

TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2013
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, Attorney Brett Cowen and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter
Steve Dutcher – DCO
Charles Gregory – Village Trustee & Maureen Wacha

RESOLUTION #44

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of March 11, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Maureen Wacha from the Walton Chamber of Commerce approached the Board stating she is withdrawing the request for a donation to purchase flower barrels.

Ms. Wacha stated she did not feel it was fair to the Town after the Village has indicated they are unable to contribute this year.

Councilman Rodriguez suggested that the Town still contribute if the Chamber would match the amount, Councilman Rodriguez stated he would also donate.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement to move forward with a \$500.00 contribution.

RESOLUTION #45

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FLOWER BARRELS

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to purchase flower barrels not to exceed \$500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Wacha announced that Mary Beth Silano & Jim Thompson will hold a meeting on April 16th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss marketing in the downstate area.

Supervisor Dolph introduced newly elected Village Trustee Charles Gregory.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the NYSGOS awarded grader has been received and works like it's brand new.

Councilman Armstrong reported that he found a 2008 or 09 tandem truck on NYSGOS that he put a request in for. The truck has been awarded to the Town of Walton in the amount of \$4,000.00. Councilman Armstrong stated that this type of truck typically goes for over \$50,000.

Superintendent Geidel requested permission to attend the June Highway School.

RESOLUTION#46

HIGHWAY SCHOOL

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

Reported that the Town of Walton will receive a 28% increase in CHIPS money.

Reported that the claim for reimbursement for the damaged guiderails on Left Pines Brook has been denied. Attorney Cowen will pursue it.

Reported that the Town Highway Department will attend an OSHA training tomorrow.

Reported that some time in the near future, there will be a FEMA close out on mitigation work.

Councilman Govern questioned an area where the flood plain has been filled in. It was determined that the area he was speaking of was in the Town of Hamden and Superintendent Geidel reported that has been addressed.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I have collected 84% of the tax levy and that tax payers have until April 30th to make payment at the town level before the uncollected amount will be turned over to the Delaware County Treasurer for collection.

Reported that Assemblyman Kolb and Crouch have sent acknowledgment of receipt of the Town's Resolution #40 "Opposition to the New York State SAFE ACT".

Reported that the DCO report is on file in my office for those that wish to review it.

Provided the Board with my monthly financial report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that a request has been received from a firm to purchase our cell tower rights. The Board was in agreement that it was not interested in selling the rights.

Reported that upon a request to investigate the number of accidents on County Highway 23 and Beebe Road, it resulted in a suggestion of a reduction of speed for Town roads in that area. Councilman

Armstrong pointed out that this was a County maintained road and they should be the ones to post the reduction of speed.

I informed the Board as a resident on this road, that there are currently arrows and a suggested speed for the corner but the real problem is when the drivers lose sight of the road during rain and fog conditions. I suggested that reflective markers on the side of the road would be more helpful.

Supervisor Dolph stated he would forward the request onto Commission of Highways, Wayne Reynolds.

Reported on two sex offender notifications.

Reported that due to a court order dog seizure, the Town has an outstanding bill at the Humane Society for \$1,000. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested making payment and request the court to seek restitution on behalf of the town.

Maureen Wacha questioned the Board if they have received a request from Rally NY this year. Supervisor Dolph stated that we had not.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if anyone had given thought to her previous question about banning fracking? Supervisor Dolph stated he was in favor of it but the Town of Walton is located in the watershed and does not believe it will ever be allowed in our area.

Supervisor Dolph stated his main concern right now is to support the natural gas line. Stating the benefit that will come to the businesses and residents is huge. "Walton has had natural gas for as long as I can remember and it has always been safe."

Reported that a general informational meeting will be held on the wind tower scoping project. He will announce the date when provided.

Steve Dutcher, DCO reported that he has already sent a letter to the village court requesting restitution for the seizure fees. Supervisor Dolph thanked Mr. Dutcher and stated that he felt he was doing a nice job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Armstrong reported that he had noticed that the salt shed was in need of shingle replacement in areas. Superintendent Geidel stated he did not notice problems inside yet.

Councilman Armstrong requested that each board member report back on May 13, 2013 on the employee handbook.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt reported that the fishing access area is developing.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #47

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#68-86	\$10,889.70
General OV B	#6-9	\$ 125.97
General Hwy DA	#30-42	\$34,165.88
OV Hwy DB	#3-4	\$ 1,036.88

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #48

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel issue. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Back in regular session at 7:35 p.m. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk