

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2025

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rusty and Sharon Way, Katherine Bridges, Ted Hayek, Patrick White, Glenn Nealis, Bjorn Eilertsen, Penny Haddad, Robert Koszarek, Lilian Browne- The Reporter

FLOOR TIME:

Robert Koszarek from KLR stood forward and spoke about the finalization of the reassessment for the Town and Village. Koszarek explained what the purpose of the reassessment was, and what happens after everything is finalized and what comes next.

Supervisor Cetta asked if the reassessment was meeting the timeline goal and Koszarek reported that everything was on schedule and will be finished when anticipated.

Glenn Nealis stood forward next to speak about the Sheffield Estates and what process they are going through to get to where they want to be. He said they met with Village Planning Board in December and he is waiting for the site plan to get preapproved, so they can move forward and get the first lot marketed and so they can use the funds to move on with the second lot.

Councilman Govern asked if they have a timeline of when they want to be finished and Nealis explained that hopefully in April they will have their permits to move forward and contract out for the site work and as soon as that is finished, they can list it and go from there.

Supervisor Cetta asked if there was any entity Nealis explained that he is taking inquiries from any business but there is no one specific and will make a decision based on who meets all the requirements, which who will do the most in job creation because that is the goal.

RESOLUTION #40

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of January 13, 2025 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor’s Report
February 2025

We are processing exemption renewals and continuing to update data on the property records to ensure valuation data will be correct when new assessments are calculated

After preliminary assessments are complete, we will calculate new agriculture and forest exemption amounts.

We’ve created parcels to match the State’s advisory appraisals and entered their assessments into the property records.

KLW came to Walton on January 29th and met with Joe and me to discuss the project and the timing for public meetings and doing mailings.

They are planning to attend the February 9th Board meeting to explain more about the process.

Thank you.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Garrett Newbauer

Monthly Summary Report
Month of JANUARY 2025

Building Permits Issued	1
Building Inspections Completed	0
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	0
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
JANUARY 2025
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	2
Dogs Seized	0
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	6
Total Redemption Fees	0 for \$10
Assistance, Police	0
Mileage	46 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: 2/07//2025
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We have spread 2,100 cubic yds of winter abrasive so far, as compared to the last winter total of 1,639.
- ✓ Discuss selling the Auction items
- ✓ Discuss the purchase of a plow for the 2023 Silverado 3500
Superintendent Offnick said that we can come back to discussing the new purchase because it is not time sensitive.

RESOLUTION #41 DECLINE CURRENT BIDS

A motion is made by Councilman Armstrong and seconded by Govern to decline the current bids and make a counter offer on bids. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial Reports have been provided.

Tax collection is going well, I have learned a lot and I find that the Town Clerk position wears many different hats with tax collection, vital records, clerk duties and being a general information source for the residents. We have had one court awarded small claims that will result in a tax refund of \$ 284.38 we are waiting to hear from the Delaware County Treasurer to see if they will be issuing the refund since I have already made the Supervisor whole.

Reported that I am 72% collected and that although only 19 people took advantage of the partial tax payments, over 168 have utilized the on-line payment services.

I have applied for a NYS Town Clerk Scholarship with hopes to offset the conference expenses. I will not find out if I received the scholarship until I go to conference and then it would be a reimbursement.

The Annual Financial Report for 2024 has been filed with the State and is available for review in my office.

Budget Amendments December 2024			
General-A	Account	Increase	Decrease
Justices, CE	1110.4	855	
Supervisor, CE	1220.4	100	
Assessor, CE	1355.4		
		1,740	
Computer Maintenance	1680.4	1161	
Taxes & Assessments	1950.4	10,780	
Unallocated Insurance	1910.4	202	
Building, -Baptist Church	1620.2	56,537	
Town Board, CE	1010.4	240	
Superintendent, CE	5010.4	438	
Miscellaneous	A3089		69,958
Contingency	1990.4		500
Flood & Erosion Control	A8745.4	2,231	
Interest & Earnings	A2401		3,871
		74,329	74,329
General- B	Account	Increase	Decrease
Safety Inspections, CE	3620.4	376	
Safety Inspections, PS	3620.1		376
		376	376
Highway - DA	Account	Increase	Decrease
Machinery, PS	5130.1	1,350	
Machinery, Equipt	5130.2	700	
Machinery, CE	5130.4	16,337	
State Retirement	9010.8	643	
Snow Removal, PS	5142.1		19,030
		19,030	19,030

RESOLUTION #42

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the 2024 budget amendments as submitted to close out the 2024 Fiscal year. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta started by stating he received a thank you card from the VFW; every year we budget \$500 because they put together the parade and they buy the flags for the Veterans Graves in the Cemetery. The Legion is putting together a committee to revise the format of the parade to see if we need to adjust anything with the parade.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood spoke about the Water Street sign and which sign company we can use for making the sign inserts and install, she stated that the sign company we have started with a ball park of \$600 to install the sign. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested that we can replace and install the sign with the Town’s equipment so it wouldn’t be as expensive. Wood suggested we use the sign company just so that we don’t have the liability if something were to happen. Further discussion will take place upon the completion of the lease agreement.

Supervisor Cetta stated that he attended the meeting with a number of entities in reference to the emergency plan and there is more work they have to do to put stuff together. Cetta was very pleased with the turnout and the discussions that were taken place, but there will be more to follow on that after the next meeting, which is February 24th.

Councilman Govern spoke on the current Emergency plan stating it needs to be updated if that is what people are going off of.

Councilman Govern spoke about a Grant from the Delaware County Historical Association to work on cemeteries that contain Revolutionary War Veterans that have been abandoned. The Grant money could be used to help clean up grave sites as well as repairs to monuments.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION# 43

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#21-33	\$ 60,660.34
General OV B	#2-3	\$1,002.54
General HWY DA	#7-18	\$177,920.40
OV HWY DB	#3-4	\$1,757.21

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to enter into executive session for contract negotiations.

Entered 7:25 p.m.

With no anticipation of further action after executive session, the meeting was adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara MacDonald
Town Clerk