

TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 9, 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: Glen Graves– The Walton Reporter, Charles Gregory – Village of Walton

Prior to the regular scheduled meeting, Assemblyman Clifford Crouch was present to discuss issues or concerns from residents. He addressed topics such as; SAFE Act, Common Core, Fracking, Flood Maps and Insurance, the Olmstead Act and Delarc Placement Program Cuts, and Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

RESOLUTION #119 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of November 12, 2013 & November 25, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that he has received authorization to reclaim the Kilmer mine. He will apply for an extension permit so that the required amount of seed can be placed.

Reported that the Federal Surplus compliance check went well.

Reported that the new plow truck should be complete within the next week or two.

Requested permission to attend an MSHA training in February, the Board was in agreement.

FLOOR TIME:

Trustee Gregory thanked the Board for holding a joint meeting last month between the village and town and looks forward to another in May.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that the Dog Control, Code Enforcement Officers, and Assessors monthly reports are available in my office for those wishing to review them.

I presented a First Amendment To Tower Space Land Lease Agreement that was received from Crown Castle. This agreement would grant AT&T permission to install three antennas without ground modifications for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. The agreement will generate an additional \$638.25 of which the town will receive 50% of that.

RESOLUTION #120

FIRST AMENDMENT TO TOWER SPACE LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern to grant Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement with Crown Castle. The agreement will allow for AT&T to install three additional antennas on the Town of Walton's cellular tower. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a final invoice has been received from Doig Excavation in the amount of \$143,500 upon the completion of work on County Route 22 project. This will now be forward onto Delaware County Soil and Water for payment reimbursement.

Reported the amount of DECALS received so far this year was \$5,606.00. Of that amount, \$4,610.04 was sent onto NYS DEC. I reported that they will be doing away with their old computer system and all agents had to be trained on a not so user friendly system.

I provided my financial reports to the Board for their review.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if the sample cell tower letter was placed on the website. I confirmed that it had.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Discussion took place on the date of the end of year meeting that will be held on Monday, December 30th at 6:00 p.m.

The Organizational meeting will be held on January 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Wood and Councilman Govern will review the Justice Financial records prior to the January 13, 2014 meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Supervisor Dolph review his financial.

APPOINTMENT:

Supervisor Dolph appointed David Buteau and Anthony Possemato to the Board of Assessment Review for the term of 10/1/2013 – 9/30/2018.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that Milone & MacBroom have been selected by Soil and Water as the responsible bidder for the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis (LFHMA). He stated at this time the Town Board needs to accept or decline this bid.

RESOLUTION #121

LFHMA BID AWARD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to accept Milone & MacBroom as successful low bidder for the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis (LFHMA). All in favor, motion carried.

Reported on various mail

Reported that Attorney Cowen has been appointed as a Special Prosecutor by District Attorney Richard Northrup Jr.

Supervisor Dolph addressed a situation that has occurred over a FOIL request. He stated that Eugene Matarese has requested information on John Robinson’s property file. He stated that Mr. Matarese has since been sending threatening emails. Mr. Matarese has stated that the Town Clerk should not be working with the public. He has accused the Town Clerk, Attorney, and Code Enforcement Officer of hiding documents.

Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Dutcher explained to the Board how the process all transpired and how issues with construction have been addressed.

Councilman Armstrong summed up the situation by stating; Mr. Matarese paid John Robinson cash to build a house on property he did not own. The deal ended up in a legal battle and now Mr. Materese is mad at everyone.

Supervisor Dolph stated he was approached by Deposit Supervisor Thomas Axtell about joining an Upstate New York Town Association that would request \$400.00 in dues from each town. The Board tabled this until more information was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #122

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	#264 - 284	\$47,546.88
General OV B	#26- 38	\$ 5,350.50
General Hwy DA	#115- 128	\$46,095.96
OV Hwy DB	#47- 52	\$29,162.52

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #123

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

Entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. at which time I was dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk