

TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 5, 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

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FLOOR TIME:

None requested

**RESOLUTION #103**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of September 14, 2020 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor's Report to Walton Town Board  
October 2020

DATA COLLECTION / BUILDING PERMITS

- Data collection and assessing continue for the 2021 tax year. I'm entering building permit information into the RPSv4 property records, which has not been done in the past. The Town has excellent records thanks to the job Steve Dutcher has done in the Town and Village Code Offices.

REAL ESTATE

- Listings are being added often, mainly residential properties. Though some commercial, and multi-family and rentals are listed as well.

To Walt: Congratulations, and have fun in your retirement!

**Respectfully Submitted for October 2020**  
**Penny Haddad, Assessor**

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

**Monthly Summary Report**  
Month of September 2020

Building Permits Issued	13
Building Inspections Completed	39
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	7
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	7

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

No report provided

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

**TOWN OF WALTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
25091 STATE HIGHWAY 10  
WALTON, NY 13856  
607-865-5120

TO: WALTON TOWN BOARD  
FROM: JEFF OFFNICK, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT  
DATE: October 1, 2020  
RE: AGENDA

- ✓ I spoke with Patrick from Northern Crushing again, he said that he has hired a new employee and is planning on starting our project as soon as he finishes up the job that he is currently on.
- ✓ We have received permits for three of the sites that need repair following the DR 4397 event. The Johnson Hill and Marvin Hollow projects are complete.

- ✓ The crew has been continuing shoulder and ditch work along with some mowing and brush cutting, everyone seems healthy so far.
- ✓ Reported that 20% was withheld from the CHIPS reimbursement check resulting in a \$45,516 reduction.

Discussion took place concerning the need to place a complete by date on all future bid requests.

FEMA COORDINATOR:

Reported that there are three Category 3 projects still waiting payment approval; Woodlawn, Houck Mountain and Wakeman/Beers Brook.

Mr. Geidel thanked the Board for the retirement plaque that was presented to him for his 20 years of service to the Town of Walton as Highway Superintendent.

Reported that he calculates that the State currently owes the Town approximately \$75,000.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Provided the Financial Reports

I presented the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Board, there was an agreement to hold a budget workshop on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION # 104**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to hold a budget workshop for the purpose of reviewing the 2021 Tentative Budget and address any other business that comes before the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #105**

**USE OF VETERAN PLAZA**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting Walton Chamber of Commerce use of Veterans Plaza on October 10, 2020 for the purpose of a Marketplace. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #106**

**USE OF VETERAN PLAZA**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern granting St. John Catholic Church use of Veterans Plaza on October 17, 2020 for the purpose of a Rosery Prayer Service. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #107**

**USE OF VETERAN PLAZA**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Larry Light use of Veterans Plaza on September 26, 2021 for the purpose of a Walton Walk for Hunger. 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  
DATE: September 29, 2020  
SUBJECT: Surplus Items

The following items are no longer of use to the Town of Walton therefore, need to be declared surplus and will be disposed of properly.

- 1 Highway Department:
  - 7 – Flashing Lights
  - 1- 200 Gallon Spray Unit
  - 3 – Chain Peeler
  - 1 - # Punch 3/4” Set
  - 1 – Letter Punch Set
  - 1 – Propane Torch
  - 1 – 1/2” Air Impact Wrench
  - 1 – 1/2” Drive Deep Socket Set
  - 1 – 1/2” Standard Socket Set
  - 1 – 1/2” Metric S+ Socket Set
  - 1 – 3/8” Standard Socket Set
  - 1 – Battery Grease Gun
  - 1 – PC Computer
  - 2- Computer Printers
  - 1 Coffee Maker
  - 1 Dell PC DMYP251
  - 1- Panasonic Fax

**RESOLUTION #108**

**DECLARE SURPLUS ITEMS**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to declare the presented list of items as obsolete or no longer needed by the Town of Walton to be declared surplus and disposed of properly. All in favor, motion carried.

I reported that no bids had been received from our recent request for a roof repair. Due to the emergency condition of the roof, the Supervisor will contact a contractor for the repair.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported the importance of remaining diligent with the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Dr. Rodriguez-Betancourt urged residents to get their flu shot, explaining that over 18,000 children died of influenza last year.

Reported that the Governor has kept 20% of or CHIPS reimbursement that resulted in approximately \$50,000.

Reported that Judge Michael Ripa has received his Judicial Certification and may now sit on the bench.

Reported that he has received word from LodeStar Energy on the solar project on East River Road. The project is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supervisor Cetta asked Councilwoman Wood to follow up with Trimble Electric for the installation of the light at Veterans Plaza.

Councilman Armstrong reported that the Highway Committee discussed the replacement of the Dog Control truck as well as the Assessor van. Superintendent Offnick will be looking for replacements.

Councilwoman Wood reported that through the efforts community service, the tables at Veterans Plaza have been stained.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #109**

**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	#180-193	\$9,883.37
General OV B	#12	\$ 155.36
General Hwy DA	#90-97	\$6,423.25
General Hwy DB	#34-39	\$10,422.83

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk