

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 9, 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: Pastor Bob Wilke, Joseph Angelino, Kendall Saber, Dale Dewing, Sharon Way, Rusty Way, and Lillian Browne – The Reporter

FLOOR TIME:

Mr. Joe Angelino, a candidate for the 122nd Assembly District approached the Board and introduced himself. Mr. Angelino stated he has worked with Assemblyman Clifford Crouch for the past 5-years. He is a retired Norwich Police Chief and retired from the military after 23 years of service. Mr. Angelino feels he has the leadership and experience to step up and represent this district.

Supervisor Cetta stated as a Town Supervisor and Chairman of the Walton Republican Committee, he personally supports Mr. Angelino and feels he is the best candidate of the position.

Dale Dewing of the Cornell Cooperative Extension approached the Board informing them of a survey that Cornell is conducted. He stated this survey is done every 5-years to help them plan, design programs and meet the needs of Delaware County residents.

Mr. Dewing stated that a new facility will be build in the Town of Hamden within the next 5-years. The idea is to have a “One Door” facility that supports the economic viability of agriculture and forestry, the protection of water quality, and the preservation of natural resources in the Catskills Region.

Mr. Dewing went on to explain the Extensions programs and the proven collaboration between the Watershed Agricultural Council, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Pastor Wilke approached the Board requesting the use of Veterans Plaza on April 12th and requested to attach and display a banner at the pavilion. The Board will vote on this after the Clerk’s report.

RESOLUTION #46

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of February 10, 2020 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher provided his report to the Board. His report included 3 building permits issued with 16 inspections completed for the Month of February.

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton
129 North Street Walton,
New York 13856
February 2020
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	7	
Dogs Seized	9	
Returned to Owner	0	
Humane Society	9	
Dangerous Dogs	7	
Tickets Issued	2	
Total Redemption Fees	0	
Help Requested	5	
Mileage	201	Miles

Dog Control Officer Way approached the Board to include a comment of the horrific conditions he experienced while assisting the Town of Franklin with the dog fighting seizure.

Supervisor Cetta stated it was nice to know that he has established a working relationship with other towns to help one another out when needed.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Walton Town Board Report / Assessor

March 2020

- Ongoing: reviews of new construction, sales, and entering updates to property records.
- The Delaware County Assessor's Association is planning training to encompass agriculture exemptions, report writing, and other topics of interest. Delaware County Soil and Water's Joe LaCourt is planning to attend and present to us about soil mapping and agriculture exemptions from his perspective. Joe provides soil maps and worksheets to property owners seeking the agriculture exemption. The worksheets are then used to calculate the state estimate of value of the ag land.
- The 2020 equalization rate has been submitted at 100%.
- I'd like to attend continuing education class about appraising partial interests. The flyer is attached. This is a better option than the blueprint reading I was initially considering. Pending Board approval, I'll register and submit the voucher to Ronda. The class is being held April 17 in Liverpool. It will satisfy half of my continuing ed. requirement for the year.
- I've continued to research conservation easements. We have two submitted so far for this year, both on South River Road. I've spoken with a representative for the Watershed Agriculture Council regarding the easement process, and researched several past years' easement assessments on Walton's property records as far back as 2009. Also reread the law. I need to provide a list to the City of New York by April 10th of the easements in Walton, and in turn they must provide a list back to me according to my understanding of the law Title 4-A sections 583-589-a.
- Our income verification data has all been entered into the State system for the Enhanced Star exemptions that are new for this year. The deadline is later in March.
- Regarding Office Hours: I return all phone call messages on the machine each time I'm in the office, so no one has to wait too long to speak with me. Also, many leave their forms in the mailbox on the wall or mail in their applications.

Respectfully Submitted
Penny Haddad, Assessor

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that not much movement on the FEMA portal.

Reported that he is currently waiting for additional information of the Codes and Standards and whether or not it will be advantageous for the Town to opt into or not. He will have more information after March 16, 2020.

Requested permission to surplus a 1986 Chevy truck along with the D7 Dozer cab parts that are not needed that include front/rear window and doors.

RESOLUTION #47

SURPLUS 1986 CHEVY TRUCK AND DOZER CAB PARTS.

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern declaring the 1986 Chevy Truck and Dozer Cab parts as surplus items and granting permission to advertise to sell these items.

Superintendent Geidel present the following bid results to the Board and requested to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

2020 BID SHEET

BIDDER	1-A's	1-B's	1st	#1	#2	Process Gravel	Process Winter		
	Ton Deliv	Ton/Yd	Ton/Yd						
Carver	\$23.50	\$20.40	\$20.40	\$20.40	\$20.40				
Cobleskill	\$23.75	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$20.50				
Cobleskill									
Robinson									
Northern						5.62/3.75	5.62/3.75		
Clark						4.45/6.68	5.49/8.24		
County									
POLY PIPE PRICE PER FOOT PLAIN END									
	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	42"	48"	60"
Chemung	\$5.63	\$7.26	\$10.84	\$16.53	\$26.21	\$34.42	\$47.47	\$57.58	\$100.21
TCBR	\$5.63	\$7.26	\$10.84	\$16.53	\$26.21	\$34.42	\$47.47	\$57.58	\$100.21

Note*

POLY PIPE COUPLER

TCBR	\$8.74	\$14.63	\$24.42	\$34.53	\$77.16	\$113.37	\$162.53	\$190.42	\$295.68
Chemung	\$8.74	\$14.63	\$24.42	\$34.53	\$77.16	\$113.37	\$162.53	\$190.42	\$295.68

*** USED STEEL PIPE**

	72" 3/8"	84" 3/8"	96" 3/8"	108" 1/2"	120"
County	\$275.00	\$325.00	\$525.00	\$675.00	\$1,050.00

CORRUGATED METAL PIPE PRICE PER FOOT

	10"	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	42"	48"	60"
Chemung	\$10.26	\$8.98	\$10.96	\$14.00	\$18.40	\$29.08	\$38.62	N/B	\$60.05	\$135.60
TCBR	\$10.26	\$8.98	\$10.96	\$14.00	\$18.40	\$29.08	\$38.62	N/B	\$60.05	\$135.60

COORUGATED METAL PIPE BANDS

	10"	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	42"	48"	60"
Chemung	\$15.39	\$14.02	\$17.50	\$21.34	\$28.22	\$39.88	\$53.71	N/B	\$91.22	\$214.20
TCBR	\$15.39	\$14.02	\$17.50	\$21.34	\$28.22	\$39.88	\$53.71	N/B	\$91.22	\$214.20

Excavator w/ Operator

Bidder	Make	Model	Bucket	HP	Weight	Price/Hr
Clark	Cat	325L	1.5CU	168	61,000	\$200.00
Robinson	Cat	325	1.5CU	190	60,000	\$185.00
LaFever	Komatso	290		197	67,396	\$185.00

	Crusher Run			
	FOB	Delivered	FOB	Delivered
	Ton	Ton	Yard	Yard
Oneonta	\$6.25	\$12.25	\$4.17	\$8.17
Howes Cave	\$7.75	\$18.90	\$5.17	\$12.60
Walton	\$8.50		\$5.67	

RESOLUTION #48

ACCEPT 2020 HIGHWAY BIDS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the 2020 Highway Bids as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided Financial Reports

Reported that I am 78% collected. In formed the Board that there will be \$1,304.85 reduction in the tax warrant due to the ARC receiving a corrected bill. The property was not put into the exempt section of the roll. The ARC does pay an in lieu of tax each year.

Reported that the Town’s server has failed and needs to be replaced. Information Systems Division has quoted us a price of \$279.95 to replace.

RESOLUTION #49

REPLACE COMPUTER SYSTEM SERVER

A motion was made by Govern, seconded by Wood to purchase a new server due to the failure of the previous one purchased in 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that after installing the LED lighting in the Highway garage and Town Hall, we have seen a significant savings. The Highway garage used 24% less KWH than 2018, resulting in a \$442.51 savings. The Town Hall used 22% less, resulting in a \$503.92 savings.

A request has been made by the Walton Ministerial to use Veterans Plaza for an Easter Sunrise Service on April 12, 2020.

RESOLUTION #50

USE OF VETERAN PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood granting the Walton Ministerial use of Veterans Plaza on April 12, 2020 for the purpose of an Easter Sunrise Service as well as approval to display a banner. All in favor, motion carried.

The Truman C. Tobey Post No. 32 American Legion Auxiliary would like to use Veterans Plaza on April 18, 2020 for a Walk-a-thon.

RESOLUTION #51

USE OF VETERAN PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting the Truman c. Tobey Post No. 32 American Legion Auxiliary use of Veterans Plaza on April 18, 2020 for the purpose of a Walk-a-thon. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that once again we have several dog licenses past due. There are currently 44, and potentially that many unvaccinated.

I requested permission to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference in April.

RESOLUTION #52

PERMISSION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood granting Town Clerk to attend the April 26-29, 2020 NYS Town Clerk Association Conference in Albany, NY. All in favor, motion carried.

**TOWN OF WALTON
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
129 NORTH ST.
WALTON, NY 13856**

TO: Town Board Members
FROM: Ronda Williams, Record Management Officer
DATE: March 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Obsolete Records

The following records have met the New York State Record Retention and Disposition Schedule and are no longer required to keep. Upon your approval these records will be disposed of properly.

**DOG IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL
RETENTION**

2016 Copy of original or renewal license 3
years

FISCAL

Banking and Investment:

2013 Banking communications; bank statements 6
years
copy of checks, deposit books & slips, receipts

Payroll:

2013 Employee time cards, sheets, request for time off, 6
years

Purchasing:

2013 Invoices, abstracts, 6
years

General Accounting and Miscellaneous:

2013 Accounting register, Cash transaction, Daily cash records 6
years

GENERAL

2018 Correspondence including e-mails of no fiscal, legal
or administrative value o no
longer need

INSURANCE/SELF-INSURANCE

Insurance policy:

2013 Insurance Policies 6
years

Certificate of insurance:

2013 Certificate of Insurance 6
years

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Consumption and Dispensing Records:

2013 Fuel Consumption Records 6
years

TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment Roll/Tax Roll:

2014 Tentative assessment roll 5
years

2014 Tax collection records 6
years

TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING

Highway, Engineering, and Public Works:

2013 Truck Load Slips 6
years

RESOLUTION #53

Motion made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern

Roll call vote:

Aye Councilman Armstrong

Aye Councilwoman Wood
Aye Councilman Govern
Aye Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt
Aye Supervisor Cetta

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported on the next phase of the Water Street parking lot and boat launch. He requested permission to place a sign stating "No overnight Parking" The Board was in agreement with the sign and an effective date of April 1, 2020.

A resident from the audience questioned the connection from Delaware Street to Water St. Supervisor Cetta stated there would not be a connection at this time.

Supervisor Cetta requested to share the purchase with the Village of Walton for a skid steer brush hog attachment to help in the maintenance efforts of the Water Street project. The request included an agreement to be drafted by Town Attorney Walas and an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

RESOLUTION #54

SHARED SKID STEER ATTACHMENT WITH THE VILLAGE

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving a shared skid steer brush hog attachment with the Village of Walton for a purchase price not to exceed \$5,000. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that approximately two years ago, former Supervisor Charlie Gregory applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Matteredan Fund for the purpose of hiring a consultant with the efforts of establishing a design for the Water Street River Walk. He reported that this grant was approved but graciously put on hold due to the passing of Supervisor Gregory. Supervisor Cetta has recently requested release of these funds to hire Delaware County Planning Department for a proposed design for this project.

Supervisor Cetta stating regrettably I read this letter of retirement from Superintendent Geidel to become effective May 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION #55

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT LETTER OF RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong accepting a letter of retirement from Highway Superintendent Walter A. Geidel to become effective May 29, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

COUNTY:

Reported that he will present the proposed Host community Benefit Package agreement to the County at this week's meeting.

Reported that bid openings for the Behavioral Health project will take place on March 24, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None reported

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #56

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	#40-58	\$20,967.73
General OV B	#3-5	\$ 1,581.31
General Hwy DA	#26-37	\$31,517.24
General Hwy DB	#3-	\$ 374.94

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #57

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of a negotiations and a matter pertaining to a particular employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:25 p.m.

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

Out 8:43 p.m.

As a result of a discussion from executive session, the following resolution was introduced.

RESOLUTION #58

APPOINT TOWN JUSTICE

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood appointing Michael Ripa as Walton Town Justice effective March 11, 2020 – December 31, 2020 at a prorated salary. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk