

TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2015
6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Leonard Govern

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Browne and Dotti Howe - The Walton Reporter, Steven Dutcher, Charlie Gregory – Village Trustee, Maureen Wacha, Selinda Taggart, Micheal Sabansky, Mark Jacobs and Bea Bennett

RESOLUTION #81 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of August 10, 2015 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Beatrice Bennett presented a book to Supervisor Dolph that she wrote and published on one room school houses, titled “The Journey of the One Room School”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to enter into executive session at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contractual agreements. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session at 6:25 p.m.

Supervisor Dolph read the amounts submitted from the four companies who submitted Request for Proposals.

Basile Associates	\$158,000
Maxwell Appraisal Service	\$205,000
ENPM	\$258,000
GAR Associates	\$305,000

Discussion took place of the Boards concerns with the low bidder not having enough staff to continue the project should something happen to Mr. Basile. The Board was in agreement after discussion of references received and the size of the company, that it was in the best interest of the Town to hire ENPM to perform the Reassessment.

RESOLUTION #82 **REASSESSMENT AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to hire ENPM as the company to perform the Town of Walton’s reassessment. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph reopened Floor time:

Trustee Gregory requested that the Board not name the Green Area Project after Senator Bonacic but instead after Steve Doane.

Trustee- Gregory questioned Supervisor Dolph about rumors of WAC and Soil and Water moving to the Treadwell School. Supervisor Dolph stated he was opposed to this idea and expressed this with the Commissioner of the DEP stating they should stay within the Watershed area.

Selinda Taggart expressed that she did not like the idea of a pavilion in the Green Area Project nor did she agree with Mr. Gregory's suggestion of naming it after someone who did not provide funding for the area. Mrs. Taggart suggested instead of a pavilion, plant trees and lilies.

Maureen Wacha expressed that she liked the idea of a pavilion in the center of town. She felt it would be beneficial to the merchants and restaurants while providing an incentive for those to all visit the businesses.

Supervisor Dolph informed those in attendance that the Green Area Projects main purpose is for flood mitigation. Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher added that impervious surface should not go back in that area such as gravel or tables and benches that can't be removed.

Supervisor Dolph announced that the grading bids for the Reporter Green Area Project came in higher than expected but additional funding has been secured through the DEP in the amount of \$20,000.

Supervisor Dolph read the bid results for the Green Area Project.

LaFever Excavating, Inc.	\$46,539.00
Tweedie	\$45,345.00
Lil' Dave Excavating	\$55,000.00
Dave Stanton	\$44,000.00

RESOLUTION#83

GREEN AREA PROJECT BID AWARD

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving Dave Stanton as low bidder for the Green Area Project in the amount of \$44,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher presented a resolution to maintain the Old Reporter property as an open space preservation area to help continue the efforts of flood mitigation.

RESOLUTION NO.84

**Supporting the Preservation of Tax Parcel ID#273.7-7-13
and #273.7-7-27.21 as Open Space in Perpetuity**

WHEREAS, the parcel identified as Tax Parcel ID#273.7-7-13 (the Parcels) and #273.7-7-27.21 are entirely within the Special Flood Hazard Area as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map of 2012; and

WHEREAS, State funding has been secured through the Dormitory Authority State of New York from a State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program grant for the purchase of Tax Parcel ID#273.7-7-13; and

WHEREAS, the Parcels are currently free of insurable buildings, storage facilities, fill, or other encroachments to flood flows and shall remain free of such items in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Parcels do not currently contain any impervious surfaces and shall remain free of such surfaces in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Parcels are not used for storage of materials; and

WHEREAS, site grading will occur on the Parcels to both store and facilitate the flow of floodwater back toward the river channel; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Walton to maintain the Parcels as open space for purposes of community enjoyment and flood hazard mitigation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Walton will ensure that the Parcels remain free of insurable buildings, storage facilities, fill, encroachments to flood flows, impervious surfaces, and storage of materials in perpetuity.

RESOLUTION #84

SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF TAX PARCEL ID#273.7-7-13 AND #273.7-7-27.21 AS OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the preservation of tax parcels 273.7-7-13 and 273.7-7-27.21 as open space in perpetuity. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Provide myself with the 2015 Highway Inventory List.

Informed the Board that two items that had been surplus, have sold on the Auctions International website and he requests permission to accept the bids as submitted.

Winch	\$965.00
5 th Wheel	\$21.00

RESOLUTION#85

SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood accepting the bids as received. All in favor, motion carried.

Provided his annual budget requests to the Board for consideration.

Informed the Board that the solar panels removed from the old Reporter building are now down at the highway garage.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my Monthly report.

Presented a proposed dog law to the Board for consideration. This law will provide better enforcement allowing the issuance of a bench warrant following a failure to appear in court and will provide a \$10.00 fee for the submission of late dog renewals.

Reported that a shared services agreement has been received from the Delaware County Department of Public Works.

Reported that the Dog Control Officer has received a satisfactory rating during an inspection completed on 8/20/15.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Reported that the meeting on August 17th went well. He stated he is still looking to obtain a score of 8 that would result in a 10% reduction on flood insurance for the residents.

Decision took place when Mr. Dutcher requested \$200.00 from the Board to be used to purchase signs that would be placed in two to four locations marking the 2006 flood.

Councilwoman Wood stated that it was not a money issue but she had a problem with labeling the Town as a flood prone area and bringing attention to the fact. She stated the Village has approved this and will place signs within the village limits and the town has no control over that.

Councilman Armstrong was in agreement with Wood stated he was concerned with what the signs would say.

Supervisor Dolph stated the signs could have a positive spin.

Mr. Dutcher explained that the purpose of CRS is to make people aware of the potential dangers of flood waters and to prepare the public.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt made a motion but with the lack of a second, the motion was not carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Provided his monthly Financial Reports

Informed that approval has been received from the Department of Army Corp for the boat launch that will be located at the pull off on Route 10 next to Suburban Propane.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board of the special council that has been contacted to handle the tax grievance from Kraft and Sidney Federal Credit Union.

E. Stewart Jones, Hacker, Murphy – Kraft
Fees Partners \$275.00 per hour
Associates \$250.00

Couch White LLP– Sidney Federal Credit Union
Fees Attorney \$310.00/ hour
Paralegal \$125.00/ hour

Supervisor Dolph stated the County and Walton Central School District have offered to contribute toward the legal fees.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if the village was going to contribute as well? “This affects everyone”. Supervisor Dolph stated a request will be made to the Village of Walton as well.

RESOLUTION #86

SPECIAL COUNCIL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving the hiring of special council to handle the tax grievance against Kraft and Sidney Federal Credit Union. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph stated it will be necessary to hold a special meeting for the purpose of presenting the preliminary budget. A date has been set for October 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Wood stated she is waiting to hear back from Verizon to see what the increase was during the fair and if it was enough to warrant them to join the tower.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that he will be running a Write-in campaign.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #86

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#157-197	\$	18,435.40
General OV B	#21	\$	43.89
General Hwy DA	#102-115	\$	14,259.85
OV Hwy DB	#34-41	\$	17,487.44

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk