

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Public Hearing
November 12, 2013
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis-Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, Attorney Brett Cowen and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter, Charles Gregory-Village Trustee, and Stephen Dutcher – CEO/DCO

Supervisor Dolph opened the Public Hearing for anyone wishing to speak in favor or against the Town of Walton's Preliminary Budget.

With no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

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6:02 P.M.

RESOLUTION #114

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of October 15, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Charlie Gregory invited the Town Board to a joint meeting with the Village Trustees. The purpose was for the two boards to get together and discuss issues within the Village and Town of Walton. A date was set for November 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Walton Town Hall.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that a Flood Committee meeting will be held on November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Reported that an audit of purchased Federal Surplus will be conducted to verify we still have the items for the required amount of time.

Reported that all OSHA violations have been corrected.

Reported that there are several dead trees along the roadways. He is still working on how to proceed. Councilman Govern suggested that the town go out to bid. Supervisor Dolph will

have Attorney Cowen look into what will be needed from the bidders.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I have provided my monthly report to the Board.

Reported that I have received the DCO and CEO monthly report; which are available in my office for anyone wishing to review them.

Reported that the Association of Towns will hold their "Just Elected-What Do You Do Now?" webinar on December 12, 2013 as well as their New Town Official School on January 15-17, 2014. Anyone wishing to attend should let me know as soon as possible to get registered.

Reported that I have submitted a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$4,900.00 from the Delaware County Board of Elections for election expenses.

Reported that Assemblyman Cliff Crouch will be attending the December 9, 2013 Town Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Dolph stated that one of the Judges have requested a \$1,000 raise for the Court Clerk. He stated the position is currently receiving a 2.5% increase and if we change this for this position, we need to look at the other appointed positions.

Councilwoman Wood stated she was not in favor of this. It was the Boards consensus to leave the raise at 2.5%.

With no further questions on the Preliminary Budget, Supervisor Dolph asked for a motion to move the Preliminary to the 2014 Budget.

RESOLUTION #115

2014 BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to move the Preliminary Budget to the 2014 Town of Walton Budget as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph suggested moving \$50,000.00 from the DA savings to the DA Equipment Reserve Account.

RESOLUTION #116

TRANSFER TO DA EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to grant permission to Supervisor Dolph to transfer \$50,000.00 from DA savings to the Equipment Reserve Account. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph reviewed his monthly financial reports.

Supervisor Dolph presented the DEC Cooperative Agreement for the Walton Fishing Access Site.

RESOLUTION #117

NYSDEC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong granting Supervisor Dolph permission to sign the NYSDEC Cooperative Agreement for the Walton Fishing Access Site. This site will provide access to the West Branch Delaware River located near the cell tower. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported on NYMIR Insurance, Catskill Watershed Septic Report and DEP Recreation and Boating Reports.

Reported that the DEP has done a land acquisition of 66.65 acres on East River Road and NYS 206. Councilman Armstrong suggested that landowners really look into the potential problems of future use of the lands within these agreements.

Reported that most EWP projects have been completed and the County Route 22 is wrapping up.

Reported on 3 sex offender notifications.

Reported on the progress of the Delaware County IDA Department. He spoke of employees and their roles and the projects currently being conducted in Walton, Hancock and Sidney. He commended the time and effort the IDA has contributed to Amphenol in Sidney in keeping the business here in Delaware County.

Councilwoman Wood stated she would like to applaud Kraft for their community involvement and the importance of protecting these large companies. Supervisor Dolph stated that the Third Brook Watershed Management Plan should help identify and address flood protection and mitigation that will benefit the Kraft plant.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if there is new information on the opening of Countryside Care Center? Supervisor Dolph stated that he had not heard anything new but informed the Board that Congressman Chris Gibson is actively working with the company who is purchasing the facility.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that after watching a YouTube video of the Village Board meeting, he wanted to set the record straight on the South Mountain Wind Project. He stated that the closest tower to the High School will be 5000' away; almost a mile away. The closest tower to a resident will be 2000' away and there will be no towers directly behind the hospital as indicated.

He stated that there was a Public Hearing held on January 9, 2008 prior to the Walton Town Board adopting the zoning regulations for wind generation. He felt the Walton Planning Department did a nice job and this is now a permitted use. He stated that this is still in the early stages and intends to keep this in the public eye as information becomes available. He assured everyone that when the time comes to negotiate a contract with the company, it will be review carefully.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Wood questioned if a name has been chosen for the Route 10 turn off? Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested naming it after DEC Officer William Micarrelli.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if new information has been received on Verizon joining our cell tower? I informed her that I placed a call to Crown Castle concerning Verizon and Nextel but did not hear back prior to the meeting. I informed the Board that it would benefit the efforts if the public contacted their cell carriers to complain of the sporadic coverage. Supervisor Dolph stated we need to get the word out that we need more carriers on the tower. Trustee Charlie Gregory questioned if he can announce at the Village meeting and forward all written complaints to the Town to be submitted at the same time. Supervisor Dolph was in agreement.

Stephen Dutcher approached the Board with a suggestion to house numerous plans and maps that the Town has acquired. He suggested building a map/plan storage unit in his office. He estimated the material to range from \$500-\$1,000. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested using PVC pipe in the construction. Supervisor Dolph suggested obtaining a material price list and present at the next meeting.

Mr. Dutcher also informed the Board that after an inspection of the dog room, it was suggested that the Town place plastic sheeting for a less pervious material and easier clean up that will protect other animals.

Councilman Armstrong question how the new program was working? Mr. Dutcher stated he is still within the data collection process. Councilman Armstrong stated he would like the DCO and CEO monthly reports emailed prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #118

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#210-263	\$15,847.92
General OV B	#25	\$ 68.21
General Hwy DA	#107-114	\$12,502.55
OV Hwy DB	#38-46	\$84,661.75

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk