

TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2014

6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Cairns– The Walton Reporter, Emily Newman, Charlie Gregory, Linda Schick, Steve Dutcher

RESOLUTION #102

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of November 10, 2014 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Linda Schick of 1480 East River Road approached the Board with a follow up complaint on the property at 1528 East River Road. She questioned why this particular property owner does not have to follow Section 302 of the NYS Property Maintenance Codes? Mrs. Schick states, she is confused if the town is enforcing the law or not. They have had someone on two occasions mow the property and have served tickets but yet it is still an issue. CEO Stephen Dutcher stated that the Town has been following up on the issue and has even served the property owner with an appearance ticket. The law uses the word “immediate” and unfortunately there is not a definition as to what “immediate” means in the distance to maintain around a structure. I think the issue is more about the ascetics of the abandoned house; if it was an empty lot the grass would not be mowed.

Councilwoman Wood stated although the proposed local law was too restrictive, something needs to be done about this issue and questioned if the Town can hire someone to mow the property and send the property owner a bill? Supervisor Dolph requested Attorney Becker to look into the matter and report back. In the meantime, CEO Dutcher will speak with Steven Rocklin from Albany and invite him to look at the property to help with a solution.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Presented the annual Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys. The 2015 anticipated highway general repairs are \$470,000 and to include the following roads: Bob Gould Road,

Budine Hill, Dunk Hill, E Trout Brook, Loomis Brook, and Teed Road.

RESOLUTION #103

AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to accept the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys for 2015 as presented in the amount of \$470,000. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Presented my monthly financial report to the Board

Reported that the past due dog list is starting to dwindle but we still need to follow up with a few delinquent owners.

Reported that we received thank you notes from the Walton Historical Society and the Delaware County Fair for our annual budgeted line item contributions.

Reported that I reached out to a Verizon representative, inquiring if they would be able to join our tower. Mr. Mclaughlin will take the information to his team for review.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Reported that he will forward his monthly dog report.

Reported that the building season is starting to slow down so his focus is now with the Community Rating System. He is trying to get as many points as possible so the community will receive a discount on flood insurance. Currently he is working on 1000 points that will equate to a 10% discount. He stated that he has not factored in the flood mitigation yet so we may receive a higher discount.

Councilwoman Wood reported a concern about Veterans Exemptions. This will be directed to the Assessor Mark Jacobs.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that the State has indicated that they have enough equipment to maintain Bear Spring Mountain but they are lacking manpower. He has cautioned the public while traveling in this area.

He presented the October Recreation Boating Summary Report for NYC.

Reported that the Town has received recommendations from an audit performed on the Home Community Grant Program. This is a duplicate to one we responded to a couple of years ago.

Reported that a property owner on Moore Park is interested in swapping land with the Town so that they can have better access

to their property. In return, the Town would receive the land in front of the current "Star" location so that it could be maintained for better visibility. Attorney Becker reported that he did not find any deed restrictions.

Reported that the Attorney Becker has reviewed the revaluation RFP proposals and will now turn it over to the Town Clerk to be mailed out. This is a service and is not required to following the bidding requirements.

RESOLUTION #104

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A REVALUATION SERVICE.

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to send out request for proposals seeking a property revaluation service. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the owner of the contents in the old Reporter building has been sent notice that he has 30 days to remove them.

Reported that the Councilwoman Wood and Councilman Govern completed the annual audit of the Town of Walton Justice books.

RESOLUTION #105

ANNUAL AUDIT OF JUSTICE BOOKS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern accepting the audit of the Town of Walton Justice books as performed and to be in satisfactory condition. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION#106

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#272-290	\$40,753.53
General OV B	#21-22-	\$ 3,448.03
General Hwy DA	#132-144	\$47,453.04
OV Hwy DB	#51-55	\$30,750.49

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk