

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2025

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: Katherine R. Bridges, Amanda Conkling, Gale Neale, Ted Hayek, Loraine Davila

FLOOR TIME: Amanda Conkling stood forward and shared her event that is being held at Veteran's Plaza called Porch Fest happening on June 7, 2025. This event is a good way for the Town and Village of Walton to get together and enjoy live music and food vendors. At this point in time, they have collected 20 different local bands and 18 different local food venues.

RESOLUTION #45 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of February 10, 2025 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

February 2025 Assessor Report to Town Board

- Most exemptions have been renewed. In the year of a reassessment the agricultural exemptions have until the end of March to renew.
- I've requested The Reporter run the following notice for the benefit of seniors:
STAR
Turning 65 this year or older? If you've missed the Assessor's filing deadline of March 1st for the Enhanced Star exemption, you may file directly with New York State. Complete Form RP-425-GC and mail it to the address listed in the instructions form RP-425-GCins. The forms can be obtained at your Assessor's office or online at <https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/star.htm>
For additional help the Homeowner's STAR Hotline number is 518-457-2036.
Thank you.
Courtesy of the Delaware County Assessors Association.
Ronda will take care of getting it posted on our website.
- I'm waiting on confirmation that KLV has processed and mailed the new 2025 preliminary assessment disclosure notices. Informal assessment review meetings are planned to take place March 13th through the 19th excluding Sunday the 16th.
Thank you.
Penny Haddad

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Garrett Newbauer

Monthly Summary Report
Month of FEBRUARY 2025

Building Permits Issued	5
Building Inspections Completed	3
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	3
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	1

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton
129 North Street Walton,
New York 13856
FEBRUARY 2025
Dog Control Activity Summary

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

Supervisor Cetta gave Dog Control Officer, Martin Way another shout out for his hard work and efforts he puts in daily and spoke about a call he had got at 1:30 a.m,

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: 3/10/2025
RE: REPORT

- ✓ Discuss the Ram 5500 bids
- ✓ Discuss purchase of newer pickup truck.
- ✓ Discuss the purchase of a plow for the 2023 Silverado 3500

RESOLUTION# 46 **ACCEPT 2017 RAM TRUCK BID**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to accept a bid submitted by Allen Raimi of Catskill Mountains Ranch LLC, in the amount of \$25,109 as the highest bidder. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION# 47 **ACCEPT 2016 RAM TRUCK BID**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to accept a bid submitted by Allen Raimi of Catskill Mountains Ranch LLC, in the amount of \$21,000 as the highest bidder. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #48 **PURCHASE 2023 FISHER SNOW PLOW**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to purchase the 2023 Fisher Snow Plow from Truck Outfitters for \$7245.88. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial statements have been provided.

Reported that I am 80% collected and within those collections there was 19 people who took advantage of the partial payments in January and 189 people using online payments. For those that have not paid their taxes yet, the second notices will be mailed out the end of this month with a notice about the Homeowner's Assistance Program. Which gives information about how to get connected with legal services or housing-counseling around here if someone does not have access to a lawyer or qualified housing counselor.

RESOLUTION# 49

USE OF FACILITY

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to grant permission to Amanda Conkling to hold a music event with vendors and to waive the \$25 fee as a donation for the event. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

TITLE: Community Rating System

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Walton (the Board) recognizes that the potential and/or actual damages from flooding and erosion are a problem to the residents of the Town of Walton; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that such damages may include destruction or loss of private and public housing, damage to public facilities, both publicly and privately owned, and injury to and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that informing the public of the risks before, during and after a flood is key in protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that an effective public outreach program is necessary to ensure that the risk communication reaches its intended audience; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Walton hereby adopts the “Program for Public Information (PPI)”, “PPI Supplemental Outreach table”, “Insurance Coverage Improvement Plan” and the “Insurance Coverage Improvement plan supplemental target outreach table” developed by the Walton Flood Commission in its capacity as the joint committee for Town and Village of Walton as the primary tool for developing and instituting outreach projects to communicate the risk and mitigation strategies associated with flooding.

RESOLUTION#50

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

A motion has been made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the Community Rating System as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION# 51

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern, to appoint Daniel Cucciarre to the Board of Assessment Review. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION# 52

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt, to appoint Stephen Dutcher to the Planning Board. All in favor, motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood spoke about the DCHA Grant for the Cemeteries, we have to prove that the people were Revolutionary War Veteran and was wondering where we could get the information from, with there being no time limit.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION# 53

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	#34-48	\$18,028.66
General OV B	#4-6	\$420.72
General HWY DA	#19-33	\$33,533.34
OV HWY DB	#5&6	\$10,786.76

The meeting was adjourned 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara MacDonald
Town Clerk