

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Special Meeting  
July 28, 2016  
6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Galley – The Reporter, Stephen Dutcher,

ABSENT: Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt,

Supervisor called the meeting to order.

Councilwoman Wood informed the Board with an update on Veterans Plaza. She stated that they will be receiving three benches from William Meredith and the stone for the flag pole has graciously been donated from an individual that wishes to remain anonymous.

Steven Dutcher stated he had delivered the stone to Furman's Monuments for the engraving to take place. He also requested that concrete be poured instead of the use of stand for the blue stone to sit on. He felt concrete would hold up to the grounds movement and would not heave the bluestone as easily. He estimated an additional \$300.00 would be needed.

**RESOLUTION #105**

**APPROVAL OF VETERANS PLAZA EXPENDITURES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting permission for additional expenditures for Veterans Plaza not to exceed \$400.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Geidel informed the Board of needed repairs to the Assessor van. He stated that the air conditioner unit needs repairs along with the exhaust system and questioned if the Board felt the van was worth the repairs?

Councilman Armstrong stated he felt it was worth doing the repairs and suggested that the committee could start looking for a replacement.

Discussion took place on the replacement of the Dog Control Officers vehicle. It was decided that the committee would also start looking for a 4 wheel drive replacement.

Supervisor Gregory updated the Board on the status of the revaluation. He stated that ENPM met with the Assessor and himself and has informed the local police of their presence in the area.

Supervisor Gregory stated that the data collectors have to go to the Mental Health facility to connect via hardwire to upload their collected information due to complications with wireless access. Councilman Armstrong requested that the Director of Real Property and IT come to the Town of Walton's next meeting to

explain the reason for the difficulty in obtaining the RPS data for our Assessor and hired reval company.

Supervisor Gregory explained to the Board that the State Comptroller's Office is here conducting an audit of the Town and plan to be here approximately five days. Councilwoman Wood questioned if it was a random audit or a request? Supervisor Gregory indicated that he made a request back in January.

At this time, Supervisor Gregory asked Attorney Walas to provide an update on the SFCU Tax Certiorari. Attorney Walas stated the agreement between SFCU and the Town of Walton has been approved and signed by the Judge. She has forward the estimated refund projections to the attorney for confirmation of the amount owed that must be paid within 60 days.

Supervisor Gregory presented a resolution to the Board to participate in litigation assistance from the County.

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION CHALLENGES TO REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Delaware has passed Resolution #168 of 2014 to participate in providing financial assistance for litigation challenges to real property assessments with in the town, school districts and villages of Delaware County;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Walton requests permission to participate and seeks approval from the Finance Committee:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Walton is seeking financial assistance for litigation challenges and meets the County of Delaware standards set forth in Resolution #168 of 2014.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the County Attorney and the Real Property Tax Services Director.

**RESOLUTION #106**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION CHALLENGES TO REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting permission for the Town of Walton to participate and request assistance for litigation challenges on real property assessments. All in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #107**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the purpose of union negotiations and a particular personnel issue. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:25p.m.

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

Out 7:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk