

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Public Hearing
February 10, 2014
6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter, Charles Gregory, Steven Dutcher, Richard Kelly, Rick Roberts

Supervisor Dolph opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:03 upon the motion of Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood. All in favor.

The regular meeting was called to order.

RESOLUTION #32

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of January 13, 2014 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Rick Roberts from the Finger Lakes Trail informed the Board that 12 miles of new trail has been added from Loomis Brook Road to State Route 10.

Mr. Roberts stated that with the help of the DEP, all trails have now been moved off the main roads and into the woods. He stated that the O&W Railroad beds have also been utilized to add additional trails to keep hikers off the roads.

Mr. Roberts supplied the Board with maps and brochures that will be shared on the Town's website.

Village Trustee Charlie Gregory questioned if the Supervisor has heard additional information on the Mental Health facility being relocated? Supervisor Dolph stated he had no new information to report.

Code Enforcement Steve Dutcher informed the Board of upcoming trainings for the Emergency Management Community Rating System that he will be attending along with the State Flood Plain Storm Water trainings needed for the required credits. Supervisor Dolph stated that Mr. Dutcher needs to be sure he keeps up with the required training.

Mr. Dutcher also informed the Board of a 2 ½ month ordeal in trying to obtain the RPS DB & RPS Log files from the Delaware

County Office of Real Property. Councilman Armstrong questioned why the Town needs to fight with the County to obtain information? He stated that no town should have to jump through hoops to get this information or any information and asked Supervisor Dolph to look into this. Supervisor Dolph stated he would request a written response and bring it back to the Board's next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the new converted plow truck seems to be working out well. He would like to now move forward and go out to bid for the second truck to be converted as well.

Reported that he will be going out to bid for the annual gravel and stone bids.

Councilman Armstrong reported that four quotes have been received for a bucket for the John Deere loader.

ACS industries	\$6,532.00
Five Star Equipment	\$8,890.00
Monroe Tractor	\$16,498.75
Highway Equipment & Supply	\$9,023.00

He recommends going with the lowest quote of \$6,532 plus shipping.

RESOLUTION #33

PURCHASE OF BUCKET

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to award the purchase of a bucket for the John Deere loader from ACS Industries for \$6,532.00 plus shipping. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he will soon be receiving the truck that was awarded from NYS OGS to replace the current dog truck.

He requested permission to declare the 1996 Loader and the 1990 International truck as surplus although he will not list for auction until after the new loader is ready to go.

RESOLUTION #34

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission to declare the 1996 Loader and the 1990 International truck no longer needed by the Town as surplus equipment. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph thanked the Highway Department for their hard work during this very cold weather and keeping our roads in nice shape.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I am 71% collected with the taxes.

Provided the Board with my monthly financial report.

Reported that notification has been received from Crown Castle stating the Town will receive an increase of \$1,513.18 per month for leased tower space.

Reported that information was received from NYSEDA, offering home residents the availability to have an energy audit performed on their home. This service for some may be free depending on their household income. I have supplied this information on the Town's webpage.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

With no public comment and no further question from the Board, Supervisor Dolph recommended moving forward with the Walton's Volunteer Fire Departments request to form a corporation.

A Resolution Approving the Incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The Town Board of the Town of Walton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Town Board of the Town of Walton hereby finds and determines that:

- A. It duly held a public hearing, at the Walton Town Hall on the 10 day of February, 2014 commencing at 6:00 PM, concerning the proposed approval by the Town Board of the Town of Walton of the incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., under Articles Four and Fourteen of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law ("NPCL") of the State of New York;
- B. A notice of said public hearing was published in the official newspaper of the Town of Walton at least once in each week for two successive weeks prior to the date of the public hearing; and such notice complied with the requirements of section 404 (f) of the NPCL;
- C. The proposed incorporation is in the public interest; and
- D. The unincorporated association, Walton Volunteer Fire Department, currently provides fire protection services to the Town of Walton through the Walton Fire District.

Section 2. The Town Board of the Town of Walton hereby approves and consents to the incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Section 3. Members of the Town Board of the Town of Walton are hereby authorized and empowered to sign a document, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (f) of section 404 of the NPCL, approving and consenting to the incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #35

WALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CORPORATION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood authorizing and approving and consenting to the incorporation of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Aye: Armstrong, Dolph, Rodriguez-Betancourt, and Wood.
Abstained: Govern, motion carried.

Reported on his monthly financial reports

Supervisor Dolph reported on the escrow money that has been set aside for the South Mountain Wind project.

Reported on various mail received.

Supervisor Dolph read an email from Masonville's Supervisor Spaccaferno on a topic called Waste Watchers.

Reported that a Delaware Opportunities Grant application has been received for \$11,595.78.

RESOLUTION #36

DELAWARE OPPORTUNITIES GRANT

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving application #WTRD16 in the amount of \$11,595.78 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a request was received from the Delaware County Fair Board requesting a contribution toward the 2nd Annual 5-K run.

RESOLUTION #37

DELAWARE CO. FAIR 5-K RUN

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the request for \$100.00 contribution toward the 2nd Annual 5-K run. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the last Union Contract has not been signed yet as there are still discrepancies that the Town Clerk had discovered. Supervisor Dolph stated he would not sign the agreement until the errors are corrected.

Supervisor Dolph reported that he spoke with Patrick Doyle from the South Mountain Wind Project who informed him that a winter eagle study needs to be conducted and NYSEG is looking into a breaker issue. He expressed to the Board that some community members have stated they feel the Town Board is moving too fast on this project. Discussion took place on the fact that the Town Board has no control over the length of time a project takes only that this is a permitted project according to our zoning laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned the status of the DEC fishing access. It is on hold until the spring stated Supervisor Dolph.

Supervisor Dolph reported to the Facility Committee that bids need to be drafted for the parking lot and roof repairs. Councilman Armstrong stated he is working with Superintendent Geidel on the salt shed roof now.

Councilman Armstrong stated he will get with the Town Clerk to finalize the Employee Handbook.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #38

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	# 17-37	\$37,711.91
General Outside B	#3	\$3,500.00
General Hwy DA	#9-29	\$197,656.35
OV Hwy DB	#-	\$

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk