

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2014
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Leonard Govern (arrived @ 7:20), Patty Wood (arrived @ 6:15), Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt. Walt Geidel, Town Clerk Ronda Williams and Attorney Brett Cowen & Sean Becker of Cowen Law Firm

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stephen Dutcher, Village Trustee Charles Gregory and Lillian Browne - The Walton Reporter

FLOOR TIME:

Village Trustee Gregory approached the Board stating that he feels the Village of Walton qualifies to house the Mental Health Clinic. He was concerned that if the facility was relocated, Walton could lose up to 50 jobs. He requested that the Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing.

Supervisor Dolph explained that the decision is not with the Board of Supervisors but with the committee themselves. He informed Trustee Gregory that Chairman Eisel only appointed a couple of people to the committee; the rest the committee appoints. Supervisor Dolph stated, "I agree, I would like it to stay here in Walton".

Councilman Armstrong questioned where the funding for the Mental Health Clinic comes from? Supervisor Dolph stated that some comes from the County budget and some from State funding.

RESOLUTION #60

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of May 13, 2014 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/DOG CONTROL:

CEO Stephen Dutcher reported that he is addressing an abandon property on East River Road. A notice has been sent certified mail and signed for but no response. The property has once again become overgrown and would like to establish a procedure to address these situations.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned if we could have the property mowed and charge it back to the landowner on their taxes?

Supervisor Dolph suggested that Attorney Cowen's Office look into this and bring it back to the Board.

Stephen Dutcher reported that a free rabies clinic will be held on June 11th from 6-8 p.m. at the Walton Highway Garage. He stated the following week there will be tickets issued for unlicensed dogs. He informed the Board that within a ½ block, he found 11 unlicensed dogs – this is their last warning.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that he purchased a mower with a 60" deck for \$50.00 on Federal Surplus.

Reported that bids will be going out soon for stream bank stabilization projects.

He requested the Board to consider hiring a couple of people for summer work. He stated they would be used from June 15 to fair week to mow alongside the roads. Councilman Armstrong questioned what the formula is for unemployment? Supervisor Dolph stated it would depend on how many hours they have already worked. Councilman Armstrong stated they need to look into what the Union Contract states about seasonal employees driving equipment. He stated, he did not want them doing other jobs such as flag to use up the 24 hours.

RESOLUTION #61

HIRE OF HIGHWAY SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the hiring of two seasonal employees not to exceed 24 hours per week, contingent on the findings of the Union Contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Geidel reported that the plow truck will not be ready until August.

Supervisor Dolph reported that the public needs to realize that it is illegal to dump items on someone's personal property. He reported that someone had placed two chairs and a table on Seeley Road that the highway department had to go pick up. He stated, "We have a wonderful landfill that accepts almost anything and many items are free of charge". He reported that the Department of Corrections will be conducting roadside cleanups along the Town of Walton roads soon.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

I provided my monthly report to the Board.

Reported that I had received acknowledgement from Assemblyman Clifford Crouch that he had received our resolutions on the support for a Casino in Broome County and declaring the month of May as "Mayday for Mandate Relief."

Reported that as a follow up to our audit from the Department of Labor, it is necessary to adopt a Hazard Communication Program for the Town Hall location.

RESOLUTION #62

HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

A motion was made by Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood accepting the Hazard Communication Program as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

I reported that it was time to review and establish the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for 2014 for the elected and appointed officials. I explained that since the appointed officials are all now completing weekly timesheets that the three month log would no longer be necessary.

RESOLUTION #63

2014 STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to establish 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. All in favor, motion carried.

I provided the Board with a list of records that have met their retention period according to the New York State Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and asked for permission for approval to dispose of the these records.

RESOLUTION #64

2014 OBSOLETE RECORDS

A motion was made by Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood granting permission to dispose of the records that have met the New York State Records Retention and Disposition Schedule. Vote: Aye – Armstrong, Rodriguez-Betancourt, Wood, & Supervisor Dolph. No - O, motion carried.

Requested permission to dispose of items that are no longer in working order or needed by the Town of Walton.

- 1 HP Office Jet Printer
- 4 Gateway Computers

RESOLUTION #65

SURPLUS ITEMS

A motion was made by Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting (1) HP Office Jet Printer and (4) Gateway Computers as surplus items that are no longer needed by the town. All in favor, motion carried.

I reported that Governor Cuomo's Office requested documentation for the 4020 (Hurricane Irene) and 4031 (Tropical Lee) FEMA declared events to complete their files. I sent 160 scanned documents via email this morning.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Dolph explained how the Town of Walton handles grant procedures. He explained that our practice is to apply for the grant, wait for acknowledgement of approval before making our plans public. The Town of Walton has not received funds yet

so therefore we will not be doing a resolution to move forward until we do.

Supervisor Dolph reported on his financial reports.

He reported that residents on Seeley Wood Road have complained about excessive speed and would like a speed survey performed to possibly have the speed limit lowered.

He reported that after speaking with the Chairman of the BAR, it has become apparent that we may need to have three alternate members.

RESOLUTION #66

ALTERNATE BAR MEMBERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the request to appoint three alternate members to the Board of Assessment Review. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the Millennium pipeline in Hancock, NY has employed 75 people and generated 3 million in revenue through the its Pilot Program and over \$200,000 over a 10 year period in the Host Community Program.

Reported that a letter was received from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation asking to be lead agency from the Logs Unlimited Mine Modification. All were in agreement.

Reported that the Delaware County Public Health is offering free Tick-Borne Disease Prevention signs. Councilwoman Wood suggested requesting a few to place at the walking trails.

Reported that the Town of Deposit Supervisor is trying to establish an Upstate New York Town Association. The annual dues would be \$400.00. Supervisor Dolph will bring back to the next meeting after more information is obtained.

COMMITTEE:

Councilman Armstrong reported on the results of the bid openings that occurred on June 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Replacement of a Natural Gas Boiler at the Town Hall.

G.H. Construction	\$9,980.00
C.E. Kiff	\$6,000.00
Glen LePinnet	\$6,565.00

RESOLUTION #67

REPLACEMENT NATURAL GAS BOILER

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to award the Natural Gas Boiler bid to the successful low bidder C.E. Kiff for \$6,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Replacement of Garage Roof at the Town Hall

Glen LePinnet	\$5,985.00
D&N Improvements	\$9,650.00
G. H. Construction	\$7,490.00

RESOLUTION #68

REPLACEMENT OF GARAGE ROOF

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to award the replacement garage roof bid to the successful low bidder, Glen LePinnet for \$5,985.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Lowboy Trailer Bid

Tri-City Highway \$13,500.00

RESOLUTION #69

LOWBOY TRAILER

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to award the lowboy trailer bid to the successful low bidder, Tri-City Highway for \$13,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Sale of Surplus equipment online Auction

84 Excavator	\$8,100.00
96 Dodge Truck	\$760.00
Utility Box	\$1,275.00
Dump Box	\$920.00

RESOLUTION #70

SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting the sale of the surplus equipment as bid on the online auction. 84 Excavator \$8,100.00, 96 Dodge Truck, \$760.00, Utility Box \$1,275.00, Dump Box \$920.00 All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph requested that the Board move forward with having the parking lot redone. He stated that the highway department would dig up the existing lot and we would go out to bid to have new relayed. Councilman Armstrong stated he would meet with Superintendent Geidel to discuss the details.

RESOLUTION #71

PARKING LOT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to approve going out to bid for the replacement of the parking lot at the Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the vouchers as presented for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund A	# 97-123	\$16,180.59
General OV B	#8-11	\$ 672.68
General Hwy DA	#69-79	\$8,319.43
OV Hwy DB	#11-15	\$32,426.06

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk