

TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2013

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood (arrived at 6:10), Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, Attorney Brett Cowen and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter, Andy Lashendock, Charles Gregory, Maureen Wacha, Sarah Cowen

RESOLUTION #105 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of September 9, 2013 and September 30, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Mr. Lashendock of 985 Smith Road approached the Board with his concern for the Town use of a turn-around spot on his property. Mr. Lashendock stated he granted permission for the Town to use and build a turn-around spot for the plow trucks because other property owners on the road would not. He is now asking for a reduction in his assessment after he had remodeled his home and received an increase in taxes.

The Board thanked him from bringing the situation to their attention and will check with the Assessor to see what options are available.

Maureen Wacha informed the Board of a forum that will take place on October 22, 2013 at the O'Neill High School. She stated the topic will be on Affordable Care Act (Obama Care).

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the dump box will be delivered to T&T on November 17th . He does not expect to receive the completed truck until sometime in December.

Reported that the seasonal roads legal notice will be sent to the Walton Reporter reminding motorists of the temporary discontinue snow and ice removal from December 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014 on Chase Brook from Town of Tompkins town line to Town of Tompkins town line and Beers Brook from Russ Gray Pond to NYS Route #206.

He read two thank you notes that were received for various road work that had been performed by the Highway Department.

He reported that a letter was received informing him that the Cornell Local Roads Program has been funded and will continue.

Requested permission to crush up cobblestone and stock pile the crushed gravel for an approximate cost of \$22,000. The Board was in agreement.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Presented the Tentative Budget to the Board. A budget workshop date of November 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m was scheduled and a Public Hearing date was set for November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Informed the Board that I have received the Walton Fire District's proposed 2014 Budget.

Request permission to apply for a \$100,000 grant through the State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program that is being offered by Senator Bonacic.

RESOLUTION #106

STATE & MUNICIPAL FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolph, seconded by Govern granting permission to apply for \$100,000 through the State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program. All in favor, motion carried.

The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Reported that I have just received the Tax Collector's Settlement Sheet from the County Treasurer.

Reported that the DECAL's system is updating their contract agreements with the License Issuing Agents. They have provided a new agreement. Along with this, there will be a required training held in November.

RESOLUTION #107

NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LICENSE ISSUING AGENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Town Clerk, Ronda Williams permission to enter into an agreement with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as the License Issuing Agent for the Town of Walton for the sale of Conservation Licenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a thank you note has been received from the Delaware County Fair 5K Run Event Coordinator, Beth O'Brien. Thanking the Town for their contribution toward the 1st Annual Delaware County Fair 5K Run.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that the insurance company has supplied a new Health Care Plan to be in compliance with the Obama Affordable Care Act. This plan meets the Teamsters contract terms and complies with the ACA.

RESOLUTION #108

TEAMSTERS HEALTH INSURANCE

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong accepting the proposed Excellus-SimplyBlue Plus Silver 4 health care plan as presented to be provided to the union employees. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported on the Assessors report, stating that he would like additional information showing the results of the visits.

Reported on his monthly financial reports along with the HRA report and the Town Clerk's monthly report.

Reported that the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce is looking for a name for the DEC's launch site sign. They have requested help from the Town Board.

Reported on the CWC Septic Report and the Land Acquisition Report.

Reported that a Notice of Violation and Order to Comply was received from the NYS Department of Labor on the Town of Walton Highway Departments inspection. Councilman Govern has stated that many of the violation have already been corrected.

Supervisor Dolph reported that a Memorandum of Understanding was received from the Delaware County Public Health for the Town's DCO to check on dogs as needed during a 10 day confinement or a quarantine period. He first stated he was not sure if this was needed but DCO Stephen Dutcher explained that he had no authority without the Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION #109

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WALTON AND DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting permission for Supervisor Dolph to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Delaware County Public Health. This MOU will allow for services of the Town of Walton's DCO to provide the framework for checking on dogs as needed during a 10 day confinement or a quarantine period and sharing and documenting results. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that Attorney Cowen's Office is still waiting for approval to reclaim the Kilmer Mine property.

Reported that information has been received from the New York State Public Service Commission (NYPSC) stating that companies will be contacting the Town to discuss the proposed electric transmission project within our community. This project, known as the Oakdale-Fraser Transmission Project, comprises a new 345-kilovolt electric transmission line to be constructed along existing electric transmission rights of way

running from Oakdale Substation in the Town of Union to Fraser Substation in the Town of Delhi

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #110

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#190-209	\$ 16,623.17
General OV B	#21-24	\$ 2,979.17
General Hwy DA	#91-105	\$127,712.47
OV Hwy DB	#35-37	\$ 9,263.26

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #111

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing an individual employee's contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.

I was dismissed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk