

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2016

6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Abby Butler – The Reporter, Stephen Dutcher, Gale Neale – DCSWCD, Bruce Dolph, Mary Cullen and Frank Hall

Supervisor Gregory at this time asked Dr. Frank Hall to step forward to receive a certificate on behalf of his wife Joan Hall who served on the Walton Zoning Board for many years. Supervisor Gregory thanked Joan for her years of service and for her dedication to the betterment of the Town of Walton.

RESOLUTION #93 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong seconded by Govern approving the minutes of June 13, 2016 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Gale Neale of Department of Soil and Water approached the Board with drawings of the proposed boat launch to be built at the County Route 10 pull off known as “Ice House Turn”. He stated that a kiosk will also be built at the area. With no questions on the drawings, he informed the Board that the next step will be to go out to bid and hold a site showing. Discussion took place about who would take care of the bidding process; it was the agreement of the Board to have Soil and Water take the lead on this.

RESOLUTION #94 APPROVED BOAT LAUNCH SITE PLAN

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern granting Supervisor Gregory permission to sign and approve the boat launch site plan and map. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the Town of Walton has won a bid for a vacuum truck from the Federal Surplus site for \$2,400.00.

Reported that the 2012 Dodge truck will be sold for \$24,000 to the second highest bidder after the first highest bidder did not follow through with the bid. He stated Auctions International has agreed to accept only a 5% fee instead of the usual 10%.

RESOLUTION #95

2012 SALE OF DODGE TRUCK

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to accept the \$24,000 bid and award to the second highest bidder. All in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Geidel informed the Board of the bid results on the request for snow removal equipment for the 2003 Freightliner truck. He stated that there was only one bid received from Henderson Truck Equipment in the amount of \$98,742.00.

Superintendent Geidel introduced Mr. Timothy Plante from Henderson Truck Equipment. Discussion took place of options available to the Town in an effort to save the town approximately \$7,400.00. Mr. Plante stated the Town could save this money if they were to have a local company paint the truck instead of Henderson Truck Equipment.

Mr. Plante stated the work on the truck would start in October and indicated he would need a letter of commit and expects to have the truck back to the Town by the end of December.

RESOLUTION #96

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT AND DUMP BOX BID AWARD

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to award the Snow Removal Equipment and Dump Box bid to Henderson Truck Equipment for \$98,742.00 with the option to have the truck painted elsewhere which then would result in a reduction of the original bid amount. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided the Board with my monthly report.

Reported that the annual Heart of the Catskills and the Town of Walton Agreement needs to be approved and signed. This agreement allows for the Town DCO to turn stray dogs or court ordered holds over to the Humane Society to hold the animal(s) until they are recovered by the owner or are adopted. The fee for each dog shall be \$40.00.

RESOLUTION #97

ANNUAL HCHS AND TOWN OF WALTON AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong granting permission for Supervisor Gregory to enter into and sign the agreement with the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the Town of Walton Dog Control Officers has received a “Satisfactory” dog shelter report.

Reported that a response is still needed to NYMIR for their recommendation. I would suggest we turn this over to committee for review and possibly bring back the more costly recommendations at budget time.

I will be submitting payment along with the signed agreement for purchase to Unalam after tonight’s meeting. Steve Dutcher has come up with an additional material list that will be needed to complete the pavilion. He estimates the cost to be around \$1,474.00, this will cover the completion of the roof and footers for the posts. Unalam has estimated a six week turnaround for delivery of material. The pavilion will have a mantel oak stain.

I suggested discussion to take place about organizing volunteers. I reminded Councilman Armstrong and Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher that they had indicated an interest in helping and wondered if this was something that they would want to oversee to be sure we don’t have more volunteers than work? Steve agreed to take the lead in overseeing the assembly of the pavilion. Steve Dutcher and Kevin Armstrong will assemble a crew with the requisite skills to put up the pavilion.

I reported that although the \$10.00 late dog license fee is effective, we still have approximately 47 dogs past due.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided monthly reports to the Board.

CEO Dutcher provided the Board with a cost estimate sheet for the material needed to install the pavilion and sidewalk to the flag pole along with a split rail fence.

Pavilion Parts Estimate		
2ea	15lb felt paper	\$45.00
8sq	Shingles	\$825.00
12ea	Drip Edge	\$71.00
1bx	Roofing Nails	\$35.00
1bx	16d Nails	\$35.00
40ft	Sonotube	\$160.00
3yds	Concrete	\$303.00
Total		\$1474.00

Materials for Additional Projects		
Concrete Sidewalk to Flag Pole	45’ x 4’ x 4” (2.25yds)	\$225.00
Split Rail Corners	2 corner posts, 8 rails	\$100.00
3 Concrete Benches		\$180.00

Discussion took place at to whether or not to ask for donations for stone for the placement of the flag pole. Councilwoman Wood stated she did not feel the Town should ask for donations. Councilman Rodriguez felt it was acceptable to ask for donations. The Board was in agreement that if donations were offered, it would be accepted otherwise they would grant permission for expenses not to exceed \$600.00.

RESOLUTION #98

GREEN SPACE EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission to purchase additional material for the erecting of the pavilion, sidewalk to flag pole, split rail fence and concrete benches not to exceed \$600.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a press release has gone out promoting the events that will take place on July 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m event at the green space.

Discussion took place of planned events for the day that will include maps and diagrams showing where we were and where we are now along with the future of Water Street project.

Supervisor Gregory stated an individual has expressed interest in placing a sign in the Green Space area advertising a farmers market. The Board agreed to allow the sign to go up only when the market is open for business but expressed an interest in allowing a weekly farmers market to be held in the Green Space area.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Provided month financial reports to the Board.

APPOINTMENT:

Supervisor Gregory announced he will appoint Michael Harrington Sr. to the Town of Walton Zoning Board, this term will be from 7/11/16 to 12/31/16 to complete the vacancy created by the resignation of Joan Hall.

Reported that the revaluation field activities have started today. Vehicles will have decals on the doors and the Sheriff's Department will have a list of names and vehicle description of the individuals associated with this process.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if an additional meeting will be held to answer the public's questions that may have raised from the recent property description letters? Supervisor Gregory stated he will look into this after the Assessor returns from his training next week.

Reported that the Flood Commission will hold a public informational meeting on the East Brook, West Brook and Third Brook projects on July 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Walton Fire Hall.

Councilwoman Wood supplied the Board with a recap of the July 7, 2016 Green Space Committee meeting. Discussion took place

about the possibility of the Chamber of Commerce shifting a couple of flower barrels to green space area.

Green Space Committee
July 7, 2016

AGENDA

Flag pole:

The slate that the Chamber had made up is

2' x 1' x 5" says " Donated by the Walton Chamber of Commerce 2015"

I would like to get a matching one for the other side that says: (choices) \$250 was the price from Furman's
Thank you to all military personnel for the sacrifices you have made for our freedom. - PASSED

We also discussed that a concrete walkway would lead to the flagpole, and a bluestone "patio" would go around it with a concrete base for the pole to accommodate the two bluestone slates being on either side. We agreed to put 3 concrete benches (from Bill Meredith \$50 each is regular price) that would go on the three sides away from Delaware (where the path leads). We need to discuss the bluestone and the amount needed.

Plants:

I spoke with Graydon Dutcher who suggests trees/plants along the Dollar General side...hostas around is fine....not a lot of trees and not ones with a large root system. Suggests sugar maple, birch trees

As a result I declined the donation of the willow tree.

Peg Bolton suggested berry bushes....blueberry, raspberry, (we all liked this idea) etc....Franklin working on something in that vein for their "greenspace"

Steve is also working with Catherine from Soil and Water about native wetland flowers. He is going to bring more info. Im concerned it may look too wild...At his 6/23 event we agreed he would try to get red maple trees (2-3?) to put along the Dollar General side, but will not pull up anything that was planted this year. The "native wildflowers" will wait until after that event and we know more. Also, 4H'ers may mulch the hostas and lilies to make a more formalized flower bed, so it's easier for guys to mow?

Pavilion:

Pick the stain color and Unalam can get it done Sent to Ronda Friday...oak

Will get an ETA on delivery and we want to try to line up volunteers for building

Junie Stanton, Kevin Armstrong, Aaron Steitz have all stepped up...need to know how many and to do what to get more...Steve volunteered to spearhead this and get volunteers he knows can do the work

Fences:

Suggestion to have a length or two of post and rail up by the building to stop traffic driving over the corners. Steve Dutcher has volunteered to dig the posts. We decided one set on each corner of the strip by the Smoke Shop so that cars will be deterred from driving over too far. One pole with two posts that lay down on each side will make a nice border and we can plant annuals

Benches: (see above)

Concrete benches from Bill Meredith are \$30 with a wooden top; \$50 with a straight concrete top; and \$65 with a curved concrete top

Wooden benches from Ron Huntress would be \$100 for 6' treated, bolted, screwed together (no nails)

Name of Space

Suggestions – Veteran's Plaza

Late thought: We put in half the money to buy the barrels on Delaware St to the Chamber. Could we get a couple to put on the lot to fill with flowers?

Within the report it was suggested to name the space "Veteran's Plaza". The Board was in agreement with this.

RESOLUTION #99

DESIGNATION OF VETERAN'S PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission on behalf of the Town of Walton naming the Green Space area formerly known as The Walton Reporter at 181 Delaware Street as Veteran's Plaza. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the Youth Bureau is still looking to place high school students in position for the summer. He questioned if any Town Offices may be of use for these individuals.

Supervisor Gregory asked Attorney Walas to report her findings on a Property Maintenance Law. Discussion took place on the pros and cons of establishing such a law. Councilman Armstrong stated the Code Enforcement Officer had done his job by issuing a ticket and feels now it is in the courts hands.

Attorney Walas has stated under current Town Law, the town is able to charge a fee for clean up but not able to attach to the tax bill should the owner of the property refuse to pay the invoice.

Reported that this particular matter is on the Town of Walton docket for July 20, 2016.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #100

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#150-190	\$44,168.13
General OV B	#10-11	\$82.96
General Hwy DA	#59-69	\$6,751.92
OV Hwy DB	#15-21	\$261,225.18

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood reported that a car cruise will take place on July 23, 2016 in memory of Jim Mills. Discussion took place on allowing the event to use the Town’s liability insurance and for the Town Clerk to submit the Special Use Permit to the NYSDOT.

RESOLUTION #101

SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Councilwoman Wood to hold a car cruise on July 23, 2016 and further granting the use of the Town of Walton’s liability insurance for the event. All in favor, motion carried.

*Councilwoman Wood reported the day after the meeting that she will instead file the Special Use Permit with the Village of Walton and will use Linda Warmouth’s insurance for the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #102

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 8:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION #103

SFCU TAX ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission to accept the proposed Settlement Agreement between Sidney Federal Credit Union and the Town of Walton. Vote: Aye Armstrong, Govern, Rodriguez-Betancourt, Wood and Supervisor Gregory, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 7 WATER STREET (273.7-7-28) THROUGH THE NEW YORK CITY FUNDED FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Revised 2007 Filtration Avoidance Determination of 2012 required New York City to fund a Flood Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, one component of that program includes a voluntary Flood Buyout Program for communities to consider; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the voluntary Flood Buyout program for village and hamlet designated areas to consider in the New York City watershed have been completed; and

WHEREAS, unlike the existing Land Acquisition Program, these acquisitions are solely for the purpose of flood mitigation efforts with the agreement of the involved municipality; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Funded Flood Buy out Program requires that municipalities must pass a supporting resolution before the property can be considered for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Public Works property located at 7 Water Street, tax parcel ID 273.7-7-28, is integral to the completion of the Water Street Floodplain Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Public Works supports the floodplain restoration work planned by the Town and Village of Walton through the Local Flood Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition process is detailed in the 2010 Water Supply Permit amendment issued June15, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Walton supports the acquisition of the parcel located at 7 Water Street, tax parcel ID 273.7-7-28.

RESOLUTION #104

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE
DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 7 WATER STREET
(273.7-7-28) THROUGH THE NEW YORK CITY FUNDED
FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving of the acquisition of parcel located a 7 water Street, tax parcel #273.7-7-28 for the purpose of completing the Water Street Floodplain Restoration Project. Vote: Aye – Armstrong, Govern, Rodriguez-Betancourt, Wood and Supervisor Gregory. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board decided to table the proposed resolution to Second Supplement Agreement among West of Hudson Watershed Stakeholders concerning the New York City-Flood Buyout Program until August 8. 2-16/

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk