

TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2012

6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Covell, Lloyd Marlett, Albert Banker and Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter

RESOLUTION #97 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of September 11, 2012 and October 1, 2012 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Mr. Marlett approached the Board requesting more information on the abandonment of Walton Mountain Road. Mr. Martlett state that he is a member of a camp at the top of Walton Mountain Road and would cause an inconvenience for many members and others that use the camp year round. Supervisor Dolph stated the Board is doing its due diligence in researching the savings, if any. Mr. Marlett stated that a large amount of real estate sits at the top of that road and if the road gets closed he would request a reduction in assessment.

Councilman Armstrong stated it may not be worth it but we need to look into it. Supervisor Dolph stated this all stems from the Budine Road bridge repair and what could have cost the tax payers a lot of money. Councilman Govern stated you can thank Walt Geidel for coming up with a reasonable repair to Budine Road Bridge and saving the tax payers a lot of money.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that he will post the seasonal road notice in the newspaper.

Reported that he was in receipt of 30 applications for the open highway position; and currently has it down to two potential applicants. Councilman Armstrong thanked Walt for getting the Highway Committee involved in the process.

Requested permission for prior approval to place a legal notice in the paper and for the Supervisor to award the bid for the Marvin Hollow project. He stated this was necessary due to the time frame on the DEC stream permit.

RESOLUTION #98

MARVIN HOLLOW PROJECT BID

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Dolph permission to award the lowest responsible bidder for the Marvin Hollow Road project. All in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Geidel showed the Board a slideshow of repair work to Budine Road Bridge. He stated that the project cost \$23,150.23 without the drilling bill.

Reported that a CWC reimbursement voucher has been submitted for Walton Mountain Road project.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Reported that the monthly DCO & Assessor/CEO reports are available for review in my office.

Reported that the job specifications have been provided to the building committee for review.

Reported that the Justice Department would like a petty cash fund of \$30.00 to make change for court fees.

Reported that a letter from the Secretary of State has received and filed Local Law #2 of 2012.

Reported that regrettably a resignation letter was received from Gladys Palmatier who needed to resign as Deputy Town Clerk for personal reasons.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

RESOLUTION #99

PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE JUSTICE DEPT.

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood granting a \$30.00 petty cash fund for the Justice Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Review various mail received

Reported that two quotes have been received for the Health Reserve Account maintenance. Excellus for approximately \$1,200 and Choice for \$380.00. He explained that Choice would offer a prescription debit card to be used for approved expenses.

RESOLUTION #100

HEALTH RESERVE ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving Choice Strategies as the company to maintain the Health Reimbursement Arrangement accounts. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that there will be a FEMA meeting on October 17, 2012 in Stamford to update the flood study. He stated he would be attending and would like the Town of Walton’s Code Officer to attend as well.

Reported on the DEP Recreational Boating in the reservoirs.

Reported on the Watershed Affairs land purchase report.

Reported on his monthly financial reports and reported that he has received the Town Clerk's monthly report.

Reported that the Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer has submitted a revised NYS Retirement three month log report and the Board was in agreement to accept.

RESOLUTION #101

ASSESSOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TIME LOG REPORT

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to accept the three month time log as submitted by the Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong asked what information the Supervisor could provide on Countryside Care Center. Supervisor Dolph stated there were a lot of rumors out there but currently the IDA has a lien on the title for back payments owed. Councilman Armstrong stated this was a hardship for a lot of people. A short discussion took place on the October 12, 2012 closing date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I requested updated information on the employee handbook. Supervisor Dolph request I re-send the email that contained the handbook and to also forward a copy to Roberta Dunker the Union President.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if anyone else has activated their town's email address? The consensus was that they had not yet.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #102

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	#237-257	\$ 9,660.24
General OV B	#110-122	\$ 14,975.71
General Hwy DA	#12	\$ 32.64
OV Hwy DB	#47-53	\$63,236.68

The meeting was adjourned and the budget workshop was started.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk

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Supervisor Dolph opened the budget workshop with a recommendation of doing something different instead of a percentage for the Assessor, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent position, stating the Town Clerk made a good point that a percentage raise just makes the gap larger between the three positions.

Councilman Armstrong stated that there was an adjustment last year for this and did not feel it was necessary again this year. The Board was in agreement to leave the 2.5% raises for the three positions as the union employees received.

Discussion took place over the election expenses and revenues.

Discussion took place over the increase in health insurance and the fact that the Town would not see a savings until the figure was available for the amount of HRA left available.

It was in agreement that the budget be left as is and a Public Hearing set for November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.