and the cash audit and examination of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Justice is complete and found to be satisfactory.

RESOLUTION #43

AUDIT PERFORMED OF CASH ACCOUNTS FOR TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR AND TOWN JUSTICE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt accepting the audit as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory reported that the recent title search for 273.8-2-21 and 273.6-1-12 resulted in a mapping correction that will place the two parcels back onto the original lot.

Reported that he has sent letters to Baxter International Inc. and Harbor Freight Tools seeking them to relocate or establish a facility here in Walton. He will keep the Board informed should he receive a response.

Presented a request from a Marvin Hollow resident that is asking the Town of Walton to request no hunting on a 56 acres property that is now a NYC Land Acquisition parcel. The Board was concerned that this request would affect the many other land acquisition parcels and decided to table the matter.

Supervisor Gregory presented a SEQR and the option of the Town of Walton or NYS to be the lead agency on the expansion of a stone quarry located on Murphy Hill Road.

RESOLUTION #44

DECLINE LEAD AGENCY

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt declining the Town of Walton to be named as Lead Agency for the expansion of a stone quarry on Murphy Hill Road. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory reported that he accompanied Bill Willis on a tour of Eklund Processing Plant and Eklund Machinery which brought about a discussion on an electronic sign. Mr. Willis quarried if a sign could be placed on Veterans Plaza. The Board was not open to this suggestion, stating cost, location, and lack of desire for the Town to conduct the advertising business.

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that the Watershed Agricultural Council has placed a conservation easement on 1031 acres on Dunk Hill Road owned by the Rasmussen family. He stated the taxes will be paid in share by NYC and the homeowner and restrictions are added to the property that the land can never be developed.

Supervisor Gregory provided a recap of his State of the Town Message.

Town of Walton
"State of the Town Message"

Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Township of Walton and January provides a good opportunity to review some of the highlights from 2017, where we are now, and what we can look forward to in the future.

To begin, the state of the town's fiscal affairs: The Town of Walton can continue to be proud of the fact that the town is debt free! Expenditures in our 2018 budget went down from 2017 by 2.67% (\$51,513) and our anticipated revenues went up slightly. As a result, we were able to reduce the "tax levy" (what we must raise from taxes) by 2.61% (\$33,307). Our overall budget for 2018 is \$1.27M. We worked really hard to bring down the tax levy this year, and will continue to strive to keep the levy as low as possible, but there are no guarantees that future levies won't have to increase... Finally, the state has a "Fiscal Stress Monitoring System" which tracks town, village, and school financial data and identifies those that are at risk. Once again, the Town of Walton has earned the state's very best rating of "No Designation."

The town faced several key challenges in 2017:

1. The Town's top-to-bottom "revaluation" of the over 3,500 properties in the township was completed in March and the results of this effort showed up in the September school tax bills. The goal of this endeavor was to ensure that everyone paid their fair share and we feel that goal was achieved. Some people saw their assessments go up while others saw them come down. A key factor in these ups and downs was the fact that the last time this was done was in 1971. Over the years buildings were constructed, structures were torn down, and additions were made, but not always captured in the town's records. We are now looking at ways we can maintain our 100% assessed values, which is what the state prefers, in hopes of avoiding such dramatic surprises in the future.
2. In 2015, the Kraft-Heinz Corporation (Breakstone's) challenged their property assessment. Due to the complexity of the case, the town hired a law firm specializing in assessment challenges. In August, we were notified that an agreement between the Town of Walton, the Walton Central School District, and Kraft General Foods, Inc., had been approved. Kraft had asked for a 90% reduction in their assessment (going from \$1.35M to \$135K). The Town reached an agreement with Kraft establishing a fair and reasonable valuation of the Kraft property. Kraft's 2015 tax assessment will remain at \$1.35M. The 2016 tax assessment and beyond will be reduced to \$906K, a \$444K reduction or roughly a 33% reduction in their assessment.
3. New York City (NYC) continues to buy up properties in the township. As of January 1, 2017, NYC had purchased 5,501 acres and projects to purchase an additional 6,250 acres by 2025. An analysis by the county planning department concluded that less than 6% of the remaining property in Walton is suitable for development. Based on these findings, the Town called on NYC to place a permanent moratorium on their land acquisition in the township and instead to use these funds for flood mitigation projects.

Some of the key accomplishments for the Town in 2017 include:

1. Probably our biggest success story for 2017 would be the flood gauges on East Brook and West Brook. Back in 2013 the United States Geological Survey (USGS) deactivated the stream gauge on East Brook. This flood gauge was directly upstream from the Townsend Elementary School in Walton and was critical in providing "real time" flood warning data to both the county emergency operations center (EOC) in Delhi, and the Town EOC at the Walton Fire Station. The Town was successful in getting USGS to not only reactivate the East Brook gauge but also establish a new gauge on West Brook, which passes the school bus garage and Walton's sole grocery store. Both gauges are now up and running and even better, New York City has agreed to pay 2/3 of the annual operations and maintenance costs.
2. Veterans' Plaza provides a perfect site for a wide range of community activities and, during the summer, it was the site of a farmers' market providing home-grown produce to the public. Many other community events took place on the plaza to include a car show, pet adoption event, a health fair, and the final destination of

Walton's annual Christmas parade. This was the first year that the Town's Christmas tree (graciously donated by anonymous donors) was lighted by Santa. In addition to the lovely spruce tree, numerous 4-H clubs decorated and placed smaller trees which Santa was miraculously able to light at the same time. The Christmas event was a tremendous success with a huge crowd to witness the festivities.

3. The Town has continued work on getting Verizon and Sprint antennas on the Town's cell phone tower. A contract was signed with Sprint for the placement of a test tower adjacent to the Town's existing tower to test the market demand for their services. Although the test tower has yet to be placed on site, beginning in September, the Town has been receiving a monthly check for \$500. A contract has also been signed with Verizon and plans made for their antenna to be mounted on the tower by the end of January. The enhanced cell phone coverage will be a boon to both town residents and folks passing through the area and hopefully will entice our visitors to spend more time here and ultimately move to Walton permanently.
4. Another victory for Walton has been the expansion of broadband service to some of our rural areas. Delhi Telephone, under the auspices of phase 3 of the Delaware County Broadband Initiative (DCBI) is bringing fiber optics down Dunk Hill Road to East Brook Road and from there to the village line. The company will install their fiber optics along County Route 21 to the Franklin town line. It will also extend it along Upper Loomis Brook Road, Teed Road, and parts of Abe Boice Road. Overall, the initiative will bring service to 350 unserved homes in Walton. Delhi Telephone has applied, under phase 4, to extend broadband service to even more unserved and underserved areas in Walton and is currently waiting for the results of their application.
5. The Walton Flood Commission was extremely active in 2017, making slow, but steady progress towards completing the Water Street project. This project (to be paid for by NYC) will remove an estimated 42,000 cubic yards of material deposited on the flood plain over the years. When the project is completed, the area will provide significant flood relief to the community.
6. Another flood mitigation project is the relocation of Breakey Motors from its current location to the other end of Delaware Street. The current structures located at 87/93 Delaware Street will be taken down, the soil and the old cars buried on site will be removed, and the property will be lowered to flood plain level, thus eliminating a bottleneck in the river and reducing flooding on Delaware Street and the surrounding neighborhoods. When the reclamation project is done, this land will become Town property.
7. One should never overlook the work of the Town's highway department. With nearly 100 miles of paved and dirt roads to maintain, the crew has kept extremely busy, not only with plowing and sanding in the winter months, but also over the summer as they sealed in excess of 20 miles of pavement, thus extending the life of the roads and saving money. While most of us are home in bed, our team of dedicated drivers and wingmen are out clearing the roads so they are safe for us to drive on when we need to be out and about.
8. Our Highway Superintendent, Walt Geidel, continues to garner huge savings for the town through diligently seeking government surplus equipment. (For instance, the town paid about
9. \$700 for a 2007 pickup truck which would normally have sold for approximately \$9,000!)
10. Once again, Town Clerk Ronda Williams secured a \$50,000 state grant from Senator Bonacic's office (**Thank You Senator!**) for Town projects. This year we replaced the roof on our town sheds and purchased additional land maintenance equipment. Ronda and her deputies, Gladys and Sharon, are unsung heroes. Unlike many Town Clerk offices throughout the state, Walton's Town Clerk office is open 8-4, 5 days a week!

11. The Town Flood Plain Manager, Steve Dutcher, continues to strive to lower both the Town's and Village's Community Rating System score. Currently at Class 8 rating (which qualifies Walton residents for a 10% discount on their flood insurance), Steve is working to improve that score and garner even greater savings for the community.
12. An unsung hero in the revaluation initiative mentioned earlier has been our Town Assessor, Fran Zujovic. His keen attention to detail and dedication to the community have been proven time and again, whether it is helping a senior citizen fill out the paperwork for an exemption they didn't know they qualified for, or visiting remote building site to ensure the property assessment is fair and accurate, Fran's selfless dedication to Walton is a blessing to us all.
13. Finally, not everyone is able to attend the Town Board meetings. For those who can't, there is always the option of watching them on line at (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7SDZXi6t4P1lgSF7q55Q2Q>).

So, what can we look forward to in 2018?

1. We continue to work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan which provides a roadmap for where we see the Township heading in the future and the steps necessary to achieve that vision. A parks, recreation, and open space survey was sent out to the public, the results of which will provide a key ingredient in refining the plan. We look forward to a public hearing on the plan this spring.
2. In July the county planning department hosted a series of workshops designed to seek public input on the use of the riverside property upon completion of the Water Street project, along with the overall revitalization of Walton. Although most of the initiatives put forth in the workshops fall under the purview of the Village of Walton, three properties: (a) Veterans' Plaza; b) the strip of land along the river starting from Bridge Street to the Town's cell phone tower; and c) upon completion of the pending flood mitigation project, the "Breakey Motors" property at 87/93 Delaware Street are or will become Town property). At the October 2, 2017, Town Board meeting, the Town Council voted to prioritize the Town initiatives as follows:
 - a. River Edge Trail Development
 - b. Enhancement of Veterans' Plaza
 - c. Post-Reclamation Development of 87/93 Delaware Street

The Town is already looking into garnering grant money to put towards its top priority, the river edge trail.

3. The lack of on street parking on Delaware Street was a frequently cited deficiency at the July workshops. Also noted was the lack of crosswalks at key pedestrian intersections. The Town petitioned NYS/DOT to address these issues and DOT officials recently met with the Supervisor and Mayor to discuss a way ahead. The meeting was positive and DOT agreed to study the matter and get back to the community.
4. Two key products produced by the Walton Flood Commission were the West Branch Delaware River Local Flood Analysis (LFA) and the East Brook, West Brook, and Third Brook LFA. One of the important findings for the Third Brook portion of the Tributaries LFA was the Delaware Street bridge which is frequently blocked due to its size and right-angle turn. The Town is spearheading an effort to get NYS/DOT to accelerate the replacement of this bridge from its currently scheduled start in 2022.
5. Planning continues on the relocation of the Delaware County Mental Health Clinic which is currently spread out over three locations: 18 employees work at the Adult Care Center adjacent to Delaware Valley Hospital, 10 employees work at the Family and Children's Services Center on the corner of East and Sheppard Streets, and 12 employees work at the Substance Abuse Center located in rented space at the Delaware Opportunities complex in Hamden. The county is looking to consolidate these activities in a new facility. Although the final location of this new facility has yet to be determined, the Delhi site was deemed inadequate, leaving the two remaining sites in Walton. Hopefully, construction will begin in 2019.

Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge the Town Council members, the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Board of Assessment Review, Town Attorney, Dog Catcher, Code Enforcement Officer, and our Town Judges and Court Clerk for all their behind the scenes work that contribute so greatly to the smooth operation of our town. We are truly blessed to have such a competent and dedicated cadre of community servants.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles F. Gregory
Walton Town Supervisor

Supervisor Gregory reported that Verizon raised their antenna today and hopefully service will be up and running by the end of the month.

Supervisor Gregory offered Veterans Plaza to the Chamber of Commerce to hold their Music in the Park events. President Maureen Wacha declined the offer stating many event attendees felt Bassett Park was a safer environment for children and provided shade on the hot summer nights.

Supervisor Gregory stated he was still waiting to hear where the DPW Facility will go and anticipated this information would be available at the next meeting.

Reported that appraisals of the town properties for the potential Mental Health Facility would be conducted. The committee is still waiting for the results of the soil analysis and then there would be a Public Informational meeting as well as a traffic study.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #45

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood approving the vouchers as presented for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund A	#16-44 -	\$49,402.72
General OV B	#3-4	\$ 621.60
General Hwy DA	#10-22	\$33,620.58
OV Hwy DB	#1-2	\$ 594.99

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #46

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee contract for Court Clerk All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 7:51 p.m.

As a result of executive session, it was agreed that the Court Clerk will hold set office hours on Tuesdays 12:00 -3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 – end of court session.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk