

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tara Vitti, Duane Hansen, Bruce Dolph and Lillian Browne – The Reporter,

**RESOLUTION #80                      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of May 13 & May 21, 2019 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

**Monthly Summary Report**  
Month of May 2019

Building Permits Issued	4
Building Inspections Completed	13
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	5
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	0
Complaints Received	5
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	3

Councilman Govern questioned if the Hemp Farmer was cooperating with the required building permits? CEO Dutcher stated yes.

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.  
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton  
129 North Street Walton, New York 13856  
May 2019  
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	9	
Dogs Seized	7	
Returned to Owner	4	
Humane Society	3	
Dangerous Dogs	2	
Tickets Issued	4	
Total Redemption Fees	\$ 20.00	
Help Requested	2	Sherriff's Office
Mileage	270	Miles

ASSESSOR REPORT:

**Town of Walton**  
**Monthly Assessor's Report**  
**May 2019**

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Delaware County Assessors' Association in Delhi. Met with the Staff at the Delhi Office of Real Property Tax Services regarding Roll issues.
- The 2019 Tentative Roll was prepared and available to be examined by interested parties with the Assessor in attendance on the following days:

Tuesday, May 7	1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 8	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 11	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Monday, May 13	4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
- The Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 between 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the Walton Town Hall. The Grievance Meeting went very well with 5 property owners attending, representing 6 parcels.
- Assessor provided The Board of Assessment Review Members with file data for the properties that were presented at Grievance day.
- Final work was completed for the STAR Enhanced Income Verification Program (IVP). Exceptions in data entry for forms sent to the New York State Department of Tax and Finance for posting were addressed.
- Completed several field inspections on parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of their assessment data or valuation. Several commercial rental parcels and residential parcels were inspected and current data gathered for assessment updates.

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that CWC will not fund the storm water data obtained from C&S Engineers claiming that the proper information was not received. Superintendent Geidel will follow up with C&S asking for additional information. The check for C&S services will be held until this is worked out.

Reported that C&S would like to look into storm swirl and catch basins. Supervisor Cetta and the Highway Committee were in agreement to pursue.

Reported that he has requested a 1985 Chevy pickup from Federal Surplus in the amount of \$800.00.

Reported that Marvin Hollow has sustained damage along shoulders and culverts due to the heavy rain. Repairs will take place.

Reported that he has met with FEMA and all necessary documents have been filed and sent to Virginia for processing for FEMA DR-4397 project.

Reported that he anticipates a decrease in CHIPS money next year and would like guidance if he should stay with the current maintenance plan or adjust accordingly so that there is less of an impact to the tax payers over time? It was suggested that he and the Highway Committee gather information and decide the number of years rotation plan to follow.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Provided the Board with an application for the use of Veterans Plaza from the Walton Chamber of Commerce.

**RESOLUTION #81                      USE OF FACILITY**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission for use of Veterans Plaza on September 14, 2019 by the Walton Chamber of Commerce for a vendor & live music event. All in favor, motion carried.

Provided the annual Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution.

**RESOLUTION #82                      STANDARD WORK DAY REPORTING RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the 2019 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that on May 22, 2019 the Town of Walton’s Dog Control Officer was asked to assist the Town of Tompkins with a dangerous dog issue. The Town of Tompkins is asking for the amount owed for this assistance. Should the Walton Town Board wish to invoice, the Tompkins Town Judge will make this payment of restitution from the dog owner. I provided the Board with a breakdown in mileage and hourly rate.

**RESOLUTION #83**

**INVOICE TOWN OF TOMPKINS**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the submission of an invoice in the amount of \$161.97 to the Town of Tompkins for services the Town of Walton's Dog Control Officers supplied. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the past due dog list is currently at 20, down from 78 just a few months ago.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**RESIGNATION:**

**RESOLUTION #84**

**HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern accepting the resignation of Highway Employee Jason Phoenix effective May 24, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

The Host Community Benefit (HCB) Committee meeting was held on June 4, 2019 for initial discussion with the Village, School, Town and Fire Departments.

Reported that the demo of Breakey Motors building will take place after the Fair. Councilwoman Wood questioned the ownership of the unmaintained property next to the new Breakey Motors location? It was decided that this property is still owned by Tim Robinson.

Reported that the \$1.8 million-dollar South Street stabilization project will start at the end of this month.

Reported that the Water Street project is near completion.

Reported that he has met with the Delaware County Planning Department and the Mayor to jointly apply for a State Water Front Revitalization Grant, naming the Village of Walton as led agency. This grant will carry out the original plan that was previously completed by Place Alliance derived from the community input meetings held in 2017.

Tara Vitti commented that she as the Walton Chamber of Commerce would like to be involved and included in the next meeting.

Councilwoman Wood stated how packed Ice House turn was this past weekend and that it was nice to see so many people accessing the boat launch and enjoying river. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt stated we need a local transport business and a parking area.

Supervisor Cetta stated, "Kudos to all that developed this concept plan". He also pointed out that Town Clerk Ronda Williams suggested that the walking trail be ADA compliant and be made from a material that will accommodate those in a wheelchair. He stated that the

desire of the walking trail is to be family oriented and made to draw people from other areas.

COUNTY:

Reported that the Public Defender position has been filled by Attorney Joseph Ermeti.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood stated she had attended the Opportunity Zone meeting held by the IDA and the Delaware County Chamber. Tara Vitti of the Walton Chamber of Commerce expressed the importance of revitalize old buildings to allow new business to come in. Discussion took place about the different uses of the old bowling alley as well as the cost associated with flood proofing it. It was decided that this was a discussion that was best held at a Village of Walton meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #85**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General Fund A	#94-117	-	\$10,133.33
General OV B	#7-8		\$ 235.10
General Hwy DA	#69-75		\$ 3,327.34
General OV Hwy DB	#16-19		\$ 8,815.97

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #86**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to enter into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations, all in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:15 p.m.

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

Out 8:00 p.m.

As a result of executive session, the board was in agreement to advertise for a vacant position in the highway department.

**RESOLUTION #87**

**HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE ADVERTISEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission for the Highway Superintendent to advertise for the vacant position of a highway position. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk