

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2020
6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Walter Geidel

Supervisor Cetta introduced our newly appointed Highway Superintendent Jeff Offnick.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

RESOLUTION #74

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of May 11, 2020 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Walton Town Board Report / Assessor

June 2020

- Grievance Day was held at a social distance in person in the Board Room. The Board of Assessment Review made determinations on 10 cases. One grievant attended in person. 6 complaints were filed on Village properties and 4 outside the Village. Of the 4 outside the Village three were exemption changes previously determined by the Assessor then heard and approved by the BAR.
- The BAR was very supportive of both me and the property owner, and knowledgeable about the assessment process. It was a good first Grievance day in Walton despite the Covid-19 virus complicating the process. We all appreciated the dinner provided by the Board, thank you, and thank you also to Carly and Ronda for their help setting up the process and the building.
- Chris Ranc from ISD came to the Town Hall and did a great job setting up the new laptop to access the Assessor work documents, internet, and property records. There is a power cord being ordered so it can be used on the road.
- I received notification from Beverly Shields that 2019 stumpage tax payments from 7 forest exemption properties were made to Walton totaling \$6817.78.
- I am looking forward to having the laptop go mobile and new camera for sharper photos.

Respectfully Submitted

Penny Haddad, Assessor

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

None

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

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

Complaints	10
Dogs Seized	2
Returned to Owner	2
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dog Cases	0
Tickets Issued	1
Total Redemption Fees	1 - \$10.00

Mileage 48 Miles

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Offnick reported that he has finishing up sealing of the roads.

Reported that he will be meeting with Northern Contracting to discuss the processing of the abrasive crushed stone. He stated that the awarded bidder has misunderstood the bid specs and he hope to resolve it during this meeting.

Reported that since he is no longer the mechanic, he has taking his tools home. The shop is now without small shop tools and he would like permission to purchase some. I will meet with Superintendent Offnick to go over the available budget amount.

Councilman Armstrong discussed the outcome of the mechanic help want ad and that the Highway Committee along with Superintendent Offnick have chosen an applicant and would like to place Glen (Mike) Bowker into this position.

RESOLUTION #75

APPOINT HIGHWAY MECHANIC

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to appoint Glen Bowker as Highway Mechanic effective June 29, 2020 with a prorated salary in accordance with the union contract. All in favor, motion carried

Discussion took place on Superintendent Offnick receiving a stipend for use of his cell phone instead of carrying two cell phones.

RESOLUTION #76

STIPEND FOR CELL PHONE USAGE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving a stipend of \$50.00 per month payable to the Highway Superintendent on an yearly basis prorated for 2020 with the understanding that the Town is not responsible for the condition of the phone and the employee will be responsible to turn over any and all records pertaining to the Town of Walton that may be stored on said phone. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong made a suggesting to the Board to keep former Highway Superintendent Geidel on as a FEMA Administrator. The Board will have Attorney Walas look into this and bring back to the next Board meeting.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Provided Financial Reports

We are continuing with the COVID 19 recommendations for protective measures. We have finally received hand sanitizer, cleaning products and additional face masks. Steve Dutcher built a hand sanitizer dispenser stand in the foyer, installed plexi glass in the clerk's area and a dutch door for the Judges. We have a few more items to install prior to the court being able to open.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that he has received notification from the NYS Office of Real Property that the Town of Walton's final equalization rate is once again at 100%.

Reported that after a meeting at the boat launch job site, it was decided that Soil and Water will seek additional funding to adjust the ramp design into the water.

Reported that some soil at Breakey Motors site is hotter than expected and will need special handling to dispose of properly.

Continually reminds residents to complete their 2020 Census.

Reported that he and Councilwoman Wood met with Maureen Blanchard to discuss a Healthy Community that would include grant funding for a bike route display and signage as well as a mobile vehicle speed sign.

Councilman Rodriguez questioned the snowmobile law and who is responsible for the signs. I reminded the Board that the snowmobile club offered to apply for a grant to purchase the signs and we have not heard anything further. Councilwoman Wood

asked for the approximate number of signs needed and the cost. She will inquire if there is additional funding available through the Healthy Community grant.

County:

Reported that a steel pipe will soon be placed under County Highway 21 at Runion Road. There will be a traffic light installed so motorist can expect delays.

Reported that this time next week, you should see activity at the Behavior Health Clinic site. It is anticipated that work will be completed within 1 ½ years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion took place to install electric at the pavilion at Veterans Plaza as well as electrical outlets throughout the plaza. I informed the Board that we would need two additional quotes for the installation of the outlets due to the amount as per our procurement policy. The Board tabled this portion of the work.

RESOLUTION #77

INSTALL A LIGHT AT THE PAVILLION AT VETERANS PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to approve the quote for Trimbell Electric in the amount of \$575.00 for the purpose of installing a light in the pavilion at Veterans Plaza. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #78

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	#87-107	\$6,957.82
General OV B	#7-8	\$ 918.00
General Hwy DA	#53-57	\$18,464.00
General Hwy DB	#14-17	\$42,810.33

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk