

TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern (arrived at 6:15), Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood (arrived at 6:15), Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, Attorney Sean Becker and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: R. A. Cairns - The Walton Reporter, Charles Gregory, Steven Dutcher, Keath Davis, Bruce Taylor, and Michael DeGroat

RESOLUTION #46 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Dolph approving the minutes of March 9th and March 23, 2015 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the truck being shipped from Hawaii will be arriving tomorrow. He noted that there may have been a mix up with the actual year of the vehicle. It was listed as a 2009 but the truck being shipped maybe a 2004. He informed the Board that a concern with the older model would be if the transmission is not the same as in a 2009 truck.

Reported that a letter has been received from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery requesting additional information on the Upstate Flooding Event (DR-4129) so that we may be entitled to a State match. The requesting information will be sent onto the State.

Requested permission to attend Highway School on May 31 – June 3, 2015.

RESOLUTION #47 **HIGHWAY SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Superintendent Geidel permission to attend the Highway School. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the CHIPS money for the Town of Walton has been increased.

Requested to hire two summer employees through the Youth Employment Program.

Requested permission to move forward with processing winter abrasive. He informed the Board that by doing this at our local mine, it will save the Town more than half as it would be to have it delivered. All were in agreement.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I am 84% collected with taxes, and have \$659,816.42 yet to collect.

Provided my Monthly report.

Reported that many people are using the FedEx box.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Discussion took place about the Breakey Motors and Alliance Church properties as possible flood mitigation locations.

Supervisor Dolph provided two resolutions to the Board for review.

RESOLUTION NO. _____
TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE WALTON LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Walton have experienced extensive flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village came together to form the Walton Flood Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Flood Commission, as authorized by the municipalities, utilized grant funding received by the municipalities from the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District's Stream Management Implementation Program, that is funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, to complete a Local Flood Analysis; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Flood Commission guided and assisted Malone & McBroom, Inc., in gathering information and preparing a Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Walton is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Local Flood Analysis and the actions proposed in that Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Town Board has reviewed the analysis and understands that a comparable analysis is to begin for the three tributaries and that the combined plans will be adopted by the Town when they are finalized;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Walton Town Board that Town of Walton accepts the Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River as complete.

RESOLUTION #48

ADOPTION OF THE WALTON LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern, approving the Walton Local Flood Analysis as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. _____
**TITLE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS FOR THE WEST
BRANCH OF THE DELAWARE RIVER IN WALTON**

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WHEREAS, the Walton Flood Commission, as authorized by the municipalities, utilized grant funding received by the municipalities from the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District's Stream Management Implementation Program, that is funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, to complete a Local Flood Analysis; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Flood Commission guided and assisted Malone & McBroom, Inc., in gathering information and preparing a Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Walton is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Local Flood Analysis and the actions proposed in that Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Village Board has reviewed the analysis and understands that a comparable analysis is to begin for the three tributaries and that the combined plans will be adopted by the Village and Town when they are finalized;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Walton Village Board that The Village of Walton accepts the Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River as complete.

RESOLUTION #49 **ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS FOR
THE WEST BRANCH OF THE DELAWARE RIVER IN
WALTON**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving the Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he has asked Attorney Becker to review the Town's Procurement Policy and to add the ability to enter lease agreements.

Informed the Board that the County will be conducting new pictometry images and would once again suggest that the Town help in funding this program.

RESOLUTION #50 **DELAWARE COUNTY PICTOMETRY PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission to participate in Delaware Counties Pictometry Program. All in favor, motion carried.

Provided his Financial Reports

Reported that Superintendent Geidel has requested permission to submit Beers Brook and Wakeman Brook as two projects for the 2015 Stream Management grant program through the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District.

RESOLUTION #51

2015 STREAM MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting Supervisor Dolph permission to submit application to Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District for the 2015 Stream Management Grant Program for Beers Brook and Wakeman Brook. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph asked Attorney Becker to provide the Board with an update on the RFP for the revaluation. Attorney Becker apologized stating he did not have his notes.

Supervisor Dolph thanked Trustee Gregory for bringing up the motion to forgive the taxes on the Reporter Building but stated he was very upset with the rest of the Village Board. He informed the Board that during the Village's Board meeting, they basically indicated why we should do this when the Village asked the County for something and they would not help. Supervisor Dolph explained that this flood mitigation project will help everyone living in Walton but mostly it will help the Village residents.

Councilman Armstrong stated he specifically asked if the Village Board was willing to forgive the taxes at the Joint meeting and everyone stated that they were in agreement.

Supervisor Dolph stated it was the Town that went and applied for the grant, when the Village did not.

Supervisor Dolph stated that he was still waiting for a copy of the finally approved resolution as well as the FLA resolutions for the Village Clerk.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that the solar panels and other items within the building need to be addressed before the building is demolished.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided his monthly reports.

Reported that the "dog business" is picking up now that spring has arrived. He stated that the past due dog list is growing and he will continue to work at that.

Reported that FEMA will be here on April 23rd and April 24th to tour the flood plain areas.

Reported that the he is finishing up with the required CRS paperwork and hopeful that it will result in the town and village residents receiving a 10% discount in their flood insurance.

He noted that not only does the CRS requirements provide a flood insurance discount, but makes our community more flood resistance and provides very helpful information to everyone. He stated that just recently, the Girl Scouts used our information on the website for a learning purpose.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Armstrong informed the Board that T&T Truck Sales has come to an agreement to reimburse the Town \$514.32. I was instructed to mail the check that had been held and reimbursement will be sent.

FLOOR TIME:

Arriving late, Michael DeGroat and Bruce Taylor Sr. asked to present maps showing the property on Murphy Hill Road known as More Park that indicates the 2.86 acres in question that would be transferred between Mr. Taylor and the Town of Walton.

Attorney DeGroat stated that since the property in question is a ‘Park’, legislative approval needs to be sought first, then a permissive referendum would be required as well.

Supervisor Dolph suggested that Attorney DeGroat work with Attorney Becker in completing the details and bring back to the Board at their next monthly meeting.

Attorney Becker suggested moving forward with a SEQR.

Keath Davis commented to the Board that a 10% discount on flood insurance is not enough and felt it was a joke.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #52

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#54-75	\$ 9,525.48
General OV B	#14	\$ 73.86
General Hwy DA	#36-51	\$ 47,911.85
OV Hwy DB	#4-5	\$ 556.05

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk