

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2017, 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: Bruce Dolph, Steven Dutcher, Abby Butler – Walton Reporter, Tim Dietz – videographer, John Zukowski – ENPM, Matthew King, Eric Ball, Stacey A. Stevens, and Mary Kilmer – Delaware Opportunities

**RESOLUTION #28**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of January 3, 2017 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Stacey Stevens approached the Board explaining the event she would like to hold at the Veterans Plaza on June 10, 2017. She explained this will be a Walton Wellness day to include informational, food, and professional vendors all demonstrating healthy alternatives. She stated there will also be children activities available.

Robert Vitti questioned his assessment data sheet. Supervisor Gregory informed him that a meeting will be held on February 27, 2017 at the Walton Fire Hall explaining the process and in mid March to early April he will have time to sit down and discuss his concerns with ENPM.

Mr. John Zucowski of ENPM informed the Board that the revaluation is an ongoing process. He stated that because there was very little information on the property cards it has been necessary for his company to gather more data then normal. Mr. Zucowski stated their goal is to have the 3500 parcels fair and equitable and allow for plenty of opportunity for residents to voice their concerns.

Mr. Vitti stated to boost economic development, the Village and Town of Sidney has hired a grant writer. He questioned if the Town of Walton has giving this some thought? Supervisor Gregory stated this has been discussed but with our budget so tight this year, it was not possible. Supervisor Gregory later clarified that the grant writer is employed by the Village of Sidney only.

Matthew King questioned if the Board benchmarks their budget? Supervisor Gregory explained that we compare salaries Countywide, but beyond that it is difficult to do because of all the different factors. Superintendent Geidel stated he compares

budget to budget and has been operating within \$1,000 from ten or eleven years ago.

Mary Kilmer of Delaware Opportunities presented the Board with a First Time Home Buyer application #WTHRCD-02 in the amount of \$23,439.00 for their approval.

**RESOLUTION #29**

**CDBG #WTHRCD-02**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving applicant WTHRCD-02 in the amount of \$23,439.00 as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary Kilmer stated we have only received four applications; there is a lot of money left available.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:**

Superintendent Geidel requested permission to go out to bid for a new or used tractor and boom mower. The Board was in agreement.

He asked the Board if they had any questions on his Year in Review document that he provided. The Board had no questions.

He requested permission to accept the bids as received from the items that were placed on Auctions International totaling \$2,085.00.

4 – Chainsaws	\$270.00
DP Manufacturing	\$1,075.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch	\$160.00
2 – Helidoyne	\$320.00
Steel Tool boxes	\$105.00
Stihl Pole Saw	\$155.00

**RESOLUTION #30**

**SURPLUS BID AWARD ITEMS**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern, approving the bids to the highest bidder as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Geidel informed the Board of a situation on Smith Road. He explained that a landowner on Smith Road will no longer allow the town to turn around the plow truck on their property. He explained that it is not safe for the driver or equipment to back down this road and currently another owner turnaround area does not allow for enough space.

Superintendent Geidel stated after meeting with one of the land owner, they have agreed to move some rocks to allow room for the plow truck to turn around.

Councilman Govern spoke about the difficulty in riding on the road and seeing the dangers first hand and could only imaging this would intensify on narrow side roads.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Reported that tax collection for the Town and County tax bills has started on January 2, 2017 and I am charged with a tax warrant in the amount of \$4,296,266.00.

Reported that we ended 2016 with 80 past due dog license.

I presented and requested to dispose of a list of records that have met the NYS Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and are no longer required to be kept.

**RESOLUTION #31                      2017 OBSOLETE RECORDS**

Motion made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving the disposal of the listed obsolete records. All in favor, motion carried.

The following records have met the New York State Record Retention and Disposition Schedule and are no longer required to keep. Upon your approval these records will be disposed of properly.

DOG IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL  
RETENTION

2013	Copy of original or renewal license	3 years
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FISCAL

**Banking and Investment:**

2010	Banking communications; bank statements copy of checks, deposit books & slips, receipts	6 years
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**Payroll:**

2010	Employee time cards, sheets, request for time off,	6 years
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**Purchasing:**

2010	Invoices, abstracts,	6 years
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**General Accounting and Miscellaneous:**

2010	Accounting register, Cash transaction, Daily cash records	6 years
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GENERAL

2015	Correspondence including e-mails of no fiscal, legal or administrative value	no longer need
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INSURANCE/SELF-INSURANCE

**Insurance policy:**

2010	Insurance Policies	6 years
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**Certificate of insurance:**

2010	Certificate of Insurance	6 years
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PUBLIC PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

**Consumption and Dispensing Records:**

2010	Fuel Consumption Records	6 years
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TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT

**Assessment Roll/Tax Roll:**

2011	Tentative assessment roll	5 years
2010	Tax collection records	6 years

TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING

**Highway, Engineering, and Public Works:**

2010	Truck Load Slips	6 years
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Requested permission to attend the NYS Town Clerk’s Association Conference in April. Due to the fact that I am a NYS District Director, they will contribute toward the cost of the conference.

**RESOLUTION #32                      TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting the Town Clerk to attend the 2017 NYS Town Clerk’s Association Conference. All in favor, motion carried.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided the Board with his monthly reports.

Informed the Board that he has not yet completed the NYS Code Report because it is not available on the website yet.

Reported that he is working with the Flood Commission to gain more CRS points. The Program for Public Information (PPI) is something we can do to gain CRS points and this document will

help coordinate these outreach efforts in informing the public. He stated that the Flood Commission is acting as the committee and have started round 2 of this process in which they are finishing the final touches and hope to a that document to the Board within the next couple of weeks to review to adopt at the February meeting.

He stated he did not have any new information on T-Mobile.

Supervisor Gregory questioned how many new structures were built in 2016 from the total 90 permits issued? CEO Dutcher reported three. Supervisor Gregory stated it is nice to see people are investing in Walton.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that the Flood Gauge packet is ready and awaiting signatures prior to mailing out. He explained that this packet is requesting the USGS to re-establish the flood gauge in the East Brook as well as adding one to the West and Third Brook. Within the packet, a request is made to the DEP asking for them to provide the matching funds needed.

Supervisor Gregory stated the gauges provide the ability for Emergency Services and Emergency Personnel to have real time data on potential flooding threats.

Informed the Board that the Court Clerk is a notary and he is requesting permission to share the cost of the renewal fee with the Village of Walton to provide this service.

#### **RESOLUTION #33**

##### **COURT CLERK NOTARY RENEWAL FEE**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving the expenditure to renew the court clerk's notary stamp license. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory reported that a response letter has been received from Aldi explaining that Walton does not currently meet their criteria to place a store here. Aldi is looking for 30,000 – 40,000 people within a 15 mile radius.

Reported that the proposed Slaughter House will bring 5 jobs to the area and will be working with beef, pork and lamb products. He stated that the owner will provide a presentation at next month's meeting.

Supervisor Gregory presented the Delaware County Planning Departments annual contract agreement for approval.

#### **RESOLUTION #34**

##### **ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICE BETWEEN THE DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF WALTON**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving and granting Supervisor Gregory permission to sign the Agreement for Shared Service between the Delaware County Planning Department and the Town of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #35**

**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.

General Fund A	#1-17	\$19,325.36
General OV B	#1	\$ 3,500.00
General Hwy DA	#1-5	\$38,310.28
OV Hwy DB	#NONE	\$NONE

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None Reported

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #36**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and Union contractual All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 7:40 p.m.

Supervisor Gregory announced that Kraft will hold a Public Hearing on January 30, 2017 from 12:00 pm.-1:00 pm. For anyone wishing to speak in favor or against NYS awarding Kraft with a 20 million grant.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk