

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Special Meeting  
December 29, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, and Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel

OTHERS PRESENT: Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Dutcher

**RESOLUTION #161      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of December 12, 2016 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

No Report

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that year end reporting is currently taking place, but will not be finalized until the bank statements have been received.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Reported that progress is slow with the electric at the pavilion but still working on it.

CEO Dutcher informed the Board that he received a report that Loomis Brook Road resident Jackie Fairchild requested a copy of a Certificate of Occupancy for the residence owned by Tracy Wood. A FOIL request application has been provided to Mr. Fairchild but has not been received back yet.

Supervisor Gregory explained to the board that Mr. Fairchild told him he had been discussing the matter with someone named George at the State Real Property Office. Supervisor Gregory

stated he asked Mr. Fairchild to provide a full name and phone number but Mr. Fairchild has not responded to date.

He also reported that he received a call from a third party in the area of the two referenced residents of a sewer smell. He informed the Board that upon his investigation, he did not find an issue.

CEO Dutcher also reported to the Board that he has placed an Unfit for Human Occupancy sign on a home on Pines Brook Road after being summons to the residents from the Fire Department and EMS.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board of Sprint's interest in placing a temporary tower on the Town of Walton property for the purpose of conducting a usage test prior to placing a permanent antenna on the tower.

CEO Dutcher informed the Board of conversations that have taken place between him and a Mr. Ray Perry, a representative from Sprint. He stated that he informed Sprint that the temporary structure would need to be removed quickly in a high water event or be anchored to secure the tower. He also stated that Sprint is researching alternative locations for the temporary tower and he has provided Sprint with the procedures they would need to comply depending on the location.

Supervisor Gregory asked CEO Dutcher to follow up with Sprint and requested permission to send a letter to Sprint informing them of the Town of Walton's support. All were in agreement.

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that he has requested a copy of a cell service dead zone report that was conducted by Senator Schumer's office. He will share it once he receives a copy.

Supervisor Gregory advised the Board of a letter he received requesting the Board to make an official Proclamation regarding National School Choice Week. The Board decided to take no action since the topic doesn't really apply to Walton.

Supervisor Gregory reported that Assessor Fran Zujovic has met and discussed his concerns on the Property Revaluation with ENPM. ENPM has agreed to provide a data sheet of areas of concern and provide information as to how they will address the issues.

Reported that NYS Office of Real Property is concerned that they have not been kept informed of all the conversations between the Town and ENPM, and requested to be included moving forward.

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that with their permission, he will submit a letter to the editor informing the public of the importance of returning the property data sheets. All were in agreement.

Supervisor Gregory advised the Board that he will be recommending action at the next Board meeting regarding the Town Planning Advisory Service Contract for 2017.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #162**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General Fund A	#346-361	\$4,079.32
General OV B	#none	\$none
General Hwy DA	#130-135	\$2,887.16
OV Hwy DB	#54-56	\$1,247.96
WTHRCD-08	#3	\$5,750.00

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood questioned if there was any news on the flood gauge? Supervisor Gregory reported that he did not have any new information.

Supervisor Gregory reported that he has forward new regulations on to Mr. Steve Schick. 1480 East River Road, concerning abandon or vacant properties. He asked that Attorney Walas look into the matter as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #163**

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A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing town audit contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:45 p.m.

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

Out 8:15 p.m.

As a result of discussion from executive session, the following was agreed upon.

**RESOLUTION #164****AUDITING SERVICES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission for Supervisor Gregory to enter into an agreement with CPA Brian Pickard to audit the Town of Walton financial records and file the Annual Financial Reports. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk