

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2024

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern (arrived 6:15), Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Highway Superintendent, Jeff Offnick, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Penny Haddad- Assessor, Pastor Milton Cruz, Robert Koszarek – KLW Reassessment, Lillian Browne- Reporter

FLOOR TIME:

Mr. Koszarek of KLW Reassessment introduced himself to the Board provide a recap of what the process will be while he performs the reassessment of the Town and Village of Walton. Mr. Koszarek stated Monday June, 17, 2024 the appraisers will start their process of looking at properties and gathering information.

He stated they will have vehicles clearly marked and will carry ID badges to identify them. He informed the Board that the data mailers will be mailed soon from the County and that two more public session will take place. One on June 18th at the Walton Fire Hall and another on June 22nd here at the Walton Town Hall.

He informed the Board that the property owners will not receive their assessment disclosure letter until March of 2025. At that time, the property owners will have ample opportunity to talk with KLW.

Supervisor Cetta reiterated that the purpose of a reassessment is to make sure values are equal across the board and that the rule of thumb is a 1/3 may go up, a 1/3 may go down, and a 1/3 may stay the same.

RESOLUTION #73

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of May 13, 2024 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

June 2024
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Assessor’s Report

- Gina Smith has begun work in the Assessor’s Office. She is doing great. We moved furniture around in the office to create another workspace. A new email account and access log-ins for her to the State- and County-held records are in the works.
- KLW reassessment company has submitted data mailers to the County Department of Real Property Tax Services for printing and mailing. I expect they will be mailed to property owners this week.

- On Grievance Day May 29th the Board of Review heard 6 complaints. On the adjourned Grievance Day June 5th, they heard 2 complaints. They have made determinations on all 8 complaints and all the letters will be mailed to property owners by next week.

The reason for an adjourned hearing is seen in Real Property Tax Law 524. The Assessor must be given three business days minimum to prepare a response to a grievance. This year we had two grievance complaints filed on Grievance Day May 29th, so an adjourned hearing to hear those complaints was held on June 5th.

Also note Steve Dutcher served on the BAR for the two meetings and did a great job, as did Bob Locherer and Danny Hodges.

Thank you, BAR.

Real Property Tax

§ 524. Complaints with respect to assessments. 1. Complaints with respect to assessments may be filed with the assessor at any time prior to the hearing of the board of assessment review or with the board of assessment review at such hearing, but may not be filed with the board of assessment review at any adjourned hearing it may conduct. Where a complaint is filed within three business days preceding such hearing, the board of assessment review shall grant an assessor's request for an adjournment to permit the assessor to prepare a response to the complaint.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Penny Haddad, Assessor

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Garrett Newbauer

Monthly Summary Report Month of May 2024

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

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton
129 North Street Walton,
New York 13856
May 2024
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	3
Dogs Seized	0
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	3
Total Redemption Fees	\$0.00
Assistance, Police	0
 Mileage	 0 Miles

RESOLUTION #74

HUMANE SOCIETY AND TOWN OF WALTON ANNUAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by, Rodriguez-Betancourt to accept the agreement between the Humane Society of Central Delaware County and the Town of Walton for stray or lost dog brought to the Humane Society by the Walton Dog Control Officer at a fee of \$40.00/dog. All in favor, motion carried.

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: 6/10 /2024
RE: REPORT

- ✓ The crew has been mostly doing ditch and shoulder work as well as mowing.
- ✓ Discuss auction items.

Superintendent Offnick provided the Board with the bid amounts received for the surplus items placed on Auction International.

York Broom - \$250.00
Truck - \$760.00
Truck Box - \$150.00
Military Truck - \$2,025
Broom - \$580.00
Misc Tires - \$155-\$165 in lots or 4

RESOLUTION #75

ACCEPT AUCTION BID ITEMS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the bids for the surplus items placed on Auctions International as received. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial Reports have been provided

Reported that my new Deputy Town Clerk Tamara MacDonald has started and is doing well. She is picking up quickly.

Reported that our current postage machine is no longer going to be compatible with the new mailing technology requirements implemented by the United State Postal Service come the end of this month. The meter will become non-IMI compliant and withdrawn from service come December 31, 2024. I will provide the Board with options upon receipt of pricing.

Reported that the fire extinguisher in the breakroom is a carbon dioxide and the inspector feels an ABC will be sufficient for the area. He also suggested that we could eliminate this one completely as we already have one by the exit door. The Board decided to leave everything as is for now.

I have ordered a printer for the boardroom, as the large one no longer worked and parts were not available. This printer will have WIFI and wireless printing capability. This will allow for Planning and Zoning meeting use as well as KLV to use for the revel.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported the election result of the Coalition of Watershed Towns election of officers.

Reported that the generator to be installed at the Baptist Church is moving along and is just waiting for the transfer switch.

He provided the Board with an update of his recent trip to Normandy Beach Ceremony and how humbling and emotional it was.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood provided detail of what the new kiosk sign will look like that will be placed at Veterans Plaza and how it will have trail and bike maps displayed.

Supervisor Cetta questioned how this sign will be different from the current Chamber of Commerce sign that is placed next to McDonalds? Councilwoman Wood stated she did not like that one and no one knows it is there because a tree blocks it.

Councilman Rodriguz-Betancourt suggested having all the other kiosk that are placed at the entrance of the Village to direct people to this kiosk for information.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #76

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	#102-119	\$44,758.83
General OV B	#6-7	\$827.50
General HWY DA	#48-56	\$7,069.94
OV HWY DB	#17-22	\$33,194.57

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk