

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2018

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern (Arrived at 7:50 p.m.), Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Dutcher, Sean Leddy- Delaware Co. Planning, Kathleen Hayek, Lillian Browne – The Reporter, Keath Davis

APPOINTMENT:

Supervisor Gregory reappointed Carly Walas as Town Attorney

I administered Attorney Walas the oath.

FLOOR TIME:

Supervisor Gregory introduced Sean Leddy of the Delaware County Planning Department to the Board. It was decided that Mr. Leddy would provide a report once Everett Farrell also of the Delaware County Planning arrived from attending the Village of Walton meeting.

Kathleen Hayek questioned if taxpayers came in early to pay their 2018 property taxes early and stated she had a remedy for the tax cap. She explained that residents could donate to a charitable fund that would come off their property taxes in order to meet the 2018 tax cap. The Board questioned the legality of that proposal.

Everett arrived to provide the final version of the Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River as well as the Local Flood Analysis for the East Brook, West Brook and Third Brook Tributaries for the Village and Town of Walton.

RESOLUTION NO 28

TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS FOR THE WEST BRANCH OF THE DELAWARE RIVER IN WALTON

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Walton have experienced extensive flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village came together to form the Walton Flood Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Flood Commission, as authorized by the municipalities, utilized grant funding received by the municipalities from the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District's Stream Management Implementation Program, that is funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, to complete a Local Flood Analysis; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Flood Commission guided and assisted Malone & McBroom, Inc., in gathering information and preparing a Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Walton is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Local Flood Analysis and the actions proposed in that Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Town Board has reviewed the analysis and understands that a comparable analysis has been completed for the three tributaries and that the combined finalized plans will be adopted by the Village and Town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Walton Town Board that The Town of Walton accepts and adopts the Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River.

RESOLUTION #28 **ADOPT LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS FOR THE WEST BRANCH OF THE DELAWARE RIVER IN WALTON**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to adopt the Local Flood Analysis for the Town and Village of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 29
TITLE: ADOPT THE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS FOR THE EAST BROOK, WEST BROOK, AND THIRD BROOK OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN OF WALTON, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Walton have experienced extensive flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village came together to form the Walton Flood Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Flood Commission, as authorized by the municipalities, utilized grant funding received by the municipalities from the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District's Stream Management Implementation Program, that is funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, to complete a Local Flood Analysis; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Flood Commission guided and assisted Malone & McBroom, Inc., in gathering information and preparing a Local Flood Analysis for the East Brook, West Brook, and Third Brook in the village and town of Walton; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Walton is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Local Flood Analysis and the actions proposed in that Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Town Board has reviewed the analysis and understands the analysis of the three tributaries;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Walton Town Board that The Town of Walton accepts and adopts the Local Flood Analysis for the East Brook, West Brook, and Third Brook in the Town and Village of Walton as complete.

RESOLUTION #29 **ADOPT THE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS FOR THE EAST BROOK, WEST BROOK, AND THIRD BROOK OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN OF WALTON, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood adopting the Local Flood Analysis for the East Brook, West Brook, and Third Brook in the Town and Village of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Farrell provided a revised resolution from the previous July 10, 2017 Resolution #91 that the Board adopted to provide better clarification of the intent and properties in question.

Town of Walton

RESOLUTION # 30 of 2018

SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW YORK CITY FUNDED FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM FOR
87, 93 Delaware Street, Walton NY
273.7-6-9, 273.7-6-8

WHEREAS, the Town of **Walton** is subject to flooding that can damage property, close roads, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, at the request of local communities, funding from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is being made available to help property owners who qualify for the NYC Funded Flood Buyout Program (NYCFFBO) based on eligibility criteria in five categories – 1) Hydraulic study properties (recommended by engineering analysis), 2) CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program, 3) Community-approved Stream Management Project, 4) Erosion Hazard, and 5) Inundation Hazard, and

WHEREAS, the Town of **Walton** has conducted a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) including a hydraulic analysis of flooding in the Town and the LFA recommends certain properties that are subject to repetitive flood damages should be considered for flood buyout, and

WHEREAS, the property at 87 Delaware Street (273.7-6-9) & 93 Delaware Street (273.7-6-8) (the “Property”) has been recommended for consideration for buyout in the LFA and the Town has been approached by Keath Davis, the owner of the property, requesting to participate in the NYCFFBO Program under the Hydraulic study category, and

WHEREAS, the Town agrees to take title to the Property and to manage same in accordance with a Re-Use Plan prepared by the Town that identifies the communities’ long-term plan for the management, use, and development of this parcel. All activities are to be subject to and consistent with the restrictions in Flood-Prone Areas identified in the Second Supplemental Agreement Among West of Hudson Watershed Stakeholders Concerning the New York City-Funded Flood Buyout Program, Page 5 (1) a., i., ii., iii., iv., and

WHEREAS, we understand that the Town-owned property will be managed by the Town in conjunction with a Re-Use Plan prepared by the Town that identifies the communities’ long-term plan for the management, use, and development of these parcels. All activities are to be subject to and consistent with the restrictions in Flood-Prone Areas identified in the Second Supplemental Agreement Among West of Hudson Watershed Stakeholders Concerning the New York City-Funded Flood Buyout Program, Page 5 (1) a., i., ii., iii., iv., and v...

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Walton Town Council approves Keath Davis, property owner at 87 Delaware Street (273.7-6-9) & 93 Delaware Street (273.7-6-8) to apply for the NYCFFBO program to permanently remove this flood hazard risk allowing the DEP to begin assisting them in the real estate process.

Resolution offered by Councilwoman Wood Seconded by Armstrong

Supervisor Gregory	Aye
Councilman Armstrong	Aye
Councilman Govern	Absent
Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt	Aye
Councilwoman Wood	Aye

Signed: _____
Supervisor

Date: _____

RESOLUTION #31

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of December 11, 2017 & December 28, 2017 and January 2, 2018 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that he has received the 2008 Chevy Silverado that cost the town \$800.43 from the Federal Surplus Program and added that the Kelly Blue Book lists this vehicles value between \$8,000 -\$10,000.

Councilman Armstrong stated the Highway Committee is in discussions of vehicles that would be surplusd and also placing the tractor back up for sale.

Reported that the Highway Department has been out almost every day so far, this month. Supervisor Gregory thanked the department for their early mornings and dealing with such cold temperatures.

Superintendent Geidel asked if there was an update on the Storm water grant? Supervisor Gregory will follow up with it and get back to him.

Superintendent Geidel made a request to hire additional wingmen. The Board chose to table that request.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Reported that I am 8% collected.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided Monthly reports to the Board.

Stephen L. Dutcher
Town of Walton Dog Control Officer
129 North St.
Walton, NY 13856
November 2017

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Walton New York 13856
December 2017

12/20/17

15:15-17:00 hrs

-Worked on canvassing past due license list. Also started going to last known addresses to try and make contact with owners.

12/21/17

15:15-17:00 hrs

-Continued working on canvassing past due license list. Trying to narrow down some sort of a status on owners (moved, unknown address etc) before going door to door.

12/26/17

15:15-15:45 hrs

-Contacted by Officer Babcock who advised someone was at the PD with a stray dog found on Mead St. Went to PD and took possession of dog. Before leaving I inquired with a local resident if they knew whose dog it was. They pointed me in the direction of the rear apartment of 84 Mead St. Went to that address where I found the dog owner, Wayne Squires, looking for the dog. Dog was returned to Mr. Squires upon receipt of the redemption fee. Mr. Squires has 2 weeks to get the dog licensed.

12/28/17

15:30-16:00 hrs

-Investigated complaint received from Sarah Bliss of 24 Park St of German Shepard being left out for extended periods in cold weather at 60 High St. Had received other complaints from Village employees over the previous 2 days. Each time I investigated and found no one home and no dog tied out. Again, today found no dog tied out but did manage to locate the homeowner, Alicia Dean. Advised Alicia of complaints received and she denied leaving the dog out for extended periods. Something I am inclined to believe as I have been by the house repeatedly over the past few days and have not found the dog out. I advised that when the weather warms and the dog can be left out for more than a few minutes at a time that she needs to provide proper shelter. She is moving back in and has not moved the dog house yet. Returned call to complainant and advised her of my findings.

-Had message from Ashley Miller reporting her dog missing on Bob's Brook Rd. Returned her call and advised that I have had no reports of strays.

12/29/17

15:00-15:30 hrs

-Had message from a Trooper Stevens stating he was requesting I check the welfare of a dog on CR 23 and to call him back for details. Called SP Sidney and left my cell number for him to call back. Also had a call from a complainant about a dog being left outside on CR 23. Tried to call her back, no answer so left a message.

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher, CFM

Monthly Summary Report
Month of December 2017

Building Permits Issued	3
Building Inspections Completed	16
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	12
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	1
Vehicle Mileage	179 Town Vehicle
	94 Personal Vehicle
	273 Total

Training:

CRS: Annual recertification is 80% complete and will be submitted well before the deadline of Feb 1.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Town of Walton
Monthly Assessor's Report
December 2017

- The Delhi Office of Real Property Tax Services Staff completed their printing and mailing for 2018 STAR Enhanced Renewal Notices and Agriculture Exemption Notices and I have begun the review and administration process.
- I responded to numerous Property Assessment questions from parcel owners who received their first billing with the new reassessment roll valuation, on phone and in person.
- I Completed field inspections for several of the new buildings, property improvements and demolished buildings that have been reported by The Town of Walton Code Enforcement Officer.
- I Completed RPS Data System record updates for 2018 assessment changes that have been reviewed to date.
- I Completed field inspections on four parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of reassessment data or valuation.
- I Completed a Mobile Home Park inventory review in preparation for an onsite assessment review with the owner and an appraiser.

Fran Zujovic
Assessor
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856

Councilman Govern commented that he was very pleased in the format and information of the Assessors monthly report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that after discussions with the Assessor and Director of Real Property, it determined that the Town of Walton Assessor was capable of performing a non-appraisal reassessment in the attempt of keeping the valuations at 100%. He explained this would be accomplished by using fair

market values, code enforcement applications, and pictometry on each property.

RESOLUTION #32

NON-APPRAISAL REASSESSMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood allowing a non-appraisal reassessment to be conducted by the Town of Walton Assessor and funds put in place to carry out this task. All in favor, motion carried.

Provided an update on Verizon joining our tower. He stated the contract has been approved and construction will start soon. He noted we are still receiving Sprint checks until they determine the results of their test tower.

Reported that the flood gauges are up and running and the links will be uploaded to the towns website soon.

Reminded everyone of the Revitalization Proposal meeting that will be held on January 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Everett Farrell added that the last meeting had a tremendous turnout and residents provided ideas how to make Walton a little more prosperous and resilient.

Supervisor Gregory listed the projects in order of priority as previously determined by the Board.

- 1)Riverwalk
- 2)Veterans Plaza
- 3)Develop Davis Property

Supervisor Gregory reported that he has drafted a letter requesting the State accelerate the Third Brook Bridge project. This will have a big impact on the businesses. He informed that Board that the letter will be sent to the Governor, Commissioner of NYS DOT, as well as the legislators.

He reported that the Mayor and himself met with NYS DOT to provide them with concerns over the removal of parking space lines on Delaware Street as well as adding crosswalks at McDonalds, TA's Restaurant, Danny's Restaurant and across NYS Route 206 in front of the Walton High School. He felt the requests were favorably received.

Sean Leddy of the Delaware County Planning Department reported he is continuing his work on the Comprehensive Plan with the Town's Planning Department. Mr. Leddy reported that there was a 5% turnaround on the surveys and will be sending a draft plan to the Towns Planning Department next week.

Supervisor Gregory presented the Delaware County Planning Departments Service Contract to the Board. The contract provides assistance to our Planning Department with a cost of \$3,500.00 for 1/1/18-12/31/18

RESOLUTION #33

DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT

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

Supervisor Gregory provided an update on County issues. He stated that information was available on the County website for information on the DPW location.

He reported once again that a public hearing will be held in the future on the location of the Mental Health Facility.

Reporter Lillian Brown question if appraisals will be conducted on the properties in question? Supervisor Gregory stated he did not know.

Keath Davis questioned if Delhi was being considered for a possible site for the Mental Health Facility? Supervisor Gregory stated it was not. Mr. Davis expressed concern of the facility relocating to the property on Delaware Street, stated that is the only viable property left on Delaware Street. Mr. Davis informed Supervisor Gregory that a letter will be coming from the Walton Chamber of Commerce expressing their disapproval.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #34

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	#1-15 -	\$ 4,195.98
General OV B	#1-2-	\$ 3,660.00
General Hwy DA	#1-8	\$19,197.18

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood stated she would type up the Veterans Plaza Use of Facility guidelines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #35

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation and contractual discussions for Assessor and Code Enforcement All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:15 p.m.

Councilman Govern arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 8:00 p.m.

A decision was made as a result of executive session to grant Supervisor Gregory permission to seek a computer technician to review and potential restore data to the previous Assessors computer and laptop.

RESOLUTION #36

SEEK COMPUTER TECHNICHION SERVICES

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to grant Supervisor Gregory permission to seek a computer technician to review and potential restore data to the previous Assessors computer and laptop. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory provided clarification on a recent mix up with the CWC, on a request and denial for funding they had received. He stated a couple of CWC members mistakenly thought a request for funding for the bowling alley building came from the Town of Walton instead of the Village of Walton. Supervisor Gregory provide clarification to the CWC members.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk