

TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2020
6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Supt. Of Highway Jeff Offnick

OTHERS PRESENT:

The Town of Walton meeting was held virtually due to the increase in COVID 19 cases. Persons wishing to make public comment may do so by emailing the Walton Supervisor at waltonsupervisor@stny.rr.com or by calling 607-865-5120.

FLOOR TIME:

None requested

RESOLUTION #121 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of November 9, 2020 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

Monthly Summary Report
Month of November 2020

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| Building Permits Issued | 4 |
| Building Inspections Completed | 21 |
| Fire Inspections Completed | 0 |
| Notices of Violation Issued | 0 |
| Tickets Issued | 0 |
| Certificates Issued | 5 |
| Complaints Received | 0 |
| Floodplain Development | |
| Permits Issued | 0 |
| CO Searches | 7 |

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Dog Control Officer
Walton, New York 13856
607-865-7104
waltondog@townofwalton.org

November 2020

Dog Control Activity Summary

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| Complaints | 3 |
| Dogs Seized | 3 |
| Returned to owner | 0 |
| Humane Society | 3 |
| Dangerous Dogs | 0 |
| Tickets Issued | 0 |
| Total Redemption Fees | 0 |
| Assistance Requested | 3 |
| Sheriff's Office | 2 |
| Walton Police | 1 |
| Mileage | 183 |

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Reported that the Renewable exemptions: agriculture and senior exemption renewal forms are going to be mailed by January 1st. I'm mailing the ag first and waiting on the seniors to see if the Governor will issue an executive order waiving the renewal requirement for this year. Because of Covid 19, many feel it's not safe for seniors to come into the office as they usually do for help renewing their exemptions.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. 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: December 10, 2020
RE: REPORT

- ✓ Patrick from northern crushing started working 11/18/2020 and was able to produce 4,972 cubic yards by 11/30/2020
- ✓ Carver stone has delivered 2974 ton of 1ST stone for 2021 sealing.

- ✓ Purchase 2016 Eager Beaver 20-ton trailer.
- ✓ Upon completion of Glenn Bowker's probationary period and having no concerns with his work performance, I am recommending he be moved from probationary to permanent appointment of Highway Mechanic effective 12/30/2020 and his salary to be adjusted according to the terms of the Union Contract.

Seasonal help

Steve Dutcher also needs to be added to our list.

RESOLUTION #122

PURCHASE 20 TON TRAILER

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approve the purchase of a 2016 Eager Beaver 20-ton trailer in the amount of \$11,000 as a result of receiving and reviewing three quotes per the Town of Walton's procurement policy. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION#123

HIGHWAY MECHANIC

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the recommendation from the Highway Superintendent to move Glenn Bowker from probationary to permanent Highway Mechanic effective 12/30/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

I informed that Board that in error, I had left Steve Dutcher's name off the list of Seasonal employees from Resolution #114 of November 9, 2020 meeting.

FEMA COORDINATOR

Mr. Geidel reported that there was nothing new to report concerning the FEMA portal. He requested an extension back in March 2020 to complete projects allocated or not and that extension has just been received. This will allow for another construction season without having to apply for the DEC permits again. He suggested that we make contact with Federal representatives to push the issue of not receiving the allocated funds yet on the projects.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial Reports will be provided upon completion.

I reported that we currently have 72 dog licenses past due and the Dog Control Officer was in today to report he has issued 4 tickets.

Reported that I am preparing for the tax collection season. I anticipate that my office may need to restrict access to the general public in the Town Hall as the COVID-19 numbers continue to increase. This would require tax payers to make payment by mail, drop box or by calling my office to make a credit card payment. We will once again accept 50% of the tax amount by January 31st

and I stress that it must be 50% for the software program to accept the payment.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested to confirm whether the software rounds up or down so that there is not a need to return checks.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Reported that he has received a questionnaire from the Delaware County Planning Department to gather information for the development of a draft Public Health Emergency Operation Plan. The County will draft a plan that we will then be able to tailor to our needs.

COUNTY:

No report

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilman Armstrong reported that Northern Crushing started crushing the winter abrasive in mid-November and believes they are now finished. I confirmed that Superintendent Offnick reported a total of 4,972 cubic yards had been processed by November 18, 2020.

Councilwoman Wood expressed a concern that the Delaware County Public Health is targeting Walton and our businesses that have had positive COVID -19 cases more so than other towns within Delaware County. She expressed that Walton continues to show up on the Department of Health’s Facebook page and no other businesses or towns are finding it hard to believe that no other restaurant or town has had cases.

Councilman Govern echoed the same concerns as Councilwoman Wood and added the delay of contact tracing or lack of is a real concern as well.

Supervisor Cetta thanked Councilwoman Wood for the information and he will address it with the Department of Health.

Further discuss took place addressing additional supplies to the Town of Walton’s Highway Department and to continue to be vigilant during these winter months.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #124

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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| General Fund A | #234-256 | \$8,865.22 |
| General OV B | #25-26 | \$149.80 |
| General Hwy DA | #107-120 | \$53,708.38 |
| General OV Hwy DB | #45-52 | \$66,072.93 |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #125

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a matter relating to a particular employee, all in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:50 p.m.

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

Out 7:35 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk