

TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2016

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Patty Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Jesse Hilson– The Reporter, Bruce Dolph, Larry Light, and Stephen Dutcher.

**RESOLUTION #127**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of September 23, 2016 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the plow truck conversion vehicle has been sent to Watertown.

Reported that he will place a legal notice informing residents of designated seasonal roads effective November, 1, 2016.

Reported that he may be in need of two more wingmen this year.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I will provide financial reports as soon as our bank statements are available.

Reported that I have mailed the 2015 Justice audit to the Uniform Justice Department.

Reported that I am completing the final paperwork for the \$100,000 DASNY grant. I will be mailing this out this week.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided his Dog Control reports to the Board.

Reported that the pavilion is coming together nicely and hopes to have the roof shingled by Saturday. He informed the Board that Delaware County Highway Supervisor Kevin Charles has agreed to roll out the grindings to provide a firm surface.

CEO Dutcher informed the Board of individuals that helped him and wanted to take this time to thank them. Corey Northrup and his employees, Steve Dutcher Jr., Bruce Dolph, Kevin Armstrong, John Tweedie and the Town and Village Highway Departments.

Supervisor questioned the status of the dangerous dog complaint? DCO Dutcher stated it has been taken care of.

#### SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Reported that the More Park land swap between the Town of Walton and Bruce Taylor is complete. Attorney Walas reviewed the title and recording fees that totaled \$988.00

#### **RESOLUTION #128**

#### **MORE PARK TITLE AND RECORDING FEES**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting Supervisor Gregory permission to pay the title and recording fees associated with the More Park land swap between the Town of Walton and Bruce Taylor. All in favor, motion carried. **(Prior to printing of minutes, Mr. Taylor informed Supervisor Gregory that he would pay the Town of Walton’s fees.)**

Reported that he is still pursuing the reinstatement of the East Brook flood gauge and would like to include additional gauges on West Brook and the Delaware River. He stated the importance of the East Brook gauge especially with Townsend Elementary School being downstream from it. He requested permission to send letters to Senator Bonacic, Senator Schumer, Assemblyman Crouch, DEP, and DOH to help with funding. The Board was in agreement.

Reported that he wrote a letter to the NYS Department of Transportation requesting help to clear the scenic pull off area off of Route 206.

Reported that after conversing with Superintendent Geidel on a complaint from 1527 Chipmunk Hollow they do not feel there is a need to pursue the matter at this time.

Discussed the meeting held between the Mayor, School Superintendent, and himself on the Counties proposal to help with legal fees for the Kraft Certiorari. He stated, “Since the village and town have agreed to share the cost, we just need to wait for a response from the school.”

Informed the Board that the proposed 2017 budget has increased by \$18,113 but we are able to hold the tax levy at a 0% increase.

Councilman Armstrong reviewed the highway budget lines for the 2017 proposed budget. He had questioned Superintendent

Geidel if the decrease from his request was still enough to get through this next year? Superintendent Geidel stated yes. At this time the Board was in agreement to move the budget from tentative to preliminary.

**RESOLUTION #129**

**2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to move the tentative budget to the 2017 preliminary budget as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION #130**

**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	#238-274	\$26,666.16
General OV B	#	\$
General Hwy DA	#93-102	\$11,184.86
OV Hwy DB	#35-39	\$28,712.62

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilman Armstrong wanted to inform the Board that a few complaints have come in about the flag at Veterans Plaza not having a light on it. He stated a solar light is located at the top of the pole and varies on brightness due to the street lighting. He thanked everyone as well for their help with the pavilion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #131**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of pending litigation and contract negotiations on a specific employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:25 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 6:50 p.m.

As a results from discussion in executive session; the Board was in agreement to increase the Code Enforcement Officers weekly hours by five (5) at the currently hourly rate of \$19.52 for Flood Plain Managers duties

**RESOLUTION #132**

**FLOOD PLAIN MANAGERS HOURS**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting permission to increase the Code Enforcement Officers hours per week by five (5) for Flood Plain Managers duties at the current hourly rate of \$19.52 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory reported to the Board that the Assessor discovered a folder in his office that contained veteran’s exemption applications and is working with the Office of Real Property to rectify the issue.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk