

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Special Meeting  
October 23, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

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ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Dolph, Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Kathleen Hayek

Supervisor Gregory opened the budget workshop. Each Board Member had a copy of the 2018 Tentative Budget in front of them for review. With no questions or changes after review, the workshop was closed.

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Supervisor Gregory requested to deviate from the agenda and hold executive session first.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #129**

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A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of potential litigation. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:20 p.m.

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

Out 6:35 p.m.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

**RESOLUTION #130                      2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to move the 2018 Tentative Budget to the 2018 Preliminary Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory requested permission to sign an agreement with USGS to reactivate the East Brook Flood Gauge. He explained that this agreement will be for stage, discharge, and satellite telemetry. There is no installation cost, but NYCDEP has agreed to pay 2/3 of the O&M and the Town of Walton is to pay the remaining 1/3.

**RESOLUTION #131                      EAST BROOK FLOOD GAUGE**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to grant Supervisor Gregory permission to enter into an agreement with USGS and NYCDEP for the installation and cost associated with the East Brook Flood Gauge. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory explained that a flood gauge will be placed in West Brook and that the CWC has secured a grant to help offset the \$16,000 associated with the installation cost of the new gauge.

**RESOLUTION #132                      WEST BROOK FLOOD GAUGE GRANT**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong granting Supervisor Gregory permission to sign a grant application requesting funding by the CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program for a flood gauge to be installed in the West Brook. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place on the purchase of a replacement Dog Control truck. Councilman Armstrong stated the Highway Committee will discuss it further at its next committee meeting.

Supervisor Gregory asked the Board to come up with ideas as to how they would like to handle the large number of delinquent dog licenses. DCO Dutcher stated, when he tracks the owners down, sometimes he finds the dog is deceased. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned the percentage of delinquent licenses he is unable to track down? DCO stated between 20-25%.

Supervisor Gregory stated that Delaware County Planning will be assisting with a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Questionnaire that will be sent to all residents. Each member received a copy for their review. He also provided each member a folder containing his notes from the Walton Visioning Workshops as well as a breakdown of prioritized projects and what development or enhancements could take place for each project.

Supervisor Gregory explained that it was determined that the Water Street property contained contaminated soil and possible ways to dispose of that soil. One possible idea was discussed to build up the road base on South River Road to address flooding in that area.

Discussion took place of the possibilities on how to control future flooding as well as concerns. Councilwoman Wood stated one resident had water up to their second story window and was concerned that building the road up would possible flood other residents. She questioned when does the water come over the current culvert?

Discussion took place of the possibility of building a road across DEP property, while Councilwoman Wood suggested building a catch basin on that property.

Flood Plain Manager Dutcher stated that the stream has built an alluvial fan in the valley and is subject to rapid changes yearly.

Superintendent Geidel stated after the 2006 flood there was not damage to the road. When FEMA wrote a project to replace the culvert with a bridge, it was too expensive and the County would have had to take over that bridge. If the culvert needs to be replaced, it will need to meet the current requirements and would likely mean replacing it with a bridge. This will be very expensive.

The Board was in agreement to explore the idea and instructed Superintendent Geidel and Flood Plain Manger Dutcher to move forward.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood informed the Board that WCS Superintendent Clough approached her about the Student Council purchasing a tree for Veterans Plaza for the Christmas Parade that will take place on November 26, 2017. This will be a cut tree and Student Council would purchase the tree and lights. She stated the current planted tree at Veterans Plaza is still small and a cut larger tree will be nicer for the students to place their ornaments' on.

#### **RESOLUTION #133**

##### **ACCEPT DONATED TREE**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood accepting a donated cut tree and lights by the Walton Central School Student Council to be placed on Veterans Plaza for the Christmas Parade. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place of material that could be used to absorb water or mud should it be needed for the lighting of the tree ceremony.

Councilman Armstrong informed the Board that he will once again use the bucket truck to place the holiday lights up along Delaware Street.

The Board was in agreement to place the lights on the tree at Veterans Plaza in time for Veterans Day.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk