

TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2017,
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Browne – Walton Reporter, Bruce Dolph, Steven Dutcher, Katherine Hayek, and Keath Davis

RESOLUTION #86

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of June 12, 2017 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Katherine Hayek thanked the Board for the Farmers Market at Veteran's Plaza.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that with additional use of the hydro seeder, they have gone through most of the seed and have gone out to bid for seed and mulch. The bid opening will be held on July 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Superintendent Geidel informed the Board that this will be a reimbursable through CWC.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement to hold a special meeting to approve the seed and mulch bids.

Superintendent Geidel explained to the Board that a planning and assessment grant is available for a study of culverts, catch basin and ditching. The application process is very detailed and an engineer would be needed. The Board was in agreement to move forward in seeking an engineering firm that would be interested, and to bring back to the Board with their fee.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Presented Annual Humane Society Contract for approval.

RESOLUTION #87

HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern granting Supervisor Gregory permission to enter into an agreement with the Humane Society of Central Delaware County for the cost of stray dogs brought to the shelter. All in favor, motion carried.

Request permission to attend a one-day seminar on payroll laws in Binghamton on September 13, 2017.

RESOLUTION #88

PERMISSION TO ATTEND TRAINING

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood granting permission for the Town Clerk to attend a one-day seminar on payroll laws on September 13, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a Use of Facility Request has been received by the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce for August 15, 2017 to hold a “Hootnanny” event. The Board was in agreement to approve the request.

Reported that I attended the Schoharie Town Clerk’s Association meeting this past month and discussed how successful their partial tax collection payment was and will research it a little more and bring back to the Board as this would need to be a local law.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

CEO Dutcher requested to attend a training in September to be in compliant with his required training. He stated this would be a shared expense with the Village of Walton.

RESOLUTION #89

APPROVE CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission to attend the September 5-8, 2017 training and share the expense with the Village of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the CRS recertification will take place in February.

Requested permission to run the electric line from the pavilion to the tree at Veteran’s Plaza. He stated that there is summer help and this would be a good project for them. Councilman Armstrong stated this may be a good time to run the electric to the flag pole as well.

RESOLUTION #90

ELECTRIC AT VETERAN’S PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern granting permission to run an electric line from the pavilion to the tree and flag pole not to exceed \$400.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Wood reminded everyone of the event that will be held at the plaza this weekend in hopes that many people will attend.

Councilwoman Wood asked if CEO Dutcher was aware of the issue of water running down from behind Prospect Avenue? He stated he was but this is an issue between property owners.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Gregory reminded the Board and public that the Walton Flood Commission will hold a forum on July 27 and July 28, 2017, for input on ideas on how to improve Delaware Street as well as ideas for Water Street.

Reported that he is making progress on the flood gauge, just trying to secure funding.

Reported that the relocation of Breakey Motors Project is still moving forward and a contract has been prepared.

Keath Davis thanked the Board for their support and stated it took too many agencies approval to get this far. He stated, that NYC has agreed on a price but could take up to 4 months to finalize.

Mr. Davis stated that the relocation site at 245 Delaware Street has a new roof but there is some work yet to be done.

Councilwoman Wood asked for clarification as to who will be removing the building? Supervisor Gregory stated that CWC will be in charge of this and Councilman Govern explained the Town would own the property.

Councilwoman Wood questioned where was the village on the ownership issue? Supervisor Gregory stated we own it but if the village wants it, he did not see a problem with that.

Councilman Govern stated the whole town would likely use the property and the maintenance should be split between the whole town rather than place the burden on the village residents only.

Mr. Davis requested the issue not get confused with ownership which could hold up the contract process. Councilman Armstrong was in agreement with Mr. Davis and stated that was something that could be worked out later.

Councilwoman Wood questioned who would be responsible for the oil that may be in the soil? Supervisor Gregory stated NYC is fully aware of the environmental issues and they will be cleaning the area.

RESOLUTION #91

BREAKEY MOTORS RELOCATION AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting Supervisor Gregory permission to sign the contract between the Town of Walton, Keath Davis and the City of New York. Vote: Armstrong, Govern, Wood, Supervisor Gregory – Yea, 0-Nays, 1-Absent. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Gregory stated he will send a letter to NYC addressing their Land Acquisition Program and the impact it has on our area versus a flood mitigation funding.

Supervisor Gregory read an unsigned letter received to the town expressing their push for one governing body for Walton. Supervisor Gregory acknowledged the letter but requested the individual to contact him to discuss in person.

Supervisor Gregory reported on a few County issues, the first being the relocation of the Office of the Aging. He stated the Board of Supervisors voted to purchase 97 Main Street, Delhi to house the Office of the Aging and senior meals. He clarified that the current owner purchased the property for \$500,000 and sold it to the County for \$675,000. The County Senior Citizens group will contribute \$80,000 toward the purchase.

Supervisor explained the reason he voted in favor of the purchase was the fact that the Office of the Aging received a letter on March 27, 2017 asking them to vacate the property as the building had been sold. The County did not have much time to relocate and 97 Main Street was for sale with adequate kitchen and office space.

Councilman Govern stated timing is everything, he believes the County did their best with what time they had.

Councilman Armstrong questioned how many town's the Delhi Senior Meal site serves and how is it handled in other towns? Supervisor Gregory stated he will look into this and provide him with an answer later.

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that the County is still looking into a possible site for the Delaware DPW location. He stated on July 12, 2017 at the Delaware Academy School at 7:00 p.m., there will be an informational session for the public to attend.

Councilman Govern stated the County does have time to look for a location for the DPW site and should consider the NYSEG facility in Hamden. Supervisor Gregory stated he will ask the committee.

Reported that the Mental Health site has not been decided yet and currently, the contractors are meeting with the three agencies of Mental health to see what is needed in a facility.

Reported that on July 26, 2017, there will be a Shared Service Forum.

Supervisor Gregory asked Lillian Browne to explain the 2017 Travel Guide placed before the Board. Ms. Browne stated on behalf of the Tourism Office overseen by the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, this brochure was developed and placed throughout the Metropolitan area to get people to this area.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #92

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#132-156	\$55,635.47
General OV B	#7	\$ 33.96
General Hwy DA	#74-85	\$6,295.50
OV Hwy DB	#14-16	\$9,116.99
CDBG	#6-7	\$74,095.73

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood questioned if the Farmers Market could stay after 2:00 p.m. so that people working could take advantage of it as well or suggested adding another day later in the evening? Discussion took place about someone needing to be in charge of the event.

The Board was in agreement of turning the matter over to the Attorney to develop guidelines for the Farmers Market events.

Councilwoman Wood mentioned the event that will occur at the Veteran’s Plaza this Saturday and will include a pet adoption event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #93

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Reassessment Contract Issues, Kraft Assessment Challenge Mental Health Facility Negotiations and Legal Matter with former employee computer. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:24 p.m.

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

Out 8:00 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk