

TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2023

6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Father William Wright Sr. Mayor Ed Snow, Eric Ball, Walter Geidel, Tony Leslie, GG Stankiewicz, Kathleen Hayek, Lillian Brown – the Reporter

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent, Jeff Offnick, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt

FLOOR TIME:

Mayor Snow had privilege of the floor and provided the Board with an expenditure report for the Village Park and Pool budget as requested by the Walton Town Board.

The mayor discussed the fact that swimming lessons will be starting soon and that the Village is only required to pay federal minimum wage of \$7 per hour, but do not do that. Supervisor Cetta pointed out that they would not have anyone come work for that amount.

Councilwoman Wood stated the importance of paying the returning and more experienced life guards a little more to retain this experience of watching the children.

Mayor Snow thanked the Board for applying their ARPA funds toward the walking trail, stating that will be a nice addition to the area.

RESOLUTION #73

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Govern seconded by Armstrong approving the minutes of June 12, 2023 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Penny Haddad provided her report to the Board.

Reported that the issue with the upload of photos to the property records is ongoing. After investigation on our end, it seems to be a County IT issue.

Reported that there is a workaround for the aerial property photos issue for now.

Reported that for the year 7/2/22-6/30/23 will be updated and verified by August for use in the 2024 equalization rate. The feeling from the State is that the market values are still increasing but not at the pace it was in 2021 and 2022.

Reported that the final assessment roll was officially filed ahead of time on June 28, 2023 and is available in the Town Clerks Office for review.

Discussion took place on a reassessment. Ms. Haddad reported that her and Supervisor Cetta met with John Wholham, Regional Director from NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. Mr. Wolham provided discussed and provided request for proposal drafts for a town-wide reassessment.

Councilwoman Wood questioned, “What do you suggest?” Ms. Haddad suggested reviewing both options of hiring a company for a town-wide reassessment as well as looking into hiring a part-time assistant. She went on to state, the part-time assistant could already be an assessor or someone who would like to train to be an assessor.

Supervisor Cetta stated, “We do know that Penny can’t do this alone.”

The Board was in agreement to move forward with an RFP process.

RESOLUTION #74

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SEEKING TO CONDUCT A TOWN-WIDE REASSESSMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to move forward with a Request for Proposal seeking to conduct a town-wide reassessment. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Jonathan R. Henderson

Monthly Summary Report
Month of June 2023

Building Permits Issued	8
Building Inspections Completed	28
Fire Inspections Completed	1
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	5
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	5

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton
129 North Street Walton,

New York 13856

June 2023

Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	6
Dogs Seized	5
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	5
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	10
Total Redemption Fees	\$0.00
Assistance, Police	1
Mileage	167 Miles

FEMA COORDINATOR:

TOWN OF WALTON
FEMA COORDINATOR REPORT
DR-4397
July 10, 2023

Project #151549, PW#00462, “Management Costs” has been “awarded” and “closed out”. The project was broken into version #0 and version #1. Version #0 was obligated on 6/16/2022 for \$20,119.04. Version #1 was obligated on 6/28/2023 for \$6,938.04. The check has been received for version #0 and as of this writing; the check for version #1 has not. This should finally finish all of the deliverables associated with DR-4397, and we can consider the disaster recovery done.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the driveway reimbursements have been made.

Reported that he is seeking bids for the purchase of a new broom.

Reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Ron Hulse as he plans to retire effective September 15, 2023.

RESOLUTION #75

RESIGNATION OF MEO RONALD HULSE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by Wood to accept the resignation of MEO Ronald Hulse for the purpose of retirement effective September 15, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the department has completed paving on Chase Brook Road.

Councilman Armstrong reported that the truck purchased from the Town of Masonville will be used to swap the motor in another truck and the box and plow will be used as well.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided Financial Reports

Clean Sweep 2023 will be held on September 22 & September 23, 2023.

I have been working with Audrey Benkenstein from Delaware County Department of Planning in an effort to write a successful grant for the Water Street project. I have provided our All-Hazard Mitigation Plan along with the minutes showing the Town's support. She indicated she was still waiting for the Village of Walton's resolution and is seeking additional letters of support. I suggested the Walton Central School as well as the Walton Chamber of Commerce. I will reach out to a couple of businesses to seek support as well.

Reported that the Cornell Cooperative Extension has declined to do the Farmer's Market this year and want to confirm that their paperwork is not being used to run this year's event. I would recommend that the Board rescind Resolution # 59 of May 8, 2023 and do a new one for the Walton Chamber of Commerce to facilitate this year's Farmer's Market.

RESOLUTION #76

RESCIND RESOLUTION #59 OF MAY 8, 2023

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to rescind Resolution #59 of May 8, 2023 for the purpose of Cornell Cooperative Extension has declined to do the Farmer's Market this year. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #77

USE OF FACILITY

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to approve the Chamber of Commerce use of Veterans Plaza for the purpose of holding a Farmer's Market on Fridays starting July 7 – September 29, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Walton hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Name	SOCIAL	NYSLRS ID	TITLE	CURRENT TERM	STANDARD WORK DAY	RECORD OF ACTIVITIES
Elected Officials						
Appointed Officials						
Jonathan Henderson			Code Officer	1/1/2023-12/31/2023	6	
Kristin Beers			Court Clerk	1/1/2023-12/31/2023	6	

On this 10 day of July, 2023

Date enacted: July 10, 2023

(Signature of clerk)

I, Ronda Williams, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Walton, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the

foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 10 day of July, 2023 on file as part of the minutes of
I further certify that the full board, consists of 4members, and that 5 of such members were present at such meeting and that 5 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the

(Name of Employer)

RESOLUTION #78

STANDARD WORK DAY REPORTING RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the 2023 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported the walking trail project has starting. It will now be a 9' wide trail at no cost to the town as it worked out better for the equipment being used by the contractor.

Reported that the Town of Roxbury has been denied a snow plow turn around and this has sparked a concern that the DEP is not being a good neighbor. They are continuing with their land acquisition and not keeping up with the recreation uses. Supervisor Cetta stated this is why the County does not want anything to do with the SAP.

Reported on Tiberio Custom Meats Public Hearing, stating only one person was present and they are looking forward to starting the process, he added the building should be completed by 2024.

Reported that the IRT starts tomorrow and the Stephen H. Doane Memorial Bridge Dedication will be held on Thursday at 11:00.

Councilwoman Wood reported that the Walton Chamber of Commerce will hold a car cruise on Saturday night at 6:30.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood questioned Supervisor Cetta to the status of the Host Community Agreement with the County. Supervisor Cetta stated he has not moved on this. The Board discussed the money spent on an attorney that drafted an agreement and felt it was time to reengage.

Supervisor Cetta reported he has met with two contractors for the installation of a generator at the Baptist Church that would be funded through the ARPA funds. He is waiting on the actual proposals to come.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #79

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#94-126	\$12,869.03
General OV B	#12-	\$1809.00
General HWY DA	#53-57	\$19,518.69
OV HWY DB	#17-27	\$86,263.67

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #80

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for a matter relating to a particular employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:00

Closed executive session at 7:50 p.m.

As a result of executive session, Councilwoman Wood submitted a letter of resignation due to retirement from the NYSERS System effective July 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION #81

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILPERSON PATRICIA WOOD

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the resignation of Councilwoman Wood for the purpose of retirement from the NYSERS System effective July 21, 2023. Vote: Aye Armstrong, Govern, Cetta. 1- Abstained

RESOLUTION #82

HIRE TO ASSIST WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT

A motion was made by Armstrong, seconded by Wood to hire Jon Henderson to provide assistance until a new Code Enforcement Officer is hired and trained at his current hourly rate. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk