

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2020

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Walter Geidel, Barb MacDonald- The Reporter and Pastor Larry Light

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FLOOR TIME:

Councilwoman Wood thanked Pastor Larry Light for his participation in the 9/11 Memorial Remembrance event held at Veterans Plaza.

Walter Geidel questioned the Board if they have further perused the fine section of a Highway Access permits violation? Supervisor Cetta stated they had not and will bring it back to the committee.

Mr. Geidel informed the Board that a logger has built an access onto South River Road in which he has been dragging logs down the road and has torn up the pavement and shoulder of the road.

RESOLUTION #98

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ASSESSOR REPORT:

No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

Monthly Summary Report

Month of August 2020

Building Permits Issued	8
Building Inspections Completed	27

Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	4
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	10

Completed CRS Cycle Verification Visit on August 6th.

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.

Town of Walton, Dog Control Officer

129 North Street

Walton, New York 13856

August 2020 Report

Monthly Summary	
Complaints	2
Tickets	1
Mileage	10 Miles

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Reported that he spoke with Patrick from Northern Crushing again, he stated he hopes to finish up a job that he is on now and start our project by the end of September. Superintendent Offnick updated the Board and informed them that Northern Crushing has fired one employee and is in the process of rehiring. He indicated that he was still interested in completing the job. After a lengthy discussion, the Board was in agreement that Superintendent Offnick would send Northern Crushing a letter requesting his interest in honoring the bid and provide a time line and in the meantime he should reach out to the next bidder to inquire about their availability should we need them.

Reported that he has received three permits for sites in need of repair following the DR 4397 event, he was hopeful to begin a couple before winter.

Reported that the crew has been continuing shoulder and ditch work along with some mowing, stating currently both mowers are up and running.

Reported that everyone seems healthy so far.

FEMA COORDINATOR:

Nothing new to report

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Provided the Financial Reports

Informed the Board that if the Governor keeps 20% of our aid, that will result in a \$9,774.60 reduction in revenue.

Reported that our past due dog licenses are down to 65 from 71 last month. There are currently 8 tickets within the court system. This is another revenue source that may be a shortfall this year along with the Justice Court fees as indicated in your financial report.

I am working on the 2021 budget now and will provide a tentative budget to the Board at our October 5, 2020 meeting.

I did not receive a petition on the permissive referendum to reduce the Town Justice from two to one by September 9, 2020, therefore, the reduction will take place effective January 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION #99

USE OF VETERAN PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting Amy Stanton use of Veterans Plaza on September 19, 2020 for the purpose of a Back the Blue Fundraiser for the Walton Police Department. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town of Walton was in line to receive a \$50,000 Assemblyman Clifford Crouch grant. We have completed all the paperwork but have not heard anything further. This has been a two-year process and unfortunately, we can no longer wait to have the leaking roof repaired. I would like permission to send in a request for bidder ad to the paper this week. The Board was in agreement to submit a notice to bidders and report back the results.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta provided documentation on a new phone system. The company is called net2phone and is an all-inclusive cloud business phone system. I informed the Board that our current system was installed by Delhi Telephone years ago and unfortunately, they do not maintain the system and since Gary Cahill retired from Frontier, the last person had to come from Connecticut when a repair was needed. That leaves me searching YouTube videos to attempt repairs myself.

The Town Clerk suggested reaching out to Delhi Telephone to get a quote for an upgraded system.

Supervisor Cetta requested that Councilman Govern update the Board on a request from the Walton Fire District to erect a repeater tower on town property on Murphy Hill Road. The tower would consist of a 60’ pole with 2 antennas and space for a power cube at the base of the pole. The Walton Fire District would allow for the Walton Booster Club star to be installed on this pole and would inquire about absorbing the electric for the star.

The Town Attorney and Councilman Govern will work out the details of an agreement and bring back to the Board.

County:

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board that one of the three DPW Heavy Equipment Maintenance Facility will be located on 64 Neale Road, Walton, NY and that the projects are moving forward. The County has declared lead agency. However, should the Town wish to become lead agency we will need to respond within 30 days stating our request.

RESOLUTION #100

DELAWARE COUNTY TO BE LEAD AGENCY

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern, to grant Delaware County as lead agency on the SEQR for the Heavy Equipment Maintenance Facility that will be located on 64 Neale Road, Walton, NY 13856

Reported that the Delaware County Soil Waste Management will hold their annual Clean Sweep on December 4 and December 5, 2020. Reminding all residents that they must register between November 16th – November 30, 2020 to be eligible to bring items to the event.

The Board was in agreement that they would like to have more frequent clean sweeps throughout the year with hopes to avoid the disposal of items over a roadside.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Wood stated she had not heard back about the electric at Veterans Plaza. Supervisor Cetta stated he would make a phone call to see what he may be able to do.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #101

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#161-179	\$15,148.86
General OV B	#10-11	\$35,066.05
General Hwy DA	#80-89	\$14,468.31
General Hwy DB	#29-33	\$10,764.37

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #102

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriquez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a matter relating to a particular employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:05 p.m.

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

Out 8:00 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk