

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 7, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood,  
Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Supt. Of Highway Walt Geidel, and  
Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Attorney Carly Walas

OTHERS PRESENT: Pastor Robert Wilkie

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

**RESOLUTION #114      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of September 9, 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 September 2019

Building Permits Issued	4
Building Inspections Completed	13
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	1
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	4

Reported that there are low number of building permits.

Reported that he is waiting for information from the State to see how many credits hours are due.

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.  
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton  
129 North Street Walton,  
New York 13856  
August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 2019  
Dog Control Activity Summary  
Added October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Complaints	5
Dogs Seized	1
Returned to Owner	1
Humane Society	1
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	0
Total Redemption Fees	0
Help Requested	0
Mileage	29 Miles

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Penny Haddad, Assessor  
October 2019  
Walton Town Board Report

- Assessors’ Office Hours for the Public to begin October 1: Wednesday 8-12 and Friday 8-12
- Hearing of Complaints (Attached: Real Property Tax Law Section 512 paragraph 1a.)
- Researched the process for parcel combinations from Tax Mapping in Delhi in response to a request from a property owner. Results as follows: There is a parcel combination request form available there and in the Assessor’s Office to complete and file with Tax Mapping downstairs in the County Office Building in Delhi. It is also requested the owner obtain an affidavit of approval regarding the parcel merge from the planning board to submit to Tax Mapping with the request to combine form.
- Field review of properties with Code Officer Dutcher on County Rd 21, 22, and 23, Crawford Rd., Dunk Hill, and more.
- Made address, property location, exemption and assessment changes to the 2020 property records file.
- Answered questions from property owners via phone and email regarding tax maps, assessments, property subdivisions, and exemptions.

- Reviewing and sorting through paper and computer files to enhance records management.
- Reviewing prior and current files of Village and Town Building Permits.
- Reviewed properties on South River Rd., East River Rd., Bob’s Brook Rd. Walton Mountain Rd., Valley View Rd., Maple Top Rd., part of Dryden Rd., Pines Brook Rd., Iroquois Trail, Mohawk Trail, Seneca Trail, and Cayuga Trail.
- Have two requests for property inspections from people seeking lower assessments.
- There was a house dual-assessed here and in Hamden since 2017. The house is actually in Hamden and was already on their roll since 2007. I adjusted our assessment to vacant land value and filed the corrections paperwork with the property owner and the County Office of Real Property Tax Services.
- Requested policy from County Tax Mapping regarding copyright infringement issues to determine the extent to which, if any, copies of the tax maps may be given to those who request them. Results as follows: The Assessor may print out a small area of a map. For an entire map make a request to Delaware County Tax Mapping or stop in their office in the County Office Building in Delhi. There is a charge of \$5.00 for the whole map. NOTE: The tax maps are not legal documents. Only a deed description along with a survey may prove boundaries.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that there are 14 total projects listed for FEMA but only 1 has been obligated at this time.

Reported that he is still moving forward with the Woodlawn project and has an estimated start date of October 24, 2019.

Superintendent Geidel requested permission to appoint seasonal wingmen.

**RESOLUTION #115**

**APPOINT WINGMEN**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting approval for Superintendent Geidel to hire the following seasonal employees as wingmen: Richard Doig, Steve Condon, Mike Harrington Sr., Steve Dutcher and Tom Donavan. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that it is that time of year again to post seasonal roads and to advertise a legal notice.

Superintendent Geidel provided the 2019 Inventory Report to the Board.

Superintendent Geidel informed the Board that following a discussion with the Highway Committee upon a request for a horse sign to be placed on a town road, a decision was made to decline this request.

Reported that the Highway Department had received a thank you note from the Cemetery Committee for helping with work performed in the cemetery.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Financial Reports Provided

I reported that we have received written permission from the Delaware County Chairman Tina Mole’ to collect partial tax payments. I thanked the Board for allowing me to be the pilot for partial tax payments; I do believe this will benefit many of our tax payers, those just starting out and those on fixed incomes.

I provided the Board with the Tentative Budget. It was agreed upon last month to hold a Special Meeting on October 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to review the tentative budget.

**RESOLUTION #116**

**USE OF FACILITIES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by Wood to approve the Saint John the Baptist Church use of facilities for October 19, 2019 at Veterans Plaza for a Prayer Rosary Rally. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #117**

**USE OF FACILITIES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood seconded by Armstrong to approve Cecil Davis use of facilities for October 15, 2019 and November 12, 2019 at the Town Hall for the purpose of Medicare Services. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #118**

**PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF RECORDS**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to dispose 2006-2013 Tax Assessment records that have met the Records Retention Schedule and will be disposed of properly.  
Roll Call Vote: Aye Armstrong, Govern, Wood and Cetta.  
Absent: Rodriguez-Betancourt.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

**RESOLUTION #119**

**SECURITY CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT FOR USE WITH COLLATERAL POOL**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern granting Supervisor Cetta and Deputy Supervisor Armstrong to enter into an agreement with Wayne Bank for the purpose of a security custodial collateral pool. All in favor, motion carried.

**TOWN OF WALTON  
RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Walton has entered into a project for the codification of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions of the Town of Walton for the purposes of increasing the effectiveness of town governmental administration, providing for greater public awareness of and access to town legislation and protecting the health, safety and welfare of town inhabitants; and

WHEREAS the proposed codification has been published in loose-leaf form and the Town Board now desires to formally effect the adoption of said codification by enactment of a local law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Town Board with respect to enactment of the following local law, such public hearing to be held on the 4 day of November, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, Town of Walton, New York. The proposed local law to be considered is as follows:

**LOCAL LAW NO.3 2019**

A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WALTON INTO A MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE DESIGNATED THE “CODE OF THE TOWN OF WALTON”

Copies of the text of the above-named local law shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to cause public notice of said hearing to be given in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Open Meetings Law and §§ 264 and 265 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

**VOTE OF TOWN BOARD**

AYE: Armstrong, Govern, Wood and Cetta  
NO:  
ABSENT: Rodriguez-Betancourt

Reported that Assemblyman Clifford Crouch’s office called and informed the Town that the \$30,000 that was previously awarded will now be increased to \$50,000. This will certainly help to repair the roof.

Reported that Tweedie Construction has been awarded the bid to demolish the Breakey Motors building in the amount of \$189,000. This project should be completed by the end of November.

**COUNTY:**

Reported that the Clean Sweep Program has been scheduled for October 26, 2019 with registration starting on October 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 18, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Reported that the Chamber will be holding a Leaf Peaking and Antiquing day this weekend.

Discussion took place about the opportunities for Water Street.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #121**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General Fund A	#179-192	\$13,371.85
General OV B	#16	\$1,933.00
General Hwy DA	#103-114	\$73,353.74
General OV Hwy DB	#35-39	\$41,266.59

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #122**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Govern, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of a matter relating to a particular employee, all in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:15p.m.

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

Out 7:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk