

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Walter Geidel, Jeff Offnick

FLOOR TIME:  
None requested

**RESOLUTION #45                      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of February 8, 2021 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

**Monthly Summary Report**  
Month of February 2021

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Building Permits Issued        | 2 |
| Building Inspections Completed | 8 |
| Fire Inspections Completed     | 0 |
| Notices of Violation Issued    | 0 |
| Tickets Issued                 | 0 |
| Certificates Issued            | 1 |
| Complaints Received            | 1 |
| Floodplain Development         |   |
| Permits Issued                 | 0 |
| CO Searches                    | 4 |

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.  
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton  
129 North Street Walton,  
New York 13856  
February 2021  
Dog Control Activity Summary

|                       |    |       |
|-----------------------|----|-------|
| Complaints            | 1  |       |
| Dogs Seized           | 1  |       |
| Returned to Owner     | 0  |       |
| Humane Society        | 1  |       |
| Dangerous Dogs        | 0  |       |
| Tickets Issued        | 1  |       |
| Total Redemption Fees | 0  |       |
| Assistance            | 1  |       |
| Mileage               | 88 | Miles |

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Reported Data collection is nearly done for the 2021 Roll. As is exemption processing. Change in assessment notices and exemption removals will be mailed in early May.

Reported planning, at the discretion of the Board of Assessment Review and the Town Board, to conduct Grievance Day the same way we did last year. Which was in person and at a social distance. The legal notice informing the public of Grievance Day (Wednesday May 26) is to be published on or before May 1st in our newspaper of record.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported they have submitted a pre-application for a grant through the Delaware County Soil and Water District for the purchase of various pumping equipment.

Reported February has been a busy month keeping up with the snow removal.

Reported the crew remains healthy so far.

Reported he would like to address the “right of way” issue on our dead-end roads.

Discussion followed with a request from Supervisor Cetta for a list of roads and which ones we are currently having problems with a turnaround area.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt stated we need to have adequate space to safely turn these trucks around and if the town is maintaining it, we should have the right of way.

Attorney Walas will look further into this matter and report back to the Highway Committee to potentially set up a meeting with the property owners.

**RESOLUTION #46**

**2021 HIGHWAY BIDS**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the 2021 Highway bids was submitted with Carver, Northern and Robinson Brothers as the responsible low bidders. All in favor, motion carried.

**2021 BID SHEET**

| BIDDER                                    | 1-A's     | 1-B's     | 1st       | #1        | #2        | Process Gravel | Process Winter |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Ton Deliv | Ton Deliv | Ton Deliv | Ton Deliv | Ton Deliv | Ton            | Ton            |
| Carver                                    | \$23.75   | \$20.50   | \$20.50   | \$20.50   | \$20.50   |                |                |
| Cobleskill                                | \$24.25   | \$20.80   | \$20.80   | \$20.80   | \$20.80   |                |                |
| Cobleskill                                |           |           |           |           |           |                |                |
| Robinson                                  |           |           |           |           |           |                |                |
| Northern                                  |           |           |           |           |           | \$4.25         | \$5.00         |
| Clark                                     |           |           |           |           |           | \$5.45         | \$5.45         |
| County                                    |           |           |           |           |           |                |                |
| <b>POLY PIPE PRICE PER FOOT PLAIN END</b> |           |           |           |           |           |                |                |
|   | 12"       | 15"       | 18"       | 24"       | 30"       | 36"            | 42"            |
| Chemung                                   |           |           |           |           |           |                |                |
| TCBR                                      |           |           |           |           |           |                |                |

| <b>POLY PIPE COUPLER</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| TCBR                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chemung                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

County

| <b>CORRUGATED METAL PIPE PRICE PER FOOT</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|   | 10" | 12" | 15" | 18" | 24" | 30" | 36" |
| Chemung                                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| TCBR  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

| <b>COORUGATED METAL PIPE BANDS</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                    | 10" | 12" | 15" | 18" | 24" | 30" | 36" |
| Chemung                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| TCBR                               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

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| <b>Excavator w/ Operator</b> |         |       |        |     |        |          |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|--------|-----|--------|----------|
| Bidder                       | Make    | Model | Bucket | HP  | Weight | Price/Hr |
| Clark                        | Cat     | 325L  | 1.5CU  | 168 | 61,000 |          |
| Robinson                     | Cat     | 325   | 1.5CU  | 190 | 60,000 | \$190.00 |
| LaFever                      | Komatso | 290   |        | 197 | 67,396 |          |

FEMA COORDINATOR:

No report

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided the financial reports

Reported that I am 79 % collected with taxes and currently awaiting the direct pays from the County Treasurer for the State and Utility payments which should increase the percentage.

Reported that we currently still have 72 dog licenses past due and the Delaware County Public Health stated they will not be scheduling rabies clinics at this time. Dog owners will need to contact a veterinarian if their dogs rabies has or will soon expire.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta echoed Pastor Lights thank you for the time the board members put in. Continuing with and including the Town Clerk and former Highway Superintendent, “You have set the town up for success and he appreciates it.”

**RESOLUTION #47**

**TOWN OF WALTON OFFERS A THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to pause from deliberations to offer a simple “Thank You” to our local small business owners. All in favor, motion carried.

**Whereas** small business owners play a vital role in stimulating economic growth and creating jobs; and

**Whereas** small business owners actively contribute to our community through donations of time, money and products; and

**Whereas** small business owners pay local property taxes and collect sales taxes that bolster village/town/county revenue available for roads and other services; and

**Whereas** small business owners create a unique community identity which attracts new residents and encourages increased private investment; and

**Whereas**, in 2020, many small business owners have weathered an unprecedented economic storm due to huge revenue declines and government mandates; and

**Whereas** our small business owners continue to innovate, adapt, and pivot to survive, grow, and serve customers.

**Now be it resolved** that this board pauses in its deliberations to offer a simple "THANK YOU" to our local small business owners; and

**Be it further resolved** that this board appreciates the vision, the hard work, and resilience of small business owners in this community and throughout Delaware County.

**RESOLUTION NO.48**  
**TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF WALTON**  
**CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS PLAN SPECIFIC TO A PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**EMERGENCY INVOLVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

**WHEREAS**, the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has caused a public health emergency throughout the United States and indeed the world; and

**WHEREAS**, said pandemic has resulted in a number of changes to operations of local governments as a result of previously unforeseen conditions and impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the NYS Labor Law Education Law require all public employers to be prepared for a public health emergency involving a communicable disease by requiring the drafting and publication of a Continuation of Operations Plan for use during such an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Walton has prepared a Continuation of Operations Plan and has afforded all applicable duly recognized or certified representatives of the Town of Walton employees an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Walton hereby adopts the above referenced Continuation of Operations Plan, effective immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the finalized plan be published in conspicuous locations within the Town as well as on the municipal website and employee handbook (if applicable)

**RESOLUTION #48**

**ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF WALTON**  
**CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS PLAN SPECIFIC TO**  
**A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY INVOLVING A**  
**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the adoption of the Town of Walton Continuation of Operations Plan specific to a Public Health emergency involving a communicable disease. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta provided an update on the new phone system with net2phone.

Supervisor Cetta voiced his concern for an emergency generator to be installed at the Town Hall. He advised the Board he would research the cost and bring the information back to the Board.

Discussion followed concerning emergencies and the difficulties in getting a message out when the power is out.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilman Armstrong expressed his frustration with the OGS website and the lack of response. He suggests the Highway Committee develop specs for the purchase of two replacement vehicles for the dog control and assessor vehicles.

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board that the EMS committee have identified individuals interested in a seat on a not for profit board for an EMS service.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt stated as a Medical Director, he had not been contacted as to when a meeting would be held. Walt Geidel agreed to make the proper connections for this.

Councilwoman Wood stated the Veterans Axillary would like to place a memorial at Veterans Plaza. It was suggested to gather more details and bring back.

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board that the summer mowing crew would keep the grass mowed down at the former Breaky Motors property while the final design work is being done.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #49**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

|                |         |             |
|----------------|---------|-------------|
| General Fund A | #30-47  | \$15,208.09 |
| General OV B   | #-      | \$          |
| General Hwy DA | #16-30- | \$68,279.12 |
| General Hwy DB | #-      | \$          |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #50**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Entered 7:10 p.m.

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

Out 7:45 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk