

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2017,
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Browne – Walton Reporter, Assessor Fran Zujovic, Bruce Dolph, Steven Sehen, Paul Endress, Stephen Wood, Katherine Hayek

RESOLUTION #75

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of May 8, 2017 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Stephen Wood of South River Road approached the Board to express his disapproval of a proposed plan to re-route South River Road through NYC property. He stated does it make sense to place a road in an area that gets flooded?

Paul Endress of South River Road echoed Mr. Wood's concerns of placing a new road through a flood zone.

Supervisor Gregory explained the reason for placing the road in that area and re-confirmed that eminent domain is not an option so we will continue to look for alternatives.

Councilman Armstrong stated the problem started years ago when the current culvert was not large enough to handle the water flow and the water ends up going over the roadway. He stated if we have to place a new larger culvert, it will have to be a bridge, which would be very costly so we are looking for alternatives.

Supervisor Gregory stated we will continue to look for other options.

Councilwoman Wood and Mr. Wood suggested diverting the water prior to the culvert.

Katherine Hayek questioned how many requests has Reclaim NY submitted to the town? I informed Mrs. Hayek that Reclaim NY has requested FOIL information earlier in the year but did not have the exact date. I stated that the amount of information that Reclaim NY and the piggy back organizations is what is consuming so much time and burden on small communities. The Town of Walton has a lot on information on line so this helps with some of these requests but others are very time consuming.

Village Trustee Steven Sehen questioned why the town taxes for village residents increased this year. I explained the two accounts and that we historically used fund balance in the past, but were unable to do that this year and had an increase due to equipment purchases in the DA account. The A account had the increase for the revaluation as well as the KRAFT litigation.

Mr. Sehen also question the amount of annual revenue received from the cell tower?

Supervisor Gregory explained that each carrier is a lease and the town receives a portion of that lease. I stated the annual amount from all the lease agreements is approximately \$25,000.

Katherine Hayek stated that during the Wellness event at Veteran’s Plaza, you could not use a credit card because there was not wifi. She asked if that was something the town could supply.

Supervisor Gregory stated that we currently have interest from Delhi Telephone to bring broadband service to Walton but unfortunately will only be coming as far as Dunk Hill Road. We are still waiting to hear if the company is still coming from Deposit.

Supervisor Gregory explained that when the JNS came to place the tower, they tested many areas and its current location was decided to be the best for overall coverage.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

In Superintendent Geidel’s absence, Councilman Armstrong provided his monthly report.

Councilman Armstrong stated that the 2011 Dodge Ram truck received a bid of \$23,200 on Auction International.

RESOLUTION #76

ACCEPT BID FOR 2011 DODGE RAM TRUCK

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt accepting the bid of \$23,200.00 for a 2011 Dodge Ram Truck received on Auctions International. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong read the bids received for the salt shed roof:

G.H Construction	\$45,000
WeatherMasters	\$56,400
Park Lane Construction	\$48,990

RESOLUTION #77

SALT SHED ROOF BID

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood accepting the bid from G.H. Construction of \$45,000.00 as the responsible low bidder. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong informed the Board that only one quote was received for the sealing of the Town Hall parking lot.

Webster Asphalt, Inc. \$1,039.00

RESOLUTION #78

SEAL PARKING LOT BID

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt accepting the quote from Webster Asphalt, Inc. for \$1,039.00 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Reported that the new copier has been delivered and working nicely. We have moved the old one upstairs and brought the upstairs one down here in the Boardroom because of its limited use and expectedly short life span.

Reported that the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Justice Court cash accounts have been audited for the year ended December 31, 2016. The town justices are current in their reporting to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the TSLE & D program and the auditor also stated in his report that he found no adjustments necessary to be made to any of these accounts.

RESOLUTION #79

AUDIT PERFORMED OF CASH ACCOUNTS FOR TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR AND TOWN JUSTICE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt accepting the audit as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

I informed the Board that a Use of Facilities request was received for the use of Veteran's Plaza to hold a Humane Society Adoption and vendor/craft sale for July 5, 2017.

RESOLUTION #80

VETERANS PLAZA USE OF FACILITY APPROVAL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission to hold a Walton Pride Fundraiser, Humane Society Adoption and vendor/craft sale at Veterans Plaza on July 5, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the Town of Walton has received a request from the Delaware Valley Agricultural Society to hold a firework display within the Town of Walton. I explained that the company performing the firework display is American Fireworks and have supplied insurance certificates and pyrotechnic qualifications.

RESOLUTION #81

APPROVE FIREWORK DISPLAY

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood granting the Delaware Valley Agricultural Society to hold a firework display on property within the Town of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

I presented the 2017 Standard Workday Report.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Walton hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/M onth (based on Record of Activitie s)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or timekeeping system)
Elected Officials									
Appointed Officials									
Dog Control Officer	Stephen Dutcher			6	1/1/17-12/31/17	Y			
Code Officer	Stephen Dutcher			6	01/1/17-12/31/17	Y			
Court Clerk	Kristin Beers			6	1/1/17-12/31/17	Y			

On this 12 day of June, 2017, Date
enacted: June 12, 017

(Signature of clerk)

I, Ronda Williams, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Walton, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 12 day of June, 2017on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board consists of 4 members, and that 4 of such members were present at such meeting and that 4 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the

(Name of Employer)

RESOLUTION #82 2017 STANDARD WORKDAY & REPORTING

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

**Town of Walton
Assessor's Office
129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856**

Reassessment Report

June 12, 2017

- 3,516 Total Town of Walton Properties
- ENPM Completed visits to all accessible Properties for data gathering
- Field Reviews were completed by ENPM Representatives and Assessor for each property valuation
- 182 Informal review meetings for Property Owners with ENPM Representatives
- All Agriculture Assessments were updated and Agriculture Exemptions were recalculated.
- All Forest Exemptions and Property Easements were recalculated
- Tentative Roll issued on May 1st
- Board of Assessors Review completed 60 Grievance hearings with Property Owners with final roll adjustments scheduled by 6/14

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Supervisor Gregory submitted CEO/DCO monthly report in Mr. Dutcher's absence.

Reported that the Flood Commission held a walkthrough of West Brook. He stated that they received a lot of feedback as well as information from generations of the impact over the years.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

The Assessor provided the following report.

Councilwoman Wood questioned as to how many properties were not accessible? Assessor Zujovic stated not a lot but was able to use aerial pictometry for those inaccessible properties.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned how many structures were unregistered? Assessor Zujovic responded significant.

Councilwoman Wood thanked Assessor Zujovic for his hard work during this entire project.

Real Property Director Sabansky informed the Board that after a revaluation, it is typical to have 200-350 grievances. The Town

of Walton had less than 100 and the Assessor went above and beyond to help everyone.

Supervisor Gregory asked Assessor Zujovic to extend a thank you to the members of the Board of Assessment Review. They have put in a tremendous amount of time.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supplied the Board with the monthly Financial Reports.

Reminded the Board and public that the first time tax payers will see an impact from the revaluation will be with the September 2017 tax bills.

Reminded everyone that the Town will hold the Veteran’s Plaza dedication on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Wood stated that garbage cans are being built by her husband and will be donated to the plaza.

Supervisor Gregory stated that the CWC has shown an interest in helping to re-establish the East Brook flood gauge. The overall goal is to include the West Brook as well.

Supervisor Gregory reported that the Watershed Agricultural Council has chosen another area other than Walton. He explained that the available sites in Walton did not meet their criteria.

Reported that he had communication with Adam Tiberio of Tiberio Custom Meats who is making progress and still working on a goal of 2018 to be up and running.

Supervisor Gregory supplied a New York City Watershed Land Acquisition Program 2017 Town Level Assessment report to the Board and requested permission to submit a response letter encouraging NYC to back away from Land Acquisition and place their funding toward flood mitigation. The Board was in agreement.

Councilwoman Wood stated there was not much land left for them to acquire.

Supervisor Gregory presented the Board with Town and Village of Walton Insurance Assessment and Coverage Improvement Plan. This is an informational document, no action is required.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #83

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	#101-131	\$69,107.04
General OV B	#5-6	\$ 1,372.50
General Hwy DA	#64-73	\$4,773.59

OV Hwy DB	#8-13	\$32,542.55
CDBG	#5	\$27,000.00

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None Reported

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #84

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Kraft Litigation, Reassessment Contract Issues, CWC/Breakey Motors Negotiations, and Legal Matter with former employee computer. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Govern arrived at this time.

Entered 6:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 8:25 p.m.

As a result of executive session, the following motion was made.

RESOLUTION #85

APPROVE KRAFT ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Gregory permission to sign the proposed assessment agreement with Kraft. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk