

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Public Hearing
November 10, 2025
6:00 P.M

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

ABSENT: Attorney Carly Walas

OTHERS PRESENT: Bookkeeper Ronda Williams, Sharon and Martin Way, Gladys Jaques, The Reporter Lilian Browne

Supervisor Cetta opened the Public Hearing for any persons wishing to speak in favor or against the proposed 2026 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Cetta closed the Public Hearing at 6:03P.M.

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FLOOR TIME: Supervisor Cetta commented about Walton Central School District elementary school held a Veteran's Day celebration with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade, and he just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful event.

RESOLUTION# 108

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong, approving the minutes of October 6, 2025 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

October 2025

Current work

1. Transitioning to new email address
2. Verifying accuracy of assessments on conservation easements with property owners and DEP
3. Processing exemption applications
4. Field review and data collection of new construction
5. Corrected tax roll and refunding tax on several properties that were assessed using incorrect inventory. Property owners stated they did not receive data questionnaire worksheets in 2024, and did not meet with KLW.
6. Upcoming training on November 17th to help meet continuing education requirements.

I thank the Board for my appointment to the position of Assessor for the new term and look forward to continuing to work with you. I appreciate the support for the Assessor's Office and the professionalism and knowledge of our Town Board here in Walton.

Thank you.

Penny Haddad, SCA

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Garrett Newbauer

Monthly Summary Report
Month of August 2025

Building Permits Issued	6
Building Inspections Completed	3
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	2
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	4

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Chris Bodo
Dog Control Officer
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, NY 13856
October 2025
Report

Complaints: 5
Dogs Seized: 0
Humane Society: 1
Dangerous Dogs: 1
Tickets: 2
Redemption Fees: 0 for \$10.00 Town Kennel

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: 11/10/2025
RE: REPORT

- ✓ The crew has continued ditch and shoulder work and mowing.
- ✓ We have been preparing the fleet for winter operations.
- ✓ We have received an updated shared services agreement from the Town of Colchester.

Superintendent Offnick mentioned a mower on the auction site and was looking to potentially bid on it.

RESOLUTION # 109

APPROVAL OF BIDDING

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to approve offering \$150,000 without exceeding \$190,000 including the buyers fee, for a 2021 A5 Mower max from Municibid Auction site. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Financial Reports have been provided.

There is a New Elected Officials Training School through the Association of Towns that I asked the Board if I could go to.

I also mentioned to the board that Supervisor Joseph Cetta, Superintendent of Highways, Jeff Offnick, the Assessor, Penny Haddad and myself have all got new emails and the old ones no longer work.

RESOLUTION# 110

ATTEND THE 2026 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING SCHOOL

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to attend the 2026 Newly Elected Officials Training School January 14-16, 2026. Not exceeding the amount of \$750. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Cetta thanked Ronda Williams, the Bookkeeper and the Board for working on the 2026 Budget and having a reduction once again in the tax levy. The 2026 tax levy resulted in a 1.23% reduction.

RESOLUTION #111

MOVE THE 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO THE 2026 BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to move the 2026 Preliminary Budget to the adopted 2026 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Roll call vote:

Aye	Nay	Councilman Armstrong
Aye	Nay	Councilwoman Wood
Aye	Nay	Councilman Govern
Aye	Nay	Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt
Aye	Nay	Supervisor Cetta

Supervisor Cetta commented on the Spectrum Franchise agreement that needs to be renewed. We are currently getting 1.5% and other towns are getting 5%. The franchise fee has not been raised in 15 years and the next agreement will be locked in for another 15 years.

The board had decided to raise the franchise fee to 3% and will be holding a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION # 112 TO INCREASE THE FRANCHISE FEE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to increase the Franchise fee with Charter Communications, from 1.5% to 3%. Vote: Aye Armstrong, Govern, Cetta, Nay – Wood, Rodriguez-Betancourt. Motion carried.

Supervisor Cetta commented that if there is a Veteran's that are in need of a Thanksgiving Turkey to contact himself or Mark Dunlop. Also, the New Hope Church does free community Sinner's on Tuesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need.

Supervisor Cetta spoke about the Walton Fire Department doing a fundraiser to order and install 911 reflective numbers and signs for mailboxes for emergencies. \$25 for installation and ordering, reflective sign and post for visibility. If anyone is interested, please contact Kaitlyn Tompkins. (607-221-9112)

Supervisor Cetta had come up with an idea to have a time capsule for the 250th Anniversary on July 4th, 2026 to bury. He is looking for ideas from the public on what should go in the capsule, something as to what's going on locally in 2026 that will be seen in 50 years when opened. Contact the Clerk's office with ideas.

COMITTEE REPORT:

Councilman Armstrong spoke on the ATV law he presented to the board for review and eventually adopt. Supervisor Cetta will look to arrange Shelly Johnson to come to the next meeting to speak further into detail. Armstrong commented that any registrations and any permits would have to go through the Delaware County ATV club. The public is anxious for the Board to pass the law but there is a process to it, once we get the local law, we will have a public hearing and we can't have a public hearing until we hear more about what roads can be opened.

Councilwoman Wood told the Board that the Emergency plan is still being worked on, all the final details are being worked out. The radios are still a discussion, a base radio that has all the channels is still needed. WDLA is going to come back on, which is the key to the emergency plan.

Councilwoman Wood also would like to remind everyone that the Christmas parade is November 28, 2025 line up at 5:30 P.M at the bus garage and the parade starts at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION# 113

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#175-207	\$21,950.51
General OV B	#20-29	\$976.69
General HWY DA	#87-97	\$20,030.64
OV HWY DB	#43-45	\$2,433.06

RESOLUTION# 114

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for a matter relating attorney client communication. All in favor, motion carried.

No action taken after executive session, the meeting was adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara MacDonald
Town Clerk