

TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2022

6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Jeff Offnick, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

**ABSENT:** Patty Wood, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Attorney Carly Walas (excused from meeting)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Beatrice Bennett, Rev. Randy Palada, Jonathan Henderson, Rusty Way, Sharon Way, Duane Martin – The Reporter

**FLOOR TIME:**

Beatrice Bennett approached the Board to make a donation of a three-ring binder containing the names of graves once located in the Cannonsville and Pepacton areas prior to the reservoirs being built. The book lists the name, date of death and where the graves were relocated to and under who's request. Mrs. Bennett had obtained and used this information to publish her "Reminisce" book.

Mrs. Bennett had also donated two maps of Rock Rift to the Town of Walton. One being a 1920 map showing the houses and owners names and the other a 1957 traced map of the 1920 without the acid factory.

Supervisor Cetta thank Mrs. Bennett for the items and for her work as historian of the Town of Walton for so many years.

**RESOLUTION #67**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of April 4, 2022 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

No report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

Town of Walton  
Code Enforcement Office  
Jonathan R Henderson

**Monthly Summary Report**

Month of April 2022

Building Permits Issued

5

Building Inspections Completed	9
Fire Inspections Completed	1
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	0
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	4

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr. Dog Control Officer,  
Town of Walton  
129 North Street,  
Walton, New York 13856  
April 2022  
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	4
Dogs Seized	0
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dog Cases	0
Assistance	1
Tickets Issued	5
Total Redemption Fees	\$ 0.00

Mileage   17 Miles

Dog Control Officer Way added that he has issued 10 tickets this month along with issuing 3 for a recent dog bite incident.

FEMA COORDINATOR:

TOWN OF WALTON  
FEMA COORDINATOR REPORT  
MAY 9, 2022

Project #83441, PW#00265, Woodlawn Road Integral Support Failure had some more movement. The CRC (Consolidated Resource Center) requested more clarification to the bidding and awarding of the project to the contractor. The answers must have been to their satisfaction as the Project went thru several more reviews including the completion of the EHP (Environmental, Historic Preservation) review. The PDMG (FEMA Project Manager) also reviewed and signed off. The project is now pending FEMA Final Review.

Project# 151549, PW#00462, “Management Costs”, also had some movement. This is the Public Assistance Sub Recipient Management Costs project, which allows the Town to receive actual costs for Management Costs, up to a fixed estimate Management Costs award. The final fixed estimate cannot exceed 5.00% of all of the Sub recipient’s eligible emergency and permanent work sub awards. The Project moved to “Pending FEMA Final Review” after the PDMG (FEMA

Project Manager) reviewed and signed off. The reimbursement value of the project also changed from around \$16,000.00 to just over \$20,000.00 or 3.1% of the total of all projects. This amount is 100% reimbursable, not the 75% Federal and 12.5% State like all of the others.

Project # 83449, PW #00078, Integral Road Support Washout on Houck Mt. & Wakeman Brook, is the last project not obligated. The project has not moved for several months and is still “Pending Final FEMA Review”.

It has been a long and winding road to this point and I hope the end is near. The next step after this review should be for the Town to sign-off on all of the reviews and it should then move to obligated. This could take a few weeks, months, or a year.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

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

- ✓ We have completed most of the tree cleanup from the April 19 storm and estimate a damage and cleanup cost of \$129,866.90. Discussion took place as to whether or not the State will declare the event.
  
- ✓ We are currently working on refilling the salt/sand storage building. He added that he is just short of the 700 tons obligated to purchase and will be buying more to refill the building.
  
- ✓ We are also working in the gravel bank to address some of the issues that the DEC would like to see changed.

Councilman Armstrong expressed concern on the rising fuel bills and how they will impact this falls budget.

- ✓ We have received 2 Bids for the concrete floor one from Ben Reynolds Construction for \$48,070.00 and another from Dan Seymour for \$82,656.51. I would recommend accepting the low bid.

**RESOLUTION #68**

**CONCRETE FLOOR BID**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to approved Ben Reynolds Construction as the respected low bidder to install a concrete floor in highway storage facility floor for \$48,070.00 as submitted. This project will be funded by ARPA funds. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place on the building material quotes that had been sent out. The Board was in agreement to purchase the material now before the prices continue to climb. Superintendent Offnick will reach back out to the companies as soon as the floor has been installed so they have a place to store and protect the material from the weather.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided Financial Reports

Reported that I am 91% collected leaving \$410,809.90 uncollected that will be turned over to the Delaware County Treasurer.

I received donated postcards from 1942 from Vance Fisher. He was going through some items that were left behind from the previous owners when he owned a home on the corner of Route 30 and Route 206. I will turn these over to the Walton Historical Society.

**RESOLUTION #69**

**USE OF FACILITY**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting the Town of Walton use of the Veterans Plaza on July 23, 2022 for the purpose of the 225 Anniversary Celebration. All in favor, motion carried.

I reported to the Board that the dog enumeration so far has brought in 49 new dog licenses. The additional \$5.00 enumeration fee will begin on June 1, 2022 so we encouraging dog owners to come in before that date.

Dog Control Officer Way added that he had researched information from the 2021 NYS Insurance Department Report and reported that there have been 25,000 cases of rabies in the United States last year, 284 deaths due to pit bull dogs and 45 deaths due to rottweilers.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta stated he was approached by an EMS Committee member wondering how they should proceed now that the County has contracted with AMR Ambulance Service. Supervisor Cetta advised to continue as planned and comeback to the Town Board when there is additional information. He stated that the Walton EMS is not in bad shape right now, Ambulanz has been assisting with hospital transfers as well as helping with other calls. This has helped the volunteer members.

Reported that he has received information from Delhi Supervisor Mark Tuthill on a reverse 911 ability for emergency situations. Although this past snow event would not have qualified for a reverse 911, because it can only be used for Life Safety measures, there is another company that offers the same type of platform without the restrictions. Nixle.com would notify residents of events and emergency situations with a cost of approximately \$3,000.

Councilman Govern questioned why we should have to pay for a reverse 911 system when we already pay for 911? Supervisor Cetta stated he would look into this.

Supervisor Cetta presented an agreement between the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Town of Walton for a De-Watering Pump & Equipment grant that was awarded in the amount of \$5,056.00 This equipment will be used for stream-related projects.

**RESOLUTION #70**

**SMIP GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DELAWARE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF WALTON**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granted permission for Supervisor Cetta to enter and sign the SMIP Grant Agreement Between the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Town of Walton in the amount of \$5, 056.00 for a De-Watering Pump and Equipment. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he received a letter for NYS Teamsters informing the Town that Anthony (Tony) Sesso will be the new Business Agent for all Union related matters upon the passing of Roberta Dunker.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Reported that the 225 Year Celebration will be held on July 23, 2022. This will be a one-day event. The committees next meeting will be May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion took place about flower planters for Veterans Plaza. The Board tabled the matter.

I reported that the Federal Government now requires all municipalities that had DUNS numbers to switch to a UEI (Unique Entity ID), we have done this.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION #71**

**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	#56-74	\$15,384.94
General OV B	#6	\$30.84
General Hwy DA	#43-52	\$12,581.86
OV HWY DB	#5--10	\$26,242.94

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk