

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2016  
6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood,

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Galley - The Walton Reporter, Steven Dutcher and Bruce Dolph

**RESOLUTION #28** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of December 28, 2015 and January 4, 2016 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported to the Board that after 10 years of trying to get funding for the South River Road mitigation project, he was once again denied. He will continue to try again.

Reported that notification was received from Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District informing the Town of Walton that funding has been secured for the Beers Brook Restoration project. They would like designated representatives appointed to the Project Advisory Committee (PAC).

**RESOLUTION #29** **PROJECT ADVISOR COMMITTEE FOR BEERS BROOK**

A motion was by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern appointing Supervisor Gregory and Highway Superintendent Geidel to the Soil and Water Project Advisor Committee for the Beers Brook Restoration project. All in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Geidel provided his Year in Review Report to the Board.

Superintendent Geidel requested to purchase two trucks that would replace a 2011 & 2012. Councilman Govern was in favor of the need to replace the older vehicles. Councilman Armstrong questioned if the purchase would take place prior to the other two trucks being sold? Superintendent Geidel stated he would

purchase first and then advertise on Auction International. With further discussion, it was agreed that the Highway Committee will look into the matter and work out further details and bring back to the Board.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my financial report to the Board and stated that the DECALS revenue only totals \$297.63 of the \$5,900.60 received. This is more of a service then anticipated revenue.

Reported that I am 10% collected with taxes.

Requesting permission to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Conference in April, which I try to attend every other year to save money and have been awarded two scholarships in the past which I will apply for again. I don't expect the total to be more than \$600.00.

**RESOLUTION #30**

**CLERK TO ATTEND NYSTCA CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting the Town Clerk to attend the NYSTCA conference in April. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that if anyone would like to attend the NYC Town Association Conference in February, I have information along with proposed legislation.

Reported that I provided the Attorney with the recently filed Local Law # 2 of 2015. There was a typo on the summary sheet and would like clarification as to how to proceed. Attorney Walas will look into it and bring back to the Board.

I presented the Delaware County Planning Agreement between the Delaware County Planning Board and the Town of Walton which includes the annual fee of \$3,500.00.

**RESOLUTION #31**

**DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting Supervisor Gregory permission to sign the agreement between the Delaware County Planning Department and the Town of Walton for a fee of \$3,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

I provided the Board and Attorney with the Annual Conflict of Interest statements.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Reported he received a letter from DEC outlining what needs to be changed in our Flood Damage Prevention Law in order to adopt the new maps. He stated the have also provided guidance for adopting more restrictive measures if the Board so chooses. He recommends the Board consider the Compensatory Storage, Critical Facilities and Repetitive Damage clauses, stating they are easily enforced and provide CRS points. He pointed out that the DEC must approve the proposed local law prior to the required June 17, 2016 adoption date.

Supervisor Gregory advised that the proposed amended local law be provided to Attorney Walas for review. Councilman Armstrong recommended bringing it back to next month's meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Provided the Board with the monthly financial reports

Reported that the Walton Cemetery Association has received approval to move forward with the development of a crematorium. He stated that this will be a nice opportunity for the association and will offer a closer crematorium service to local funeral homes.

Requested that Resolution #78 of 2015 be retracted so that he could be appointed to the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition (UDRTC) and Tributaries Communities Task Force (Task Force) in place of the previous Supervisor Bruce Dolph.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR THE UPPER DELAWARE RIVER TAILWATERS COALITION (UDRTC) AND THE UPPER DELAWARE RIVER TAILWATERS AND TRIBUTARIES COMMUNITIES' TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Members of the TASK FORCE are cities, towns, villages, counties, and other municipalities located in the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters and Tributaries Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the URDTC and shall operate as a coalition and discussion forum for municipalities, non-governmental organizations, sporting groups, and other entities interested in its mission and objectives.

**WHEREAS**, the members of both groups are affected by the myriad state, federal and local rules and regulations governing water levels, fisheries, water releases; the maintenance of reservoirs and water resources throughout the region; and the impacts of flooding, erosion, accelerated sediment transport, and thermal disturbances which are particularly acute throughout the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters and Tributaries Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of both groups are affected by decisions made by such agencies as the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), the Upper Delaware Council, the National Parks Service, Delaware River Rivermaster, the New York State Department

of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and other agencies responsible for the maintenance and regulation of water resources and habitats in and around the Members' communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of both groups wish to ensure their interests are adequately represented before these agencies, and therefore wish to join together to work in furtherance of common goals related to the watershed resources, fisheries, recreation, flood mitigation, and other matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Members, desiring to reduce their transactional costs and desiring to speak with one voice on matters related to watershed resources, fisheries, recreation, and flood mitigation, do hereby enter into this Agreement to maintain an organization to effectuate these goals.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Walton passed a resolution to become a member of the Task Force on August 10, 2015, and has agreed in principle to become a member of the UDRTC,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Walton Supervisor Bruce Dolph appoints Charles F. Gregory as the member and Leonard Govern as the alternate member of the UDRTC and Task Force.

**BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED**, the Town of Walton Supervisor Charles F. Gregory will appoint new members and alternate members to the UDRTC and Task Force as vacancies occur and provide name changes to the Chair/President of the UDRTC and/or Task Force.

**RESOLUTION #32**

**CHANGE IN UDRTC MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong retracting Resolution #78 of 2015 to appoint Supervisor Charles Gregory to the UDRTC in place of Bruce Dolph. It was also moved to keep Leonard Govern as alternate member of the UDRTC and Task Force. All in favor, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None Reported

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION #33**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Fund A	#295-297 \$173.51	#1-18 \$34,103.61
General OV B	#36 \$ 21.60	#1-2 \$3,516.38
General Hwy DA	#157-160 \$11,052.91	
OV Hwy DB		

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #34**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of union negotiations, Notice of Claim, and tax reduction lawsuit. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gregory, seconded by Govern to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out at 7:25 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #35**

**HIRE TO REVIEW SFCU APPRAISAL**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to hire an independent firm to review an appraisal performed by SFCU and share the cost of \$500.00 with the Walton Central School District. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, and upon a motion from Supervisor Gregory, seconded by Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk