

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Board Meeting
December 13, 2021
6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara MacDonald – Reporter, Michael Ripa, Lenore Dutcher, Kris Beers, Walter Geidel, Sharon Way, Rusty Way, Carl Gregory, The family of Carl Gregory

RESOLUTION #144 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of November 8, 2021 and November 19, 2021 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

None

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher

Monthly Summary Report
Month of November 2021

Building Permits Issued	8
Building Inspections Completed	21
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	4

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

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

Complaints	3
Dogs Seized	1
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	1
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	5
Total Redemption Fees	0
Help Requested	0
 Mileage	 49 Miles

FEMA COORDINATOR:

None

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reporter the crew has been out testing the plow equipment, only minor problems thus far.

Reported that the auction items did not get listed in time for this meeting, he should have something by the end of year special meeting.

Reported that the new mechanic has started and seems to be doing well.

Reported that they have taken delivery the new dog control vehicle and have received a new shared services agreement from the Town of Franklin.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided Financial Reports

The tax levy and rolls have been approved at the Board of Supervisors level, I am hoping that they will release our tax rolls and software data early so that I can get a jump on preparing for tax collection season. Years ago, we had always received this information before Christmas and year after year and excuse after excuse if became later and later.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board the need to hold a special meeting for the purpose of closing out the end of year vouchers and to schedule the reorganizational meeting.

RESOLUTION #145 SPECIAL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving to hold a special meeting on December 28, 2021 for the purpose of closing the end of year vouchers and any other business that comes before the board. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #146 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to approving to hold the Town of Walton Reorganizational meeting on January 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta informed the Board that he has received a letter of resignation due to retirement from Stephen L. Dutcher Code Enforcement Officer effective December 29, 2021.

**RESOLUTION #147 ACCEPT CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to accept the resignation of the Code Enforcement Officer Stephen L. Dutcher effective December 29, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

At this time, Supervisor Cetta presented Stephen L. Dutcher a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service to the Town of Walton.

Supervisor Cetta presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #148

**TO NAME ROUTE 206 BRIDGE, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 1040430
as the Lieutenant Stephen H. Doane Memorial Bridge**

WHEREAS, Stephen H. Doane was born 13 October 1947 and a resident of Walton, New York and a graduate of Walton Central School;

WHEREAS, In March of 1969, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam as a platoon leader, his company engaged in a tactical operation, abruptly contacted an enemy force concealed in protected bunkers and trenches. Three of his leading soldiers were pinned down by enemy crossfire and one was seriously wounded. After efforts of one platoon to rescue these men had failed, it became obvious that only a small group could successfully move close enough to destroy the enemy position and rescue the trapped soldiers. Lieutenant Doane although fully aware of the danger of such an action, crawled to the nearest enemy bunker and silenced it. He was wounded but continued to advance to a second enemy bunker. As he prepared to throw a grenade, he was again wounded. Undaunted, he deliberately

pulled the pin on the grenade and lunged with it into the enemy bunker, destroying this final obstacle. Lieutenant Doane's supreme act enabled his company to rescue the trapped men without further casualties. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by this officer were an inspiration to his men and are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army;

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stephen H. Doane from Walton, New York was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Doane is the only Medal of Honor recipient from Delaware County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Walton respectfully requests that New York State name bridge number 1040430 on Bridge Street, in the Town of Walton, in memory of Lieutenant Stephen H. Doane. By doing so, would be a lasting tribute to his memory and a permanent token of his service to the Country he loved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Mike Martucci and Assemblyman Joe Angelino to respectfully request their assistance in seeing this project move forward.

Upon motion by Supervisor Cetta, seconded by Govern

Roll Call:

Councilman Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_ Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> __Nay
Councilman Govern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_ Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> __Nay
Councilman Rodrigues-Betancourt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_ Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> __Nay
Councilwoman Wood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_ Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> __Nay
Supervisor Cetta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_ Yea	<input type="checkbox"/> __Nay

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood stated Councilman Govern and herself will set up a meeting with the Dog Control Officer and report back after this meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #149

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#224-239	\$49,396.43
General OV B	#19-23	\$5,771.52
General Highway DA	#102-113	\$55,492.94
OV Highway DB	#46-50	\$30,086.22

At this time, the Board went into intermission to celebrate the retirement of Judge Carl Gregory after 43 years of service to the Town of Walton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #150

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:00 p.m.

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

Out 7:30 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk