

TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2022

6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Steinbrecher – The Reporter, Sharon and Rusty Way, Larry Light

FLOOR TIME:

None requested

**RESOLUTION #129                      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of November 14, 2022 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Town of Walton  
Code Enforcement Office  
Jonathan R Henderson

**Monthly Summary Report  
Month of October 2022**

Building Permits Issued	4
Building Inspections Completed	15
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	5
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	0

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

**Martin J. Way, Jr.  
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton  
129 North Street Walton,  
New York 13856  
October 2022  
Dog Control Activity Summary**

Complaints	5
Dogs Seized	0
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	5
Total Redemption Fees	0
Assistance	0
 Mileage	 20 Miles

FEMA COORDINATOR:

Reported a quarterly report has been provided for the large projects. Still have not received final payment for Woodlawn Road project.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the crew has been mostly working on the fleet.

Informed the Board that the gate near the end of William Beers Road has been reinstalled and that the flower planters are crowding the turn around area. Supervisor Cetta stated this will be tabled and discussion will take place in executive session.

Reported that he had another DEC site visit to inspect some of the issues that are holding up our mining permit. He stated that they can now store crushed stone in the mine area.

Reported that he has received pricing for the interior steel needed for the building project. He has placed an order with Steele Sales.

He provided the Board with a copy of the annual inventory report.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial reports were provided.

To follow up on the Veterans Plaza holiday lighting, the candy canes purchased are on display. I have not ordered the two cameras/lights for the walk bridge or pavilion yet. I have discovered that we do not have a connection to a wireless system and would instead need cellular capabilities with an app download. This would be an additional cost and would seek additional Board approval.

Reported that tax collection will start on January 3, 2023. I have advertised that I will once again be accepting partial tax payments. Those who want to participate must pay exactly 50% of their bill prior to January 31, 2023 with the remaining 50% plus the current month penalty will need to be paid by May 1, 2023.

Requested the Board to set a year end meeting date to close out vouchers as well as a January 2023 reorganizational meeting.

**RESOLUTION #130            SET YEAR END MEETING AND JANUARY 2023 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to schedule and holds a year end meeting for the purpose of closing out vouchers on December 29, 2022 at 6:00 and to hold an Organizational meeting on January 3, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

I explained that we discovered that the planning and zoning fee schedule can be adjusted by Board Resolution and therefore a public hearing for a local law is not necessary.

**RESOLUTION #131            RESCIND RESOLUTION #126 OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING/ZONING FEE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to rescind Resolution #126 of November 13, 2022 to hold a Public Hearing on the January 9, 2023 in anticipation of a proposed local law on the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals fee schedule. All in favor, motion carried

**TOWN OF WALTON  
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS**

**FEES SCHEDULE**

**PLANNING BOARD:**

SIMPLE SUBDIVISION / BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT..... \$50.00/application  
ZONING COMPLIANCE REVIEW.....\$50.00/application  
(DEVELOPMENT WITHIN FLOOD PLAIN, SECOND PRIMARY STRUCTURE)

MINOR SUBDIVISION.....\$100.00/application + \$20.00 per lot

MAJOR SUBDIVISION:

- PRELIMINARY PLAT.....\$100.00/application + \$20.00 per lot
- FINAL PLAT.....\$250.00/application

SITE PLAN REVIEW..... \$100.00/application  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT.....\$50.00/application

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

VARIANCE APPLICATION.....\$50.00/application  
INTEPRETATION OF ZONING LAW.....\$50.00/application

**RESOLUTION #132**

**PLANNING/ZONING FEE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to approve the proposed Planning/Zoning Fee Schedule to become effective January 1, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place on current State Comptroller municipal audits over highway equipment replacement schedule and agreements. Councilman Armstrong stated we know what equipment needs to be replaced and how long we should keep a piece of equipment. Supervisor Cetta provided an example and stated we can adjust as necessary. I reported that I would seek sample policies from the NYS Association of Towns.

Councilman Govern stated the Fire District was dinged on this a few years ago and they have since established a plan.

Reported that the Governor has signed the bridge to be renamed the Stephen H. Doane Memorial Bridge. Once we receive the signs, an unveiling ceremony will be held.

Reported that he has received two thank you letters from Delaware Opportunities and the Delaware County Historical Association for the annual budgeted allotment.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilwoman Wood stated she has received many compliments on the candy cane display at Veterans Plaza. She informed the Board that a community group would like to raise money to replace the lantern lights hanging in the Village. The problem with the electric will need to be worked out with NYSEG to be sure they will have the necessary access to hang and illuminate a display.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION #133**

**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	#255-271	\$18,268.34
OV General B	#21-22	\$160.51
General Hwy DA	#95-105	\$26,411.47
OV HWY DB	#43-46	\$2,809.11

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #134**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Entered 6:45 p.m.

Upon a motion from Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to closed executive session at 7:45pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk