

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2012

6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Patty Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter, Glen LePinnet, Rich Weidenbach – Soil and Water, Stephen Dutcher – CEO

**RESOLUTION #94**                      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of August 5, 2013 and Special Meeting on August 24, 2013 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Attorney Brett Cowen introduced and announced to the Board that his wife Sara will be joining his practice here in Walton.

Contractor Glen LePinnet was present to answer any questions about the repairs being made to the Town Hall. He explained that with such little need of hot water, the Building Committee and himself, agreed to replace the gas hot water heater with an electric one. He stated that he will be taking the chimney down once he has built the scaffolding.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that there will be a Flood Commission Public Hearing at the Fire Hall on September 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. He encourages everyone to attend. Supervisor Dolph agreed that it would be beneficial for the entire Board to attend.

Reported that the EWP project for County Highway 22 has been awarded to David Doig Excavating and expects work to start soon.

Reported that the 1994 Ford Ranger sold for \$1075 and has since been replaced with a Ford van.

Reported that the Highway Department is still cleaning up after the recent heavy rain. There are two areas where the stream bank has failed at Beers Brook and Weed Brook.

Reported that several stop signs and road signs have been stolen.

Reported that he will be picking up a Freightliner at Fort Drum tomorrow morning that was awarded on the OGS Federal Surplus. This vehicle will cost \$4,500 and is a little older than the previous one purchased.

Councilman Armstrong informed Superintendent Geidel that there are several dead trees at the entrance of Pines Brook.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that over 70 dogs have been licensed during this last dog enumeration. The Dog Control Officer will now go out randomly to validate the number of licensed dogs within a household as a follow up to the enumeration.

Last month I indicated that we would be making purchases from the Staples OGS bid. So far on the items purchased, the Town of Walton has saved \$404.78 costing the Town only \$117.20 with many items costing only a penny.

The Code Enforcement Officers phone is now operating and receiving many calls.

The Vital Records are back from Kofile Preservation and look very nice.

Dog Control Report on file in my office.

Provided my monthly report to the Board.

Reported that the Fire District Financial Statement has been received and is available in my office for review.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported on his monthly financial reports.

Reported that a Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Village of Walton to share certain expenses and training cost for the Code Enforcement Officer employed by both the Town and Village. It was discussed and agreed upon that Attorney Cowen would make some verbiage changes and after the correction, sign and return to the Village of Walton.

**RESOLUTION #95**

**MOU BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WALTON AND THE VILLAGE OF WALTON**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission to enter into an agreement with the Village of Walton to share certain expenses and training for the Code Enforcement Officer that is employed by both the Town and Village after suggested corrections have been made by Attorney Cowen. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph explained that the CWC Board of Directors has approved Operation and Maintenance funding for the Oxbow Hollow, Bob Gould, and Walton Mountain Road projects in the

amount of \$43,084.50. He stated that this money would be used to maintain these project areas in accordance with the Maintenance Manual developed for each eligible project.

**RESOLUTION #96**

**CWC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Dolph permission to sign the CWC Operation and Maintenance Funding agreements as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION#97**

**ADOPTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County, with the assistance of Tetra Tech, Inc., has gathered information and prepared the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors determined in Resolution 107 of 2003 that a multi-jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan representing all the towns and villages in Delaware County would be more efficient to produce than each community drafting and adopting its own; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County and the Town of Walton have reviewed the Plan and affirm that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Walton Town Board that the Town of Walton adopts the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Town Supervisor, Bruce E. Dolph

**RESOLUTION #97**

**HAZARD MITIGATION**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Armstrong to grant Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into and sign the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The Delaware County Legacy Corps has requested permission to use the Walton Town Hall for an emergency facility in the event they must evacuate the Social Adult Day Center currently located at the United Presbyterian Church. Discussion took place on the manner in which an agreement would be made. Attorney Cowen will look into the Use of Facility form and liability.

**RESOLUTION #98**

**AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE COUNTY LEGACY CORP AND THE TOWN OF WALTON**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern granting the Delaware County Legacy Corp to use the Walton Town Hall for the purpose of an emergency evacuation facility for the Social Adult Day Center currently located at the united Presbyterian Church. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph read a letter from the Town of Hamden Supervisor indicating that they no longer wish to continue the shared service agreement for an Assessor with the Town of Walton. They have indicated that they appointed Tina Moshier as their assessor for the next six year at their September 4, 2013 meeting.

Supervisor Dolph stated that a resident on Smith Road had granted the Walton Highway Department permission to build a snowplow turnaround. The resident has now requested that a fence be placed around this area to deter the party area it has become. He has turned this over to the Highway Committee for review.

Reported that Linda Pinner has supplied him with a compiled survey of salaries within Delaware County if anyone would like to review them.

Rich Weidenbach, Executive Director of Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District approach the Board to consider a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Walton, Town of Walton and the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Weidenbach stated that an Engineered Analysis has been conducted identifying the flood hazard areas. They are currently waiting for RFP's to come back. Supervisor Dolph stated that although there is a Flood Commission, it cannot take the place of the Town or Village Boards. There will be hard decisions that will need to be made. Mr. Weidenbach stated that the EPA, DOH, and DEP have set aside 27 million dollars for flood mitigation and this is a high priority. He stated that once the 5 year contract is signed between NYC and Soil and Water, there will be another 7 million available for our area in funding.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if the flood maps would be changed after the flood mitigation work is completed? Mr. Weidenbach state they would after the proper documentation is filed.

Supervisor Dolph thanked all those who attend the Flood Commission meetings.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I reported that the previous contract for Crown Castle has been promoted within the company and am waiting for a return phone call on Verizon joining our tower.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #100**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General Fund A	#170 189-	\$ 13,642.39
General OV B	#19-20	\$ 3,450.69
General Hwy DA	#83-90	\$ 6,646.11
OV Hwy DB	#27-34	\$329,701.76

Stephen Dutcher – CEO informed the Board that he has chosen to go with BAS for a software program that will be installed on the Town and Village computers. The fee for the software is \$5,120.00 that will be split in two equal payments over two years and will include two years of support and maintenance fee.

**RESOLUTION #101**

**PURCHASE CEO SOFTWARE PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to purchase an Integrated property Software System from BAS. All in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #102**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for a Personnel contract matter. All in favor motion carried.

Entered executive session at 7:20 p.m

With no action taken after executive session, and no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk