

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting
JUNE 18, 2014
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Town Clerk Ronda Williams, Village Trustees: Theresa O’Leary, Allan Reynolds, Charles Gregory, David Breese, Mayor Edward Snow, Village Clerk Jody Brown

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Cairns– The Walton Reporter, Kim Cairns, Maureen Wacha, Keith Davis, and Carol Michalski

Mayor Snow opened the joint meeting at 6:04 p.m.

1) The first topic open for discussion was the Water Street Improvements.

Mayor Snow questions Supervisor Dolph if there was new information to share on the Flood Commission Water Street project? Supervisor Dolph indicated that they are still waiting to have a study conducted and will be holding a meeting in July, the time still to be determined. Supervisor Dolph stated that the material deposited in that area over the years is huge. He stated this will take some time to remove and then decide what to do with the property afterwards. Councilman Armstrong indicated that hopefully this will contribute to our points system and reduce flood insurance. Councilwoman Wood questioned, “What will happen to Dollar General”? Supervisor Dolph stated we need to wait for the study.

2) Tax Pilot Program

Mayor Snow questioned if the County was still considering moving forward with a Tax Pilot Program? Trustee Breese questioned what would be the time frame to see if it will be worth it? Superintendent Dolph stated we need to try this for a year to see if there is a savings. Trustee Breese stated that Delaware County is one of few that do not make the villages whole. Mayor Snow indicated that the village has over \$100,000 owed in back taxes and that the County is experienced with the foreclosure procedures, there must be a savings.

3) Sex Offenders

Mayor Snow stated we have a lot of people coming into the house by the landfill. Supervisor Dolph informed the members that many of the individuals are homeless after they are released from prison and become a county issue. Mental Health is located here in Walton therefore providing easy access for the offenders to attend. Trustee questioned if they would relocate the offenders if the clinic was to be relocated? Supervisor Dolph could not confirm that but stated they would still need to be in a county home. Councilman Armstrong questioned if the offenders could be tracked if they leave the house? Trustee O’Leary stated “They change the complexion of the area, we don’t need to invite them here just by the house up there”. Councilwoman Wood informed Armstrong that they are tracked. Mayor Snow asked if the reporter could place the informational cards in the paper. Rob Cairns state he would look into it but it’s unlikely.

4) Wind Towers

Mayor Snow questioned what was the status? Supervisor Dolph stated that we have not heard anything new and as far as he knew they were waiting for additional studies. Trustee O’Leary questioned how far was the process? Supervisor Dolph stated he did not know but felt it was in the early stages. Trustee Gregory felt that that Town had very good guidelines but now they need to be sure the companies comply.

Additional discussions took place over bringing events to Walton and utilizing Water Street while being careful not to piggy back on someone else's fundraiser.

Trustee Gregory provided everyone with an RV park idea that he had for the Water Street area.

Discussion took place on who has the right to vote and how one is chosen to sit on the Mental Health Board. Supervisor Dolph stated that Tina Mole' was appointed to the committee by Chairman Eisele and he believed that the rest are chosen by the committee. Councilman Armstrong asked how the facility gets their funding. Supervisor Dolph said some from the County budget and some from the State. Mayor Snow stated that there would be a Mental Health Community meeting on June 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion took place on the paving of Delaware Street. Mayor Snow stated that it would take place before Fair but if the company felt they could not finish before Fair that they would hold off until after Fair week.

Trustee Breese informed everyone that Roberta Austin has started a committee that will be promoting village property clean up. Mayor Snow stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for those wishing to attend.

Discussion took place about burying the power lines along Delaware Street and the Mayor Snow is looking for funding once again.

Discussion took place to hold another meeting in October at the Walton Town Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk