

TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2025

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Way, Martin Way, Gladys Jaques, Patrick White, Mayor Eilertsen, Katherine Bridges

FLOOR TIME:

Katherine Bridges stood forward and spoke about the donated tree for the Plaza and said that she would be more than happy to offer her support and knowledge toward the project.

RESOLUTION #60

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of April 14, 2025 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor's Report to Board
May 2025

- Change of assessment notices were mailed May 1 from Buffalo to advise people if their assessment had changed between the disclosure notice and now.
- The roll was filed early. I have received a few calls and emails each day from people questioning their assessment. Some have taken a grievance form and others just wanted an explanation.
- Gina and I are inspecting properties and making corrections in assessments where there is an error in property record data causing a higher assessment.
- We have a sign-in sheet available for grievance day, and Tamara and I have grievance forms available for people wishing to make a complaint. If the number of people wishing to attend grievance day exceeds the time available the BAR and I will hold adjourned meetings until everyone is heard. Complaint forms and documents must still be submitted on or before May 28, 2025. The dates and for adjourned hearings will be decided prior to the May 28th BAR hearing.

Thank you.

Penny Haddad

Supervisor Cetta commented that we might have to extend Grievance Day another day this year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Garrett Newbauer

Monthly Summary Report
Month of APRIL 2025

Building Permits Issued	11
Building Inspections Completed	1
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	0

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

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

Complaints	8
Dogs Seized	2
Returned to Owner	1
Humane Society	1
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	10
Total Redemption Fees	1 For \$10
Assistance, Police	1
Mileage	68 Miles

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: 5/12/2025
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We have received letter from Ralph Merwin stating that he will be retiring at the end of June after almost 34 years of service.
- ✓ Discuss auction items.
- ✓ We have received a proposal for the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner dump truck with plow equipment

RESOLUTION # 61 **PURCHASE 2018 FREIGHTLINER DUMPTRUCK WITH PLOW EPUIPMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to purchase a 2018 Freightliner Dump truck with plow equipment from the Town of Unadilla in the amount of \$150,000. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #62 **ACCEPT THE BID FOR 2007 CHEVY COLARDO**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the bid on Auctions International for \$400 on the 2007 Chevy Colardo. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #63 **COUNTER-OFFER ON 2009 WESTERN STAR**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to counter offer the 2009 Western Star on Auction International for \$25,000. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial statements have been provided.

Reported that I am done with tax collection and have collected 91% of my total warrant. I have collected \$3,970,666.29 of my total warrant. \$392,046.97 will be returned to the Delaware

County Treasurer for collection. My settlement date is schedule for May 14th.

I reported to the board that I applied for the NYALGRO Scholarship and am excited to announce I received the scholarship. The Town of Walton will be reimbursed up to \$500 toward the conference and hotel that I will be attending June 1-3.

I reported to the Board that Sharon Way has submitted a letter of retirement effective May 30, 2025. With her 12 years of working as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Registrar of Vitals, I appreciate her for welcoming me with open arms and her patience with me learning this position after working for Ronda for so long. Her knowledge in this position doesn't go unnoticed and I can't thank her enough for all the help and guidance she has given me while taking on the position as Town Clerk. I have interviewed and received an application from Tammy Tompkins and Sharon Harrington and recommend their appointment as Deputy Town Clerk/Collector.

RESOLUTION # 64

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to accept the resignation of Sharon Way, Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Walton, due to retirement effective May 30, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #65

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to approve Tammy Tompkins as Deputy Town Clerk/Collector at the current budgeted amount effective June 2, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION#66

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approve Sharon Harrington as Deputy Town Clerk/Collector at the current budgeted amount effective June 2, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

I reached out to ISD to give us a quote on taking over and replacing our current camera system. The current recording box has failed several times and the previous installer has not responded to our needs. ISD currently does all of our computer work as well as maintaining secure backups offsite.

The Board requested more information for the cost of the labor and said they would revisit this topic.

I provided the board with the updated standard work day report.

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the 2025 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Walton hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or timekeeping system)
Elected Officials									
Appointed Officials									
Code Officer	Garrett Newbauer			6	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Y			
Court Clerk	Kristin Beers			6	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Y			
Attorney	Carly Walas			6	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	N	.85		
Town Clerk	Tamara MacDonald			6	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Y			
Assessor Assistant	Gina Smith Scheidegger			6	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Y			
Assessor	Penny Haddad			6	10/1/2025-09/30/2031	Y			

On this 12 day of May, 2025,
 Date enacted: May 12, 2025

(Signature of clerk)

I, Tamara MacDonald, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Walton, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 12 day of May, 2025 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. I further certify that the full board, consists of 4 members, and that 5 of such members were present at such meeting and that 5 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION# 68

DOG CONTROL OFFICER RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to accept the resignation of Martin Way, Dog Control officer for the Town of Walton, due to retirement, effective May 30, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Govern made the comment that Martin Way was the best dog officer the town has had in 10 years.

RESOLUTION# 69

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (HEO) RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to accept the resignation of Ralph Merwin, Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) for the Town of Walton, due to retirement effective June 27, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION#70

APPROVAL OF DOG CONTROL OFFICER

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approve Christopher Bodo as Dog Control officer effective June 1, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta spoke about the CRS Certification, and that the flood insurance for the Town and Village went from 10% to 15% discount on flood insurance and wanted to credit Soil and Water Conservation District for being involved. This is great news for the Town and Village Residents and Business owners.

Supervisor Cetta also wanted to welcome the new Mayor and congratulate him. We will further discuss at the next meeting how the Town can get involved in the July 4th festivities.

Supervisor Cetta spoke about how he is presenting an award for two girl scouts, Emma Moss and Taylor Townsend for the Girl Scout Silver Award and wanted to congratulate them both on this accomplishment.

RESOLUTION # 71

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING BID PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approve advertising a bid proposal for improvements to the court room that will be paid for with a NYS Justice Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood said that the Water Street Sign will be up and running by Memorial Day. Supervisor Cetta stated that the Business Finishing Touch LLC had donated the timer for the Lights on the sign and thanked Patty Wood and the Chamber for making taking over the sign.

Councilwoman Wood mentioned there is a Clean Up Day on Sunday, May 18th at 1pm, starting at the Veteran’s Plaza. There are a bunch of businesses that have Volunteering to help clean up around Walton. Wood also mentioned the Christmas lights are in the shed and she’s getting new light bulbs to replace them so they work better. She also mentioned Night Owler’s Guild happening the same time Porch Fest is happening, so there will be a big weekend going on the first weekend of June.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION# 72

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	#66-84	\$15,320.19
General OV B	#8	\$41.27
General HWY DA	#45-54	\$4,917.13
OV HWY DB	#13-17	\$61,687.46

With no further business for the board, the meeting was adjourned 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara MacDonald
Town Clerk