

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2014
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, Charles Gregory, Steven Dutcher

Supervisor Dolph introduced the following resolutions.

Organizational Resolutions

1. Town Board Meetings—Second Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Walton Town Board Room, 129 North St. Walton, NY unless otherwise advertised.
2. Official Radio Station—WDLA
3. Official Newspaper—The Walton Reporter
4. Official Library—William B. Ogden Free Library
5. Official Depository—National Bank of Delaware County
6. Planning Board Chairman—Gale Sheridan
7. ZBA Chairman—Donald O’Connell
8. Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointment— Steve Hodge 1/01/2014—12/31/2018
9. Reappointment to Planning Board— Niles Wilson 01/01/2014---12/31/2018
10. Planning Board Alternate – Graydon Dutcher 01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014
11. Law Enforcement Officer—Delaware County Sheriff Thomas Mills
12. Records Management Officer (RMO)—Ronda Williams, Town Clerk
13. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO)—Stephen Dutcher
14. The Walton Town Supervisor is authorized to pay—prior to audit—utilities, postage, payroll expenses, pension related expenses, health insurance, interest and principal on town debt, and insurance policies.
15. Dog Control Officer –Steve Dutcher
16. Mileage Reimbursement— per Federal IRS business rate
17. The Walton Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to advertise bids as it is necessary on all highway supplies—other than those required by the Town of Walton’s Procurement Policy—and that they bring those bids before the Town Board for review.
18. The Walton Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to trade services and/or use of equipment with other municipalities, school districts, and fire districts as needed.
19. Approval of Salaries—per Salary Schedule listed in the 2014 Town Budget
20. The Town Board delegates the authority of delegating duties for all Deputy Town Clerks to the Town Clerk, with the exception of a vacancy in the office of Town Clerk.
21. Walton Court Clerk – Kristin Beers ---01/01/2014---12/31/2014

RESOLUTION #1-21

**ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS
#1-21**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez, Betancourt accepting the organizational resolutions 1-21 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed their Policy Book. Each member was provided with the Disclosure of Possible Conflict of Interest form; to be returned to the Town Clerk.

Councilperson Govern and Wood provided a report on their review of the 2013 Justice Financial records.

RESOLUTION #22

REVIEW OF THE TOWN OF WALTON JUSTICE FINANCIAL RECORDS

A motion was made by Councilperson Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt that the Justice Court finances have been examined and found to be in accurate and satisfactory condition. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments by Supervisor

1. Deputy Town Supervisor – Kevin Armstrong
2. Town Historian – Walton Historical Society
3. Town Board Committees –
 - Public Works Armstrong & Govern
 - Finance & Insurance Govern & Wood
 - Legal & Ordinance Govern & Rodriguez
 - Land Use & Village Liaison Rodriguez & Wood
 - Personnel Armstrong & Govern
 - Union Negotiations Armstrong & Dolph
 - Building & Grounds Armstrong & Wood
 - Technology Armstrong & Govern
 - Emergency Disaster Govern & Wood
 - Historical Armstrong & Rodriguez

Appointments by Highway Superintendent

1. Deputy Highway Foreman – Michael Merwin

Appointment by Town Clerk

1. Deputy Town Clerks – Gladys Jaques
- Sharon Way

RESOLUTION #23

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of December 9th & December 30, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that there is a renewed interest in the South River Road project, but has no definitive information yet.

Reported that he plans to finish reclaiming the Kilmer mine in the spring.

Reported that with trying to continuing a vehicle replacement plan, the town has been awarded a John Deere 624K loader from Federal Surplus. The loader that has an acquisition price of

\$123,500, but will only cost the town approximately \$8,200 with trucking. He would like to eventually surplus the Daewoo loader and list it on Auctions International.

Reported that if awarded for the June flash flooding event, the town could receive reimbursement for \$60,000.

Presented his annual Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys in the amount of \$460,000.

RESOLUTION #24

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 in the amount of \$460,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Provided a Year in Review document to each Board Member.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if the Board felt it would be beneficial to call and complain about the condition of Main Street. Supervisor Dolph stated the State is aware of the condition, and felt there is nothing that can be done until the weather breaks.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned the status of burying the electric lines along Main Street. Supervisor Dolph stated he would check into his concerns.

Supervisor Dolph thanked Walt and the Highway Committee on saving the community so much money on the used equipment purchases.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I am in receipt of the Tax Warrant and charged with a total amount of \$3,958,757.74. The total amount to be paid to the Supervisor is \$1,618,564.00 and the Delaware County Treasurer amount is \$2,340,193.74

Reported that I have received the AOTSNY Annual Meeting information for the conference to be held in NYC on February 16-19, 2014. Reported that several interesting resolution will be put to vote. Should anyone wish to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Requested permission to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference in April.

RESOLUTION #25

PERMISSION TO ATTEND NYS TOWN CLERK CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilperson Wood seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission for the Town Clerk to attend the 2014 NYS Town Clerk's Association. All in favor, motion carried.

Provided my financial report to the Board

Reported that 186 new dogs were licensed in 2013. The dog license revenue is still able to fully fund the Dog Control Officers position.

I provided the Board with the following list of equipment that is obsolete and no longer used by the town.

- 1– HP Printer (broken)
- 1- HP Scanner (broken)
- 1- Brother Fax Machine (broken)
- 2- Sharp Calculators (broken)
- 2- Lexmark Printers (broken)
- 1- Gateway Monitor (obsolete)
- 3– Gateway Keyboards (obsolete)

RESOLUTION #26

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission to declare the obsolete equipment surplus and to be disposed of properly. Vote: Aye – Armstrong, Wood, Govern, Rodriguez-Betancourt & Supervisor Dolph. Nay- 0. Motion carried.

Discussion took place over receiving credit cards for tax payments. I informed the Board, for security purposes, I will not accept credit card payments over the phone.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Dolph reviewed his financial reports

Reported that the annual contract for an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Colchester has been received.

RESOLUTION #27

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt accepting the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town of Colchester and the Town of Walton to provide snow and ice removal at the agreed upon locations. All in favor, motion carried

Reported that the Walton Fire Department is in the process of forming a corporation under the provision of NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. A public hearing will need to be held on the matter.

RESOLUTION #28

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to hold a Public Hearing on February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department forming a corporation under the provision of NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation. All in favor, motion carried

Reported on various mail received that included topics on cell tower purchases by Crown Castle and wind tower concerns.

Requested the Board vote on nominees for the position of CWC Board of Director. He will submit the results to the CWC by January 31, 2014.

Supervisor Dolph thanked Kevin Armstrong, Dan Hodges, Keith Davis and Mauro Cetta for putting up and taking down the Christmas lights in the village.

Reported that the Village of Walton has been awarded a Revitalization grant through the IDA.

Reported that the NYS Comptroller's Office stresses that all 19 towns need to obtain 100% evaluation rate.

Reported that the Basic STAR enrollment has been extended to March 1, 2014. Currently, Delaware County is only 70% enrolled.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that he would like to amend part-time employees Mark Jacobs and Stephen Dutcher's contract to include the following holidays. ½ day Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and all day the day after Thanksgiving.

RESOLUTION #29

AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood granting permission to amend Mark Jacobs and Stephen Dutcher's employment contract to include ½ day on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and all day on the day after Thanksgiving. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the annual contract between the Delaware County Planning Department and the Town of Walton has been received. The contract will provide services from the Delaware County Planning Department in the amount of \$3,500.00.

RESOLUTION #30

DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING CONTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement for services from the Delaware County Planning Department in the amount of \$3,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph provided an informational handout of an informational meeting that was held on the formation of a Drug Task Force.

Reported that a letter was received from resident Ronald McAdams stating that his property flooded after the September 2, 2013 rain storm. He stated that his basement has never received water until the sluice work along State Route 206 was performed. Supervisor Dolph requested the highway department keep an eye on the sluice grate for debris build up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Armstrong asked if the highway department may provide crusher run or grindings between the Town Hall and the

Chamber's storage unit. He state this would allow for the trucks to drive next to the building to unload the Christmas decorations. Superintendent Geidel stated he would see what he could do.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #31

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.

2013	General Fund A	#1-5	\$ 3,033.35
	General OV B	#1-2	\$ 205.97
	General Hwy DA	#1-6	\$109,301.64
2014	General Fund A	# 6-16	\$ 5,124.80
	General Hwy DA	#7-8	\$ 13,601.24
	OV Hwy DB	#1-	\$ 8,674.50

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk