

TOWN BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
February 9, 2015
6:00 P.M.

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

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Supervisor Dolph opened the Public Hearing for anyone wishing to speak in favor or against the Town of Walton participating in a Community Development Block Grant program. This program will benefit low to moderate income persons with home ownership.

Lynda Hitt from Delaware Opportunities explained to the Board how the program would work and that the maximum award amount per individual would be \$25,000. She explained that this money would be used to assist first time home buyers with closing cost and some minor home repairs if it was necessary to satisfy a leader.

With no public comment, Supervisor Dolph closed the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #32

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Dolph approving the minutes of January 12, 2015 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Informed the Board that Drogan's Electric has brought to his attention of lighting grants available so that the shop lights could be replaced to a better energy efficient lighting. Supervisor Dolph suggested the committee review and bring back to the Board.

Supervisor Dolph stated he would ask that Delhi College come down and look at the possibility of solar panels being placed on the salt shed.

Reported that he will be attending training about the May 2014 flash flooding.

Reported that he will soon be advertising for annual stone and pipe but will also add mulch and seed this year.

Reported that the DEC has requested the Town bring in a comb crusher. They are not satisfied with the gravel content and feel a comb crusher would help. Superintendent Geidel stated he estimates for this to be done, it could cost approximately \$7.00/yard and would like to do two year supply saving the cost of having to bring back in the comb crusher the following year.

Reported that the truck is back from T&T but they have not plowed with it yet. Once this is done, they will send the payment that has been held. Councilman Armstrong stated he would like to deduct an amount from the payment that would cover the expenses incurred with the breakdown of the truck. He indicated that he would contact the company to discuss this.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned if the gate on Kellogg Road had been replaced yet? Superintendent Geidel stated it had not because the gate is welded and has a large padlock on it. He did not want to destroy the gate getting it off the hinges because it is still in good usable condition and he could reuse it and replace an older one currently used at the Highway Garage. He has not had contact with the owner yet. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt stated he would have the owner contact Superintendent Geidel.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my financial report to the Board

Reported that I am 70% collected with taxes.

Reported that there are currently 29 dogs past due and would like the Board to revisit charging a late fee to help cover the additional mailings and time and mileage of the DCO. We are chasing a law that is mandatory but no one seems to take it seriously which becomes very time consuming for clerks.

FedEx has approved the Town of Walton as a FedEx drop off box location site. We just need to approve the application and send it back. In short, the agreement covers the location, terms, insurance and right to cancel at anytime by either party.

RESOLUTION #33

APPROVE FEDEX DROP BOX

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission to enter into an agreement with FedEx to house a drop box at the Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

I received notification from NYSEG indicating that they have expanded their Residential Agricultural Discount programs, which allow more agricultural customers to lower their monthly electricity delivery charges. Customers may apply by contacting NYSEG.

Reported that information from the Public Meeting that was held by the Walton Flood Commission and Soil and Water has been placed on the Town’s website.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Reported that a Notice of Claim has been received resulting in a car accident on East Trout Brook Road. He has turned a copy over to the insurance company and Attorney Becker.

Reported that a letter has been received from the NYS Homes & Community Renewal on the Towns response to the concerns and recommendations identified in an audit that was conducted on October 25, 2011. The letter serves as confirmation that the Town has resolved all monitoring concerns and recommendations with respect to this project.

Reminded the Board of the Joint meeting on February 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Reported that the Delaware County Fair has requested \$100.00 for the annual 5K Run/Walk.

RESOLUTION #34

5K RUN/WALK CONTRIBUTION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the expense of \$100.00 for the purchase of shirts for the Delaware County Fair 5k Run/Walk. Vote: Aye- Dolph, Wood, Rodriguez-Betancourt, Abstain – Armstrong.

Supervisor Dolph congratulated Kevin Armstrong for his newly elected seat on the Delaware County Fair Board.

Reported that a letter had been received from resident Kathy McGrail about the proposed local law concerning grass height. This matter has already been taken care of and no further action was needed.

Reported that the annual Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Colchester was received.

RESOLUTION #35

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement with the Town of Colchester for snow plowing and ice control exchanges amongst the Highway Departments due to topography and geography that would be in the best interest of both parties. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported on his monthly financial reports and various mail received.

Supervisor Dolph questioned the Board if anyone had any questions concerning the Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Program? With no objections, he called for a motion.

RESOLUTION #36

**SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT
BLOCK GRANT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement with Delaware Opportunities as sub-grantee and to sign the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application. All in favor, motion carried.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Reported that he is still working on the past due dog list.

Requested permission to attend a STBOA training on February 18, 2015 in Sidney, NY. Permission was granted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I reported that I was supposed to meet with the Verizon Representative but he never showed up.

Supervisor Dolph stated that due to the last two weather events, the State has postponed again but has continued to work with Attorney Becker on the RFP's for the re-evaluation. They will attempt to attend the March meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #37

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#15-31	\$ 37,945.26
General OV B	#2-12	\$ 1,500.00
General Hwy DA	#5-15	\$ 32,855.50
OV Hwy DB	#2	\$ 219.99

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk