

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 14, 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:
Steve Dutcher - DCO
Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter

RESOLUTION #24 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of December 11th & December 27, 2012 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Dog Control Officer, Steve Dutcher presented a proposal to the Town Board for a dog enclosure to be located in the Town Hall garage. Mr. Dutcher stated that he came across a situation when the Humane Society was full to capacity and he had a dog seizure in the evening with no warm place to house the dog.

He suggested contracting with another kennel or building an insulated enclosed space in the garage with a heat lamp for these situations.

Supervisor Dolph requested that he look into the cost of the enclosure and possibly contacting Milt Brock or the WCS Technology class to see if they could construct it.

RESOLUTION #25 **APPROVAL TO CONTRUCT A DOG ENCLOSURE**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission to approve a dog enclosure to be constructed in the Town Hall garage. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place about dog owners not cleaning up after their dog in the parks. DCO, Steve Dutcher stated he would need a witness and they would need to be able to identify the dog owner. He stated he would try to visit the park more often.

I had suggested that signage and a dog waste receptacle may help the situation.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the two Federal Surplus plasma cutters that the Town has been allocated have not been found yet.

Reported that he has purchased off Federal Surplus a truck tractor located in Pennsylvania for \$3,500.00. His intentions are to locate a lowboy trailer so that the Town can haul its own equipment without having to pay a contractor to do so.

He has made a recommendation to change employees Jason Phoenix and Andy Northrup's classification from MEO to HEO. He stated that these two employees currently are paid out of class for their work while performing this service and he never replaced the two retired HEO's previously.

RESOLUTION #26

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to change Jason Phoenix and Andy Northrup from an MEO to HEO effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he has received information on Energy Path to replace the remainder of lights in the Highway Garage that were not done in the previous grant. Currently Councilman Armstrong is looking into whether or not the employees can change out the lights and avoid paying an electrician labor rate.

Supervisor Dolph thanked Superintendent Geidel for his Year in Review document. Councilman Govern questioned if he thought the fuel cost was going to stay down? Superintendent Geidel stated that will depend on the weather.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I am 14% collected with taxes; up from 12% last year.

Reported that I have the DCO and CEO monthly report in my office if anyone would like to review them.

Reported that we are in receipt of the Agreement Between the Delaware County Planning Board and the Town of Walton for services for 2013 in the amount of \$3,500.00.

RESOLUTION #27

AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF WALTON

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement with the Delaware County Planning Department for planning services in the amount of \$3,500.00 for 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a request for Use of Facility was received from the Education Foundation to hold meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #28

USE OF FACILITY APPROVAL

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to grant permission to the Education Foundation to hold monthly meetings at the Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Supplied the Board with my monthly financial report and pointed out the year to date figures attached.

Reported that the Independent Auditor has picked up the Town's financial records and we should hear back within a couple of weeks.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported on the CWC Septic Grant Approval Report

Reported that the plan for a boat launch at the DOT pull off on State Route 10 above Suburban Energy is moving forward. He stated that it would include stairs, a canoe slide, and an informational Kiosk.

Reported that the County is still working on promoting recreational usage on the Cannonsville reservoir. He stated that a pilot plan is in place for electric motors to be used this year and will see how that goes. Councilwoman Wood suggested promoting bicycling around the reservoir as well. It was mentioned that the roads would need attention to make this a safe ride.

Reported that the Town has finally received two denial letters from the insurance company on two separate claims filed a few months ago. However, the parties involved have reported receiving terrible service and even been accused of wrong doings from the insurance adjuster. Supervisor Dolph stated he will be meeting with the insurance company to get this taken care of.

Reported that notification has been received from the NYSDEC renewing a bluestone mining permit for Bruce Taylor.

Reported that the County is requesting to be Lead Agency for the construction and subsequent operation of a new recycling facility located at the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center in Walton.

Reported that the Town is still looking for an alternate for the Town of Walton Planning Board.

Reported that a proposal for a Wind Tower program has been received and there will be public information meetings scheduled. Supervisor Dolph will inform the Board when these meeting will be held.

Supervisor Dolph thanked the Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers who helped put up and take down the Christmas lights. Councilman Armstrong thanked the Town for the use of the utility bucket truck.

Supervisor Dolph reported that the sale of Countryside Care Center is progressing. They have allowed people to get into the building to perform some of the work that needs to be done prior to housing new residents. Councilman Armstrong questioned if those that were relocated during the closing would have first choice to return? Supervisor Dolph assumed that would take place. Councilman Govern asked if the County would waive the money still owed to them. Supervisor Dolph stated that was something to look into with over 200 jobs lost and a service to the residents of Delaware County.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if Verizon would be coming onto the Town's cell tower? Supervisor Dolph stated we have just received T-Mobile and have tried to get Verizon in the past without success. Councilman Govern stated he contacted JNS to see what they could do but they have since sold to Crown Communication. Councilman Armstrong suggested sending a letter to Crown Communication requesting them to pursue Verizon.

Reported on his monthly financial reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #29

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

	2012	2013
General Fund A	#349-352 \$1,334.27	#1-19 \$5,159.81
General OV B	#1	\$3,500.00
General Hwy DA	#165-167	\$1,596.01
OV Hwy DB		

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk