

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Public Hearing  
November 4, 2024  
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: Bookkeeper Ronda Williams, Sharon Way, Martin Way, and Lillian Brown

Supervisor Cetta opened the Public Hearing for any persons wishing to speak in favor or against the proposed 2025 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Cetta closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 P.M

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FLOOR TIME:

**RESOLUTION #105**      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of October 7, 2024 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

November 2024 Assessor Report

Gina is progressing learning the different aspects of the job such as data collection, sales verification, keeping track of real estate listings, data entry and sketching properties, reading tax maps, using aerial imagery to find and identify new construction, to name some parts of the job. She completed and passed her Data Collection course.

I am scheduling a meeting hourly within the next two weeks with KLV to discuss our next steps which I believe, include building a valuation model that will work to value our Walton properties and doing field review of the properties to verify those values.

There have been problems recently sending emails with attachments to the County employees. Matt at ISD built a new email profile for me that worked. We will see if it continues to work or not. The Outlook email on the Assessor desktop is the old 2010 version. For \$249.99 we can buy the new Microsoft Office package that includes the new Outlook email.

If we go that route I would request instead to purchase a laptop that comes with the Office suite of programs installed. A second laptop would enable both Gina and myself to have access to the records at home throughout any bad winter weather. And the cost of the laptop would be defrayed some with the inclusion of the new Office programs in the laptop price.

There would be none to minimal time for Matt to upgrade the existing email on the desktop computer. Setting up a new laptop would take longer. When Chris set up the first laptop it took several hours. Hopefully a second one would be quicker.

Thank you.  
Penny Haddad

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton  
Code Enforcement Office  
Garrett Newbauer

**Monthly Summary Report**  
Month of OCTOBER 2024

Building Permits Issued	4
Building Inspections Completed	1
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	0
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	3
CO Searches	

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.  
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton  
129 North Street Walton,  
New York 13856  
OCTOBER 2024  
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	5
Dogs Seized	4
Returned to Owner	1
Humane Society	3
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	0
Total Redemption Fees	1 for \$10
Assistance, Police	2
Mileage	103 Miles

Martin had said he was going to a training in Albany Wednesday and Thursday and brought to Carly and Supervisor Cetta that he made a form he would like to discuss in Albany and thought it would be a good idea to be able to bring back to use for dogs that are being brought to the shelter. He will let the board know what the thoughts are when he comes back and whether or not the form would be beneficial and if not what other towns are doing about the situation.

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:** 11/4/2024  
**RE:** REPORT

- ✓ Discuss Storage building upgrades
  
- ✓ The crew has been working mostly on ditch and shoulder repairs.

Superintendent Offnick reviewed the remained of the electrical work that still needs to be done in the cold storage building. He estimates that he will utilize approximately \$15,000 to complete the electrical and seeks and additional \$20,000 to purchase new doors for the highway garage that will contain a higher R value.

**RESOLUTION #106**

**TO SEEKS BIDS FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE DOORS**

A Motion was made by Councilman Govern and seconded by Wood, to utilize the ARPA money for the cold storage building toward the electrical work and the highway garage toward the doors. All in favor, motion carried.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:**

Financial Reports have been provided.

We are getting ready for tax season.

I had also asked if anyone was interested in attending the association of towns meeting and if so, we would have to assign a delegate, no one was interested.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION #107**

**MOVE THE 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO THE 2025 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to move the 2025 Preliminary Budget to the adopted 2025 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Roll call vote:

Aye	<del>Nay</del>	Councilman Armstrong
Aye	<del>Nay</del>	Councilwoman Wood
Aye	<del>Nay</del>	Councilman Govern
Aye	<del>Nay</del>	Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt
Aye	<del>Nay</del>	Supervisor Cetta

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Supervisor Cetta brought to the Board that Roland Bojo and Cindy Ray did a presentation to the Supervisor’s meeting that referenced Delaware Valley’s anticipated construction project, and asked Supervisor’s to do a letter of support from the local municipalities. The letter explained that the medical neighborhood will address critical healthcare needs in the county including improved access to care, increased preventative care, enhanced healthcare coordination’s, added services, improved chronic disease management and more efficient collaboration between local agencies, and recourses which improve the overall health and well-being of the entire community. We just confirm that the community fully supports the establishment.

**RESOLUTION #108**

**LETTER TO SUPPORT UHS MEDICAL NEIGHBORHOOD EXPANSION PROJECT**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern and seconded by Wood to fully support the proposed UHS Delaware Valley Hospital Medical Neighborhood Expansion project which is seeks funding under the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta talked about the county finance committee meeting and what they can do with the shared tax revenue. He stated at the meeting they spoke of the County Driver Diversion program that Delhi is already taking part of. The committee decided to table the idea until next year but Supervisor Cetta was in favor of sharing the idea with other towns and villages to support the program. The board was all in favor of writing a draft letter to each Town and Village Clerk to advocate the program. Councilwoman Wood will be putting together the draft letter.

**RESOLUTION #109**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SALES TAX REVENUE**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern and seconded by Wood to draft a letter in reference to protesting the disbursement of the county sales tax revenue, which will be sent to all the Supervisors and Councilmembers included the Mayors and Trustees in Delaware County.

Councilwoman Wood asked about the sign. Supervisor Cetta said that he hasn't heard anything from the 3IGraphics company about refurbishing the sign but has heard that we are still on the list for it to get done. There still needs to be put together a sign rental policy for the businesses but he needs to sample other policies from different municipalities. Councilman Govern brought up the fact again that this could be in support to the small businesses to get their name out by leasing an available space on the sign.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION# 110**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood seconded by Govern approving the vouchers as presented for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund A	#220-227	\$16,988
General OV B	#16-25	\$900.00
General HWY DA	#85-90	\$16,948.68
OV HWY DB	#49-51	\$3,470.87

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara MacDonald  
Town Clerk