

TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Supt., Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Walt Geidel

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Browne – The Reporter, David O. Simmons, Lewis C. Jones

Supervisor Cetta introduced the Town of Walton’s new Assessor to the Board. Penny Haddad comes with many years of assessor experience and will become an intricate part of our team.

FLOOR TIME:

Supervisor Cetta introduced David Simmons and Lewis Jones to the Board. Mr. Simmons approached the Board to provide information and the status of Walton’s EMT services. Mr. Simmons stated that they have decided to form a committee to establish the needs as well as looking for options of future EMT service.

Mr. Simmons stated that due to the declining membership, the department along with others across the State have been challenged with establishing crews to help answer the 800 EMS calls a year.

He reminded everyone that the days of your employer allowing you to leave to respond to a fire or ems call are long gone. This has placed a huge burden on a few that are either retired or self-employed.

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Jones both stated that although they do not have the desire to move to a commercial service, it may become necessary to have a paid crew available 24/7. Councilman Armstrong questioned what the size of this crew would look like. Mr. Simmons stated one EMT and one Driver.

Supervisor Cetta reminded everyone that this committee is still in the infancy stage and will need more time to develop a concept as to what model will best meet the departments needs and the needs of our community.

Mr. Simmons stated communication between the department, village and town will continue and they will be back to keep everyone informed.

**RESOLUTION #99**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of July 11, 2019 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

**Monthly Summary Report**  
Month of July 2019

Building Permits Issued	16
Building Inspections Completed	41
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	2
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	2

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

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

Complaints	2	
Dogs Seized	0	
Returned to Owner	0	
Humane Society	0	
Dangerous Dogs	0	
Tickets Issued	2	
Total Redemption Fees	0	
Help Requested	1	911 Operator
Mileage	15 Miles	

ASSESSOR REPORT:

NONE

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

In the absence of Superintendent Geidel, Councilman Armstrong informed the Board that Superintendent Geidel has a meeting scheduled with FEMA on August 17, 2019.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Financial Reports Provided

I have received word from the Chairman of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors that they are working on establishing the ability to accept partial tax payments and stated they will be ready by January 1, 2020.

The Delaware Valley Agricultural Society has once again requested to hold their annual firework display. I have the application and insurance documents on file and will supply one to the Code Enforcement Officer.

**RESOLUTION #100**

**FIREWORK DISPLAY REQUEST**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood granting permission for the Delaware Valley Agricultural Society to hold their annual firework display on August 17, 2019 on Murphy Hill Road. All in favor, motion carried.

I received two quotes for a new postage machine. Our current machine is 10 years old and the sensors are starting to show their age. The machine that I received quotes on is more geared for automated feed that would include sealing the envelopes. Currently, we have to seal and hand feed each envelope. To purchase the machine, it would be \$4,722.46 or to lease would be \$185.53 for 60 months. I would recommend purchase as it will be much less than the lease. We would still be required to pay the meter rental each month either way. I will contact Pitney Bowes to see about a two-year repayment plan.

**RESOLUTION #101**

**PURCHASE POSTAGE MACHINE**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to grant permission to purchase a new postage machine for the Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

I submitted the annual report to NYCDEP for the Good Neighbor Account, the balance is \$17,942.33.

I informed the Board about the Catskills Local Government Day to be held on October 18, 2019 at the Catskill Mountain Foundation in Hunter.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta brought the mural located on Breakey Liquor Stores building to the Boards attention. He stated that Greg and Pam Graupman’s 4-H group is responsible for this amazing improvement to our community.

Reported that he will be holding another meeting with Lodestar Energy to discuss negotiations for a pilot agreement and thanked myself for the research I had provided on pilot agreements across the State.

Discussion took place concerning Complete Streets. The Board was in agreement that they did not have an interest at this time to have the Town of Walton a Complete Streets designation.

Supervisor Cetta provided information that NYSEG has requested a rate increase. Should this request be awarded, it would result in a 13.5% increase to your current electric bill and a 0.9% to your natural gas bill. He encourages everyone to go to the website and share your comments and concerns.

COUNTY:

He provided the Board with building and floor plans on the Behavior Health building to share with the public.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood informed the Board that she is working with the Walton Chamber of Commerce to distribute information on the Opportunity Zone at the Fair.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #102**

**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	#140-156	\$9,229.39
General OV B	#11-13	\$1,246.32
General Hwy DA	#84-91	\$2,725.06
General OV Hwy DB	#24-27	\$4,462.78

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #103**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Entered 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 7:20 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk