

TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2013
6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter

RESOLUTION #30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of January 14, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that one of the two requested plasma cutters has been received. The final cost was \$75.00 with a value of approximately \$2,200.

Reported that he had weights and measures recalibrate the fuel pumps at the Highway Garage. The pump was off approximately ½ -3/4 per five gallons.

Reported that the highway crew helped haul snow for the Winter Weekend events.

Reported that he will be advertising for the spring supplies once again.

Reported that he spoke with the individual that complained the ditches were too deep and requested a list of roads or areas that concerned him. He has not heard back from the individual yet.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I am 71% collected this is the same amount as this time last year.

Reported that NYMIR the Town's insurance company has made a recommendation for the Town to adopt an Internet Usage

Policy. I presented a policy to the Board that has been reviewed by the Town's Attorney.

Employee Internet Usage Policy

As part of this the Town of Walton's commitment to the utilization of new technologies, many/all of our employees have access to the Internet. In order to ensure compliance with the copy right law, and protect us from being victimized by the threat of viruses or hacking into our server, the following is effective immediately:

1. It is the Town of Walton's policy to limit Internet access to official business. Employees are authorized to access the Internet in strict compliance with the terms of this policy. Employees are restricted from visiting inappropriate sites and the introduction of viruses, or malicious tampering with any computer system, is expressly prohibited. Any such activity will result in immediate termination of internet privileges.
2. Employees using the Town of Walton accounts are acting as representatives of the Town of Walton. As such, employees should act accordingly to avoid damaging the reputation of the organization.
3. Files that are downloaded from the Internet must be scanned with virus detection software before installing or execution. All appropriate precautions should be taken to detect for a virus and, if necessary, to prevent its spread.
4. The truth or accuracy of information on the Internet and in e-mail should be considered suspect until confirmed by a separate (reliable) source.
5. Employees shall not place company material (copyrighted software, internal correspondence, etc.) on any publicly accessible Internet computer without proper permission.
6. Alternate Internet Service Provider connections to the Town of Walton's internal network are not permitted unless expressly authorized and properly protected by a firewall or other appropriate security device(s).
7. The Internet does not guarantee the privacy and confidentiality of information. Sensitive material transferred over the Internet may be at risk of detection by a third party. Employees must exercise caution and care when transferring such material in any form.
8. Unless otherwise noted, all software on the Internet should be considered copyrighted work. Therefore, employees are prohibited from downloading software and/or modifying any such files without permission from the copyright holder.
9. Any infringing activity by an employee may be the responsibility of the Town of Walton. Therefore, the Town of Walton may choose to hold the employee liable for the employee's actions.
10. The Town of Walton reserves the right to inspect an employee's work computer system for violations of this policy.

I have read the Town of Walton's anti-piracy statement and agree to abide by it as consideration for my continued employment by the Town of Walton. I understand that violation of any above policies may result in termination of internet privileges and or employment.

Signature

Date

RESOLUTION #31

EMPLOYEE INTERNET USAGE POLICY

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to approve and adopt the Employee Internet Usage Policy as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that Dog Control Officer, Stephen Dutcher, supplied the Board with a quote for materials to build a dog kennel in the Town Hall garage. The Board was in agreement with the amount and granted Mr. Dutcher permission to proceed.

Reported that due to the delay in receiving the redeemed and adopted dog list from the Humane Society, the Town is unable to pursue the dog owner for reimbursement of the fees incurred. It was recommended that the Supervisor speak with the Humane Society to see if this list can be emailed within a reasonable amount of time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that the Town's Auditing Firm has recommended the following Budget amendments for 2012. Supervisor Dolph explained to the Board the reasons within in each budget line item.

Budget Amendments December 2012			
General-A		Increase	Increase
Public Information	1480.4	170	
Judgments	1930.4	25000	
Foreman PS	5010.12	25	
Highway Superintendent			
Contractual	5010.4	250	
Celebrations	7550.4	25	
Records Management	1460.4		2000
Building CE	1620.4		11000
Contingency	1990.4		3500
Garage CE	5132.4		6500
Publicity	6410.4		2000
Employee Benefits	9010.4		470
		25470	25470
General -B		Increase	Increase
Planning Contractual	8020.4	1775	
Register of Vital Statistics	4020.4		1775
		1775	1775
Highway - DA		Increase	Increase
Unemployment	9050.8	1600	
Health Insurance	9060.8		1600
		1600	1600
Highway - DB		Increase	Increase
General Repair Contractual	5110.4	156250	
Emergency Repairs	8760.4	2900	
Fund Balance			159150
		159150	159150

RESOLUTION #32

2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to accept the 2012 Budget Amendments as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported on the Supervisor's financial reports and pointed out the new format was due to a change in software programs. I reported that these reports will be e-mailed to each Board member prior to the meeting to save on paper.

Reported and review the Dog Control, Code Officer, and Town Clerk's monthly reports.

Reported that a letter was received from NYC over concerns of usage of a land acquisition parcel that had stone quarries on the property. NYC stated that they will identify any unsafe areas and block those areas off from hikers and snowmobilers.

Reported that a letter was received from Gilbert and Joan Williams requesting relief assistance for their taxes.

Reported that the Town Clerk has presented him with a resolution for a Deployed Military Extension. He did not bring this to this Board meeting and has requested that the Clerk e-mail a copy to each Board member for review and will discuss it at the March meeting. I explained that under Real Property Tax law § 925-d this extension will allow for returning military with a 90 day extension to pay their property taxes without interest or penalty.

Reported that notification was received stating the Town can expect to receive \$177,917 in CHIPS money.

Reported that the annual agreement between the Town of Colchester and the Town of Walton for shared service has been received. This agreement is for snow and ice removal from Trout Brook Road and Wilson Hollow Road between the two municipalities.

RESOLUTION #33

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement with the Town of Colchester and the Town of Walton Highway Departments for removal of snow and ice on Trout Brook Road and Wilson Hollow Road. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if the Town has received a response from Crown Castle requesting Verizon to join the Town's cell tower. Supervisor Dolph stated he has not written the letter yet.

Councilman Govern stated his wife decided not to become an alternate for the Planning Board. Supervisor Dolph stated that Gary Orton has stated he was interested in becoming an alternate.

RESOLUTION #34

ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to appoint Gary Orton as an alternate Planning Board Member for the Town of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong asked the Supervisor if he had additional news on the nursing home. Supervisor Dolph stated he did not have anything new to report.

Councilwoman Wood questioned the Boards stand on fracking? Supervisor Dolph stated he was a strong opponent and stated he was open for discussion. Supervisor Dolph stated the Town of Walton is in the watershed and currently there is no drilling in the watershed areas. Supervisor Dolph stated we really need to bring the gas line into our area. The money that our businesses and schools would save is significant. Councilman Armstrong questioned the proposed route? Supervisor Dolph believes the I-88 corridor is no longer being considered and believes it will continue through Harpersfield, Davenport, Franklin and Sidney. Councilman Govern added that natural gas is an environmentally friendly as well.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #35

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	# 20-40	\$12,873.73
General OV B	#2-3	\$ 35.98
General Hwy DA	#1-16	\$42,855.52
OV Hwy DB	#1	\$ 272.50

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #36

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on requested changes to the Union Contract. All in favor motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:55 p.m. with no intended action following executive session, I was dismissed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk