

TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2018

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood,
Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly
Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT:

Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Stephen Dutcher

OTHERS PRESENT:

Patricia Reynolds

Supervisor Cetta called the Public Hearing to order for persons wishing to speak in favor or against the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Cetta once again informed the public that the Preliminary Budget before them comes with a \$5,610.00 increase in expenditure over last year's amount of \$1,930,459, which results in a .074% tax levy increase

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Supervisor Cetta explained that Jessica Ulmer from the Delaware County Planning Department was not able to make tonight's meeting to present the All Hazards Mitigation Plan update.

Supervisor Cetta explained that the plan must be evaluated and readopted by all jurisdictions covered in the plan every five (5) years to remain eligible for federal mitigation funding offered annually and after presidentially declared events.

WHEREAS, Delaware County has gathered information and prepared an updated Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors determined in Resolution 107 of 2003 that a multi-jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan representing all the towns and villages in Delaware County would be more efficient to produce than each community drafting and adopting its own; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County and the Town of Walton have reviewed the Plan and affirm that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Walton Town Board that the Town of Walton adopts the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan

RESOLUTION #114

ADOPTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #115

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving the minutes of October 1, 2018, October 17, 2018 and October 23, 2018 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

ASSESSOR REPORT:

**Town of Walton
Monthly Assessor's Report
October 2018**

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Delaware County Assessors' Association in Delhi.
- Completed field inspections for several of the new buildings and property improvements that have been reported by The Town of Walton Code Enforcement Officer.
- Continued work with the Code Enforcement Officer documenting properties that are in significant disrepair and those having pending code issues that could impact 2019 roll assessments.
- Prepared and forwarded a real property tax obligation spreadsheet (post sale) for the seller and buyer of a Delaware Street parcel being acquired by the County.
- Completed field inspections on parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of reassessment data or valuation. Several commercial rental parcels and residential parcels were inspected and current data gathered for assessment updates.
- Completed data posting updates to the New York State Department of Taxation *Income Verification Program* for participating property owners.
- Assisted the Hamden Town Assessor with her work on Agriculture Assessment/Exemptions as part of their ENPM reassessment efforts. Returned favor for Hamden Assessor's past assistance to Town of Walton.
- The Delaware County RPS Data System has been down for the month of October due to issues with one Town's data files and security concerns over Otsego County's RPS system being hacked. Tightened security measures are to be implemented and the RPS

system is expected to be available in November.

Fran Zujovic
Assessor
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

Martin J. Way Jr.
Town of Walton Dog Control Officer
129 North Street
Walton, NY 13856
October 2018

DOG CONTROL ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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| Complaints Received | 6 |
| Dogs Seized | 2 |
| Returned to Owner | 0 |
| Humane Society | 2 |
| Dangerous Dog Cases | 1 |
| Total Redemption Fees | 0 |
| Vehicle Mileage | 129 |

CEO REPORT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher, CFM

Monthly Summary Report
Month of October 2018

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| Building Permits Issued | 6 | Renewal |
| Building Inspections Completed | 17 | |
| Fire Inspections Completed | 0 | |
| Notices of Violation Issued | 1 | |
| Tickets Issued | 0 | |
| Certificates Issued | 2 | |
| Complaints Received | 0 | |
| Floodplain Development | | |
| Permits Issued | 0 | |
| CO Searches | 3 | |
| Vehicle Mileage | 95 | |

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the stormwater grant is progressing and should be in the review process within a couple of weeks.

You have all been supplied with the new Sexual Harassment Policy that was required to be in place by October 9th. After review with the Attorney Walas this new policy models and meets the NYS requirements and will be delivered to all employees with a training to be scheduled at a future date.

RESOLUTION #117

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy as submitted and distributed to all employees. This policy will be reviewed along with all other policies at the Organizational Meeting each year. All in favor, motion carried.

I will be attending a NYS Town Clerk Regional Meeting on December 2-3, 2018 in Binghamton.

I submitted the Editorial and Legal Analysis to General Code on November 1, 2018, meeting the November 2, 2018 deadline. We will now wait for a final review and General Code will provide updated Local Laws that will need to be done prior to the final adoption.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that after 8 years of planning, the work on Water Street has finally started. Supervisor Cetta went on to acknowledge all the work that Graydon Dutcher has done to facilitate this project and noted that he is too humble.

Reported that he has requested and received a copy of the environmental study on the Breakey Motors property. He stated, he has requested the help of Graydon Dutcher to decipher the report and will seek Soil and Waters guidance as how to proceed methodically and cautiously.

Councilman Govern stated we need to protect the taxpayers of the Town of Walton from adverse effects of undue risk.

Reported that a WAC Easement for the Janice Bowker property on South River Road has been received and requested a meeting with Easement Program Director Ryan Naatz to help answer questions. Mr. Naatz has agreed to attend the December 10th Board meeting.

COUNTY UPDATE:

Reported that the County DPW snow removal hours will be 4-5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. He added that the 911 call center could call the DPW back out for road emergencies.

Reported that the Behavior Health Clinic (Mental Health Facility) will begin phase II as it goes into design with C&S.

Reported that Charlie Gregory was previously on the Mental Health Committee allowing him to be aware of the progress and details. Supervisor Cetta has requested of Mark Tuttle (Committee Chair) to be made aware of when the meeting will occur so that he may attend.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood discussed the Veterans Day events and the parade.

Councilwoman Wood requested permission of the Board to allow for the Legion to place a veteran display under the pavilion at Veterans Plaza. The Board was in agreement but only for a short period of time.

Further discussion took place about the Lions Club Christmas Parade and the placement of decorative real trees at the plaza and the mess that was associated with them. Councilwoman Wood stated it did not work out as well as she hoped and it was decided to only use the lighted decorations currently on hand, but willing to take donations.

It was agreed that the Lions Club would request the Veterans Plaza that would include Dewing's Kettle Corn.

Supervisor Cetta reminded the Union Committee of the Union meeting on November 26, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #118

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.

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| General Fund A | #242-269 | \$21,695.61 |
| General OV Fund B | #11-22 | \$31,234.40 |
| General Hwy DA | #109-116 | \$8,115.57 |
| OV Hwy DB | #46-50 | \$8,740.39 |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #119

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of Negotiations. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 8:20 p.m.

It was brought to the Boards attention that they overlooked the adoption of the 2019 Budget during the Supervisors Report.

RESOLUTION #120

ADOPT 2019 BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to move the Preliminary Budget to the 2019 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk