

TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2018
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Stephen Dutcher, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Keath Davis, Mark Lindsay

RESOLUTION #105 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong approving the minutes of September 10, 2018 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Resident Mark Lindsay approached the Board to inform them of a gravel accumulation in the stream that runs along Marvin Hollow Road and continues under Route 10 toward his property. Mr. Lindsay stated he fears if the gravel continues to build up, it will flood his property that houses occupied trailers. Mr. Lindsay stated, "It wreaks havoc every time it rains."

Flood Plain Manager Dutcher stated he would look into it and see if Soil and Water have any projects in the future for that area. He stated currently, we can not get into the stream until June, so we have a little time to come up with a solution.

Supervisor Cetta questioned if the water is flooding the trailers now? Mr. Lindsay stated no, it is just below them but expects it to with more gravel accumulations.

Superintendent Geidel stated the property owner could seek a permit to work in the stream but it would also be the financial responsibility of the property owner.

CEO REPORT:

Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher stated the Water Street project is scheduled to start next week or the following week. They are signing the contract with the contractor tomorrow.

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

Monthly Summary Report
Month of September 2018

Building Permits Issued	8 + 1 Renewal
Building Inspections Completed	21
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	0
Complaints Received	1
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	0
Vehicle Mileage	672

Completed 24 hrs. of code training in Cazenovia Sept 11-13, 2018

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the Stormwater Grant is progressing. They are starting the modeling stage.

Supervisor Cetta questioned if the town had many sluices smaller than 4'? Superintendent Geidel reported yes.

Reported that he is still waiting to meet with the forester about logging on the town's property.

Reported that he will be placing the annual ad for the posting of seasonal roads. He requested that Kellogg Road from the Tracy Kellogg residents to the end of that road, approximately 3/10 of a mile be posted as a seasonal road as well.

RESOLUTION#106

KELLOGG ROAD DECLARED A SEASONAL ROAD

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to declare Kellogg Road from the Tracy Kellogg residents to the upper end of Kellogg Road, approximately 3/10 of a mile to be posted as a seasonal road. All in favor, motion carried.

Requested permission to appoint annual wingmen to include Richard Doig, Stephen Dutcher, Mike Harrington Sr., Jerry Phoenix, David Barringer and Butch Taylor.

RESOLUTION #107

APPOINT ANNUAL WINGMEN

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to appoint Richard Doig, Stephen Dutcher, Mike Harrington Sr., Jerry Phoenix, David Barringer and Butch Taylor as wingmen when needed. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

We do not have bank statements yet, so I will forward my financial reports as soon as we do

I presented the 2019 Tentative Budget to the Board for their review. There is a conflict with the original budget workshop date of October 15th, so we will move the budget workshop meeting to October 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be one more free rabies clinic on October 17, 2018 at the Delhi Fire Hall from 6-8 p.m.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta stated he asked Fran with keeping the assessment at 100%. He stated Fran is currently working on a proposal as to how he will try and obtain that goal.

Reported that he has completed all his required training and has two certifications that he will need to take in the future but unfortunately, they are not offered in a close proximity so he may push that training out until the next offered course in this area.

Town of Walton
Monthly Assessor’s Report
September 2018

- Spent one day in the Delhi Office of Real Property Tax Services meeting with Office Staff regarding Roll issues.
- Completed field inspections for several of the new buildings and property improvements that have been reported by The Town of Walton Code Enforcement Officer.
- Began field visits with the Code Enforcement Officer documenting properties that are in significant disrepair and those having pending code issues that could impact 2019 roll assessments.
- Responded to Property Assessment and School Tax Billing questions from parcel owners regarding changes in their 2018 roll valuation.
- Completed field inspections on parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of reassessment data or valuation. Several commercial rental parcels and residential parcels were inspected and current data gathered for

assessment updates.

- Mailed numerous tax exemption change notices for property ownership changes that were updated.
- The new Enhanced STAR IVP (Income Verification Program) data system became available for editing for 2019. I Reviewed STAR Exemption administration changes with the Delhi Office of Real Property Tax Services Staff and began file maintenance.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that he and Walt Geidel will sit down and complete the NYMIR request. Discussion took place of having an Automatic Fire Suppression System. Superintendent Geidel said he will look into pricing.

Reported that a letter received from the NYSDOT has indicated that no action will be taken with the current traffic pattern at Bridge Street and Stockton Avenue.

Reported that there will be a rate increase with Spectrum that residents will notice starting November 1, 2018.

Reported that he has reviewed the applications for Dog Control Officer and would like to appoint Martin (Rusty) Way. Supervisor Cetta explained that Mr. Way and previous DCO Dutcher met so DCO Dutcher could provide a job description in more detail.

RESOLUTION #108

APPOINT DOG CONTROL OFFICER

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern to appoint Martin (Rusty) Way as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board that Delaware County Treasurer informed him that the County would not be able to accommodate the Boards decision to accept partial tax payments from our tax payers. The Treasurer pointed out that written approval of the Chief Executive Officer of the County or the Directory of Real Property must first be obtained.

Attorney Walas referring to Real Property Law Section 928-a (e) stated that if taxes of a city, town, village or school district are not collected by an county official, but its tax bills are prepared by the county, or its tax collection accounting software is provided by the county, then before the city, town, village or school district may implement a partial payment program pursuant to this section, it must obtain written approval of the chief executive officer of the county or the county director of real property tax services.

Attorney Walas did not read the law to state the printing of tax bills as preparing the bills.

Supervisor Cetta will follow up with the County.

COUNTY UPDATE:

Supervisor Cetta provided a follow up concerning the one town that did not provide their tax data informed to the County in a timely manner. The County Board of Supervisors acted and implemented a fine of \$1000.00/day on the town that the data is late.

Reported the DPW committee met again and review another 4 or 5 properties with smaller footprints, but the property he suggested for the DPW facility has not been taken off the table yet and will continue to advocate for it.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

I questioned the facilities committee as to when the More Park signs will be placed. With the problems the Fair Board had in their parking lot, I think it would be best to get the signs posted as soon as possible.

Superintendent Geidel stated there are ruts in the field right now.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #109

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#198-241	\$10,409.20
General OV Fund B	#	\$
General Hwy DA	#100-107	\$4,480.42
OV Hwy DB	#39-44	\$66,268.90

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #110

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of Negotiations. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Wood arrived at 7:20 p.m.

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

Out 9:40 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk