

TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2024
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Highway Superintendent, Jeff Offnick, and Town Clerk Tamara MacDonald

ABSENT: Attorney Carly Walas

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronda Williams, Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Walter Geidel, Gladys Jacques, Penny Haddad, Beatrice Bennett, Tracy Williams, Austin Williams, Shawni Williams, Averie Williams, Maverick Williams, Hudson Williams, Amber Phraner, Jeff Russell, Graysen Phraner, Tina Seguire, Abby Seguire

FLOOR TIME: Walter Geidel asked the Board if anyone needed any help with the FEMA funding request that was provided by him and if he continues to assist the Highway Superintendent with the program, He explained the difference between the Primary and the Alternate contacts and the importance of being able to access the portal.

He continued to speak about the FEMA and also EWP funding available. He highly recommended sticking with the FEMA funding and signing up for EWP especially after the 2006 event. FEMA is for privately owned property and will get you back to a predeclared event. While EWP is for Governmental agencies that will be maintained for 10 years.

Supervisor Cetta asked a motion to be made that Walter Geidel be the FEMA Alternate Coordinator Contact for the DR 4825 event.

RESOLUTION #99 **FEMA COORDINATOR ALTERNATE CONTACT FOR DR4825**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to approve Walter Geidel as the FEMA Alternate Coordinator contact for the DR 4825 event. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #100 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of September 9, 2024 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

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Assessor’s Report

- School tax exemption (STAR) questions are coming in now more frequently since school tax bills were mailed out in early September. Most people have received their STAR exemptions or Credits, with a few exceptions due to questions of income eligibility or ownership. These STAR Credit questions should be addressed at the State level at tax.ny.gov or at 518-457-2036. Also please see me if you have a question.
- KLW reported that our Walton property records are very ‘clean’ as in the inventory items are, to a great percentage, correct. This is a good thing; we have 3500 properties to collect information for. There are a couple handfuls of properties that may be missing inventory items such as a deck or porch. These are properties are not visible from the public right-of-way and the missing items inventory data will likely need to be estimated. Valuation will begin as soon as data collection is complete. The goal is to complete valuation and field review of properties by the end of the year.
- Regular work of verifying sales information, keeping track of real estate listings, and data entry and data collection for building permits, demolitions, and other new construction is ongoing in the Assessor’s Office.
- The new exemption season is starting with people coming in to file applications. Reminder that the STAR Credit benefit amount can increase up to 2% per year. The STAR Exemption amount was capped in 2019 and will not increase.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Penny Haddad, Assessor

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Garrett Newbauer

Monthly Summary Report
Month of September 2024

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

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

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

Complaints	1
Dogs Seized	3
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	3
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	4
Total Redemption Fees	\$0
Assistance, Police	2
 Mileage	 108 Miles

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: 10/02/2024
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We have purchased a 2016 Freightliner from the Town of Unadilla.
- ✓ The crew has been working mostly on ditch and shoulder repairs.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Financial Reports have been provided.

RESOLUTION#101

APPOINT DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR AND REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood, to accept the recommendation to appoint Ronda L. Williams as Deputy Town Clerk/Collector and Deputy Registrar of Vital Records effective 10/7/2024-12/31/2025 at the current budgeted salary.

Provided the Board with the proposed 2025 Tentative Budget for their review. A budget workshop will need to be held in October. I will refer you to your copy of the Talk of the Towns as to the dates for moving the budget from tentative to preliminary and adoption of the budget, as the public hearing for the preliminary budget needs to be held no later than November 7, 2024.

The Board agreed upon an October 16, 2024 budget workshop meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m.

Also informed the Board that with Gifford's closing this year and not selling hunting licenses, we profited \$224.18 of \$4,103.00 in hunting licenses sales for the month of September. Last year with Gifford's being in business we only profited \$66.99 of \$1,215.00 in the month of September of 2023.

Informed the Board that I will be working with Ronda to review the records storage room and ways to consolidate records to obtain more available storage space and recommend the following resolution.

**TOWN OF WALTON
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
129 NORTH ST.
WALTON, NY 13856**

TO: Town Board Members
FROM: Tamara MacDonald, Record Management Officer
DATE: October 7, 2024
SUBJECT: Obsolete Records

The following records have met the New York State Record Retention and Disposition Schedule and are no longer required to keep. Upon your approval these records will be disposed of properly.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/URBAN RENEWAL
RETENTION**

1998-2008	Housing Rehabilitation Case Files (CDBG)	6 years
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RESOLUTION #102 DISPOSE OF RECORDS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to approve the proper disposal of the 1998-2008 Housing Rehabilitation Case Files (CDBG).

Roll call vote:

Aye	Councilman Armstrong
Aye	Councilwoman Wood
Aye	Councilman Govern
Aye	Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt
Aye	Supervisor Cetta

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

APPOINTMENT:

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board of his appointment of Ronda L. Williams as Town of Walton Bookkeeper effective 10/7/2024 at the current budgeted salary.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood asked when the Green Space meeting will be held? Supervisor Cetta stated that he needs to get in touch with Sean Leddy from Delaware County Planning to schedule the meeting.

Councilman Armstrong asked when we had to finalize the ARPA money. Supervisor Cetta said we are waiting for an estimate on the electric and Highway Superintendent Offnick stated he has an updated material list but has not yet purchased anything for a final amount on the cold storage facility.

Councilwoman Wood stated we need to include a shelter at the former Breakey's property as well as tree purchases with the leftover money from ARPA.

Councilman Govern spoke about how we can bring in new small businesses to Walton. With TA's and Gramma D's looking to change hands, he suggested we could think about an incentive program to keep the businesses that are here. Supervisor Cetta suggested we research what kind of programs are available to help.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #103

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	#183-199	\$20,603.58
General OV B	#15	\$197.85
General HWY DA	#73-84	\$133,364.05
OV HWY DB	#41-48	\$17,726.63

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara MacDonald
Town Clerk