

TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Browne – The Reporter

Due to the COVID 19 virus, the Town of Walton under Executive Order 202.1 did not hold a meeting that allowed the general public to attend an in-person meeting. The Board held their meeting via Zoom where the public could have access.

FLOOR TIME:

Councilwoman Wood felt it was necessary to address upstate/downstate stigma. “Anyone having a home here should be welcome here.” She went on to say, we all need to do our part in protecting each other and to be aware of our community.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta explained the reason for and why the Town is moving the following resolution instead of the County of Delaware. He stated that the County passed one, that he voted no on, for prior year taxes only. Supervisor Cetta stated he felt it the relief should be for those effected now with the COVID19 situation.

AUTHORIZE THE WALTON TOWN BOARD TO CANCEL 1% INTEREST CHARGES ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

WHEREAS, there is currently limited public access to the Towns Buildings due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Town of Walton wishes to cancel the 1% interest charges that would ordinarily be added to real property taxes effective April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 1182 allows the Town of Walton to give consent to the governing body to cancel interest charges to which the Towns are entitled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 1% interest charges on real property taxes for the month of April 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be given to the County Board of Supervisors, Town Tax Collector and the County Treasurer.

RESOLUTION #59 **AUTHORIZED CANCELATION OF 1% INTEREST OF APRIL 2020 TAXES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting the Town of Walton Tax Collector to cancel the 1% penalty for the month of April 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #60 **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	#59-71	\$3,690.69
General OV B	#6	\$
General Hwy DA	#38-45	\$6,808.62
General Hwy DB	#4-5	\$7,008.53

RESOLUTION#61 **APPROVAL FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN VOUCHERS**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong In light of the COVID 19 virus and in abiding by Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1, the Walton Town Board is not holding an in-person Board meeting for the month of April and hereby grants Supervisor Cetta permission to sign all vouchers. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta stated that the Delaware County Department of Health has now reported 53 positive COVID 19 cases.

Councilman Armstrong addressed the Board to request the hiring of (4) summer workers at the request of the Highway Superintendent for the Highway Department. Discussion took place as to the process.

I explained that the Town of Walton has not received word on the Summer Youth Program and whether or not we will be reimbursed for those hired under this program. Superintendent Geidel stated the money is in the budget.

The Board was in agreement to create the positions now and would hold an additional meeting to approve the individuals hired and assign the salary they will be paid at another date.

RESOLUTION#62 **CREATE (4) PART-TIME SUMMER WORKER POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to create (4) part-time summer worker positions to be filled at a later date. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Wood congratulated the Supervisor and Board for issuing press releases and continuing getting the word out to our residents.

Superintendent Geidel stated he would like to get all of his employees back to work at the same time, stating that they are essential employees.

Supervisor Cetta and Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt cautioned against this. Concerned that if one employee contracts COVID 19, that all employees would now be quarantined. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt recommends following the guidelines from Governor Cuomo.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 6.44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk