

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 8, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt (arrived at 6:35), Patty Wood, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Supt. Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Leonard Govern

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Dolph, Robert Wilkie, Ted Hayek, and Lillian Browne – The Reporter,

**RESOLUTION #88                      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of June 10, 2019 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Resident Bruce Dolph questioned the progress of Lower Third Brook. Supervisor Cetta explained that the Town and Village are working on a design and funding.

Mr. Dolph questioned why the Town has not applied for funding through the CWC? Supervisor Cetta stated the Village will be the lead agency and upon the approval of a design in connection with the State DOT, they will proceed with funding.

Resident Ted Hayek reminded the Board about the upcoming Walton Art Walk on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

**Monthly Summary Report**  
Month of June 2019

Building Permits Issued	6
Building Inspections Completed	27
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	4
Complaints Received	2
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	2

Reported that he has placed a mailbox at the Ice House Turn Boat Launch to obtain usage numbers. Reporting that 98 people and 77 boats used the boat launch on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Supervisor Cetta commented that the Water Street Launch will be totally ADA Compliant.

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

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

Complaints	8	
Dogs Seized	0	
Returned to Owner	0	
Humane Society	0	
Dangerous Dogs	0	
Tickets Issued	0	
Total Redemption Fees	0	
Help Requested	0	Sherriff's Office
Mileage	15	Miles

ASSESSOR REPORT:

NONE

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the Flood Commission Committee will not be meeting in the month of July.

Reported that the FEMA Declared Event #4397 has been completed and waiting for payment of over \$100,000.

Reported that the Highway Committee have reviewed the applications and will hold interviews on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Reported that the EWR money has been reinstated and the Town of Walton can expect \$42,861.16.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Due to the holiday, the financial reports will be forward to you upon completion.

Provided the Board with an application for the use of Veterans Plaza from the Walton Lions Club.

**RESOLUTION #89**

**USE OF FACILITY**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission for use of Veterans Plaza on August 10, 2019 by the Walton Lions Club for a car cruise and vendor show. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that I have received the annual Agreement with the Humane Society of Central Delaware County and the Dog Control Officer for the June 2019- June 2020.

**RESOLUTION #90**

**HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approve the annual agreement for shelter services with the Humane Society of Central Delaware County from June 2019 – June 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a renewal for Gas and Electric Supply Agreement has been received. Although the current agreement does not expire until April 2020, it was suggested locking into the rates, as they are lower than the current lock in rate.

**RESOLUTION #91**

**GAS AND ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Cetta to sign the Gas and Electric Supply Agreement to start on May 2020. Vote: Yea, Armstrong, Rodriguez-Betancourt, Cetta. No – Wood. Motion Carried.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION #92**  
**COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Community of Walton has identified a need for the development of a park, boat ramp, and recreation trail project within the Village of Walton; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Walton and the Town of Walton have agreed to work together to create a community waterfront park on properties owned by both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village has contracted with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District to complete a flood plain reclamation project which has created a large open space between the Village Center and the West Branch of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Walton and Town of Walton have worked together to complete a flood mitigation master plan which resulted in a conceptual development plan for the creation of outdoor recreation parks within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has identified an appropriate funding opportunity and intends to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the project will create a more enjoyable, sustainable, and walkable community and result in a safer and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, the project will require grant funding in order to bring the project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, applications are being accepted by way of the Consolidated Funding Application for requests under the Environmental Protection Fund through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of these programs, said municipality must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Walton does hereby approve and endorse the submission of applications for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park, boat ramp, and recreation trail, and associated amenities within the Village of Walton, Delaware County, New York.

**RESOLUTION #92**

**COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approve a Consolidated Funding Application grant under the Environmental Protection Fund with the Village of Walton for a park, boat ramp, and recreation trail. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #93**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Cetta to send a letter of support to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on behalf of the Village of Walton’s application for funding under the 2019 Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta reported that he will meet with Dan Watson on July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the solar farm pilot.

Councilwoman Wood suggested that the Town of Walton pursue the Opportunity Zone. The Town and Village have been declared an Opportunity Zone by the State as a result of our poverty level. After a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Cetta suggested Councilwoman Wood meet with realtors and report back to the Board.

**COUNTY:**

Senior Fun Day, 21 August 2019 at Camp Shankitunk

Drivers needed for transporting Seniors to Doctors Appointments, contact OFA at 832-5750. Mileage will be paid.

Delaware Opportunities monthly food distribution – Call 832-5750 for details

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilwoman Wood reported that she had attended an Upland Center Open House located on Dunk Hill Road, stating it is a very peaceful place. The centers offerings will include respite for school districts, first responders and fire departments.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #94**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General Fund A	#118-139	\$7,829.78
General OV B	#9-10	\$ 75.20
General Hwy DA	#76-83	\$ 7,742.01
General OV Hwy DB	#20-23	\$ 246,347.17

Reported that the next meeting will be held on August 5, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #95**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of possible hiring of a particular person, all in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:50 p.m.

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

Out 8:45 p.m.

As a result of executive session, the board was in agreement to hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk