

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2018

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

ABSENT: Steven Dutcher

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan R. MacGibbon, Larry Light

RESOLUTION #47 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of February 12, 2018 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Alan MacGibbon who sold property to NYC through a Land Acquisition Program that is located on Marvin Hollow Road, approached the Board requesting that no more hunting be allowed on that property. Mr. MacGibbon supplied the Board with a map indicating the number of homes within 500 feet of the property. He felt there were too many homes in close proximity to allow just anyone to hunt on the property.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt questioned if Mr. MacGibbon had ever hunted on the property? Mr. MacGibbon stated, he had for years. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt suggested archery but Mr. MacGibbon stated he felt with crossbows today posed just as much of a concern.

Supervisor Gregory was concerned this would set a precedent.

Councilman Armstrong stated he understood his concerns but did not want to restrict other lands.

Supervisor Gregory questioned if he had concerns about hiking and Mr. MacGibbon stated he had not.

RESOLUTION#48 **RESTRICT HUNTING ON NYC LAND ACQUISITION PROPERTY #252.-1-13**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting Supervisor Gregory permission to submit a letter to NYC requesting no hunting on NYC Land Acquisition property #252.-1-13. All in favor, motion carried.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Stephen L. Dutcher
Town of Walton Dog Control Officer
129 North St.
Walton, NY 13856
February 2018

Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints Received	7
Dogs Seized	1
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	1
Dangerous Dog Cases	0
Tickets Issued	1
Total Redemption Fees	\$0.00
Vehicle Mileage	59

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher, CFM

Monthly Summary Report
Month of February 2018

Building Permits Issued	3
Building Inspections Completed	7
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	1
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	0
Vehicle Mileage	201

Code Enforcement: Started addressing possible issue of Dave Stanton operating a business at 113 Armstrong Rd without proper permitting. Letter was sent on 2/23/18 outlining possible violations. Met with his attorney on 2/28/18 to discuss. Waiting on written response from Dave Stanton outlining how he intends to use the property. Further action to be determined.

CRS: Worked extensively on creating an Emergency Management Plan for the Town. Draft is circulating for comment with goal of having a final document by the second week of March. This plan will allow us to pursue points in other activities in CRS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Superintendent Geidel informed the Board that he had budgeted this year with the assumption of receiving Extreme Winter Recovery and Pave NY CHIP money. He now is not sure that money will be coming.

Reported that he is waiting for a kick off meeting on the Stream Grant for Pines Brook Road. Supervisor Gregory stated that letters of recommendations have been submitted but would like to ask the Walton Central School for their support as well, stating the importance of this project and the safety for the school buses.

Councilwoman Wood stated there was certainly compelling evidence that it is needed.

Reported that the tractor and boom mower have been posted on Auctions International.

Reported that the majority of the tires have been sent to the landfill but still have a few large tractor tires that they will not take. There was a suggestion to give the tires away to reuse as children's sandboxes. I stated this would require a sealed bid or first come first served format.

Requested permission to attend Highway School June 3-6, 2018.

RESOLUTION #49

PERMISSION TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission for Superintendent Geidel to attend Highway School on June 3-6, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Armstrong read the highway bid results. Superintendent Geidel stated some items did not meet the bid specifications and one item was not requested. It was agreed upon to award both Excavator w/Operator to be based on availability.

2018 BID SHEET

BIDDER	1-A's	1-B's	1st	#1	#2	Process Gravel	Process Winter		
	Ton Deliv	Ton/Yd	Ton/Yd						
Carver	\$22.30	\$19.60	\$19.60	\$19.75	\$19.75	Crushed Limestone			
Cobleskill	\$22.75	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	Crushed Limestone			
Schaefer *	\$20.10	\$20.10	\$20.10	\$18.00	\$18.00	Bluestone Material			
Clark						3.85/5.80	4.95/7.43		
Northern *						3.80/5.78	4.95/7.70		
County	\$27.00	\$24.25	\$24.25	\$24.25	\$24.25	Crushed Limestone			
POLY PIPE PRICE PER FOOT PLAIN END									
	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	42"	48"	60"
TCBR	\$5.35	\$6.90	\$10.30	\$15.70	\$24.90	\$32.70	\$45.10	\$54.70	\$95.20
Chemung	\$5.35	\$6.90	\$10.30	\$15.70	\$24.90	\$32.40	\$45.10	\$54.70	\$95.20
POLY PIPE COUPLER									
TCBR	\$8.30	\$13.90	\$23.20	\$32.80	\$73.30	\$107.70	\$154.40	180.90,	\$280.90
Chemung	\$8.30	\$13.90	\$23.20	\$32.80	\$73.30	\$107.70	\$154.40	180.90,	\$280.90

POLY PIPE	PRICE PER FOOT BELL END								
TCBR	\$5.50	\$7.20	\$10.80	\$15.90	\$25.80	\$33.80	\$45.70	\$55.90	\$97.10
Chemung	\$5.50	\$7.20	\$10.80	\$15.90	\$25.80	\$33.80	\$45.70	\$55.90	\$97.10

CORRUGATED METAL PIPE										
	PRICE PER FOOT									
	10"	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	42"	48"	60"
Chemung	\$7.60	\$7.95	\$10.03	\$12.17	\$15.98	\$24.91	\$32.32	\$42.87	\$52.43	\$85.79
TCBR	\$8.52	\$7.95	\$10.03	\$12.17	\$15.98	\$24.91	\$32.32		\$52.43	\$85.79
County Bid										

COORUGATED METAL PIPE BANDS										
	10"	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	42"	48"	60"
Chemung	\$11.40	\$11.92,	\$15.05	\$18.25	\$23.98	\$37.36	\$48.50	\$63.97	\$78.64	\$139.68
TCBR	\$8.52	\$11.92	\$15.05	\$18.25	\$23.98	\$37.36	\$48.50		\$78.64	\$139.68

Excavator w/ Operator						
Bidder	Make	Model	Bucket	HP	Weight	Price/Hr
Clark	Cat	325L	1.5 Yd	168	61,000	\$175.00
Robinson	Cat	325CL	1.5 Yd	190,	60,000	\$180.00
	USED STEEL PIPE					
	72" 3/8"	84" 3/8"	96" 3/8"	108"1/2	120"1/2"	
Chemung *	\$245.00	\$285.00	\$440.00	\$460.00	\$575.00,	
County	\$234.10	\$270.75	\$415.90	\$465.80	\$523.00	

NOTE: *
Stone: Bid was for Crushed Limestone Not Blue Stone.
Northern: Winter Abrasives was for screening and crushing not just screening.
Used Steel Pipe: Bid was Not Requested

RESOLUTION #50

2018 BID AWARDS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern accepting the bids as submitted and awarding to the lowest responsible bidder with the exception of the product that does not meet bid specifications. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Reported that after collecting \$3,290,606.01 of the total warrant, I am 81% collected.

Reported that I will be attending my NYS District Director meeting on Sunday, March 18th and Monday, March 19th. During this meeting the Association of Towns will conduct a training on Ethics and Oath of Offices.

To follow up with last month's discussion about the court changing their hours and the concern of the amount of traffic funneling through my office. We have come up with a temporary fix, the court attendees enter through the board room and around to the court room. It worked out very well last week and now with the Court Clerk holding hours on Monday, we are able to have people come then to pay their fines. We are currently waiting for quotes to have a designated door for the court room.

I have been contacted by Entrust Energy who are offering a fixed rate on electric and natural gas supply charges. This fix amount would be for 24 months and is currently less than what we are paying right now. I would ask for permission to change our carrier to Entrust Energy. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt requested additional information as to how low/high were the supply rates for this past year.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Town of Walton
Monthly Assessor's Report
February 2017

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Delaware County Assessors' Association in Delhi.
- Responded to numerous Property Assessment and School Tax Billing questions from parcel owners regarding their new reassessment roll valuation.
- Completed field inspections for several of the new buildings, property improvements and demolished buildings that have been reported by The Town of Walton Code Enforcement Officer. Completing updated valuation postings for 2018 Roll.
- Completed field inspections on seven parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of reassessment data or valuation.
- Posted several new Agriculture Assessment/Exemptions to RPS. Reviewed soil mapping and acreage measurement procedures with Delaware County Soil and Water Representatives.
- Completing administrative work on the 2018 exemption renewal documentation for Star Enhanced, Forest 480A, and Agriculture Exemptions.
- Reviewing an application for a large Town of Walton Parcel to be transitioned to a tax exempt nonprofit organization with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services.
- Completed a Mobile Home assessment review for the Brookview Mobile Home Park with our Code Enforcement Officer. Several units had been dismantled and reviewed and others

assessments were updated. The updated values will be posted for the 2018 Roll.

Fran Zujovic
Assessor
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856

Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that the Assessor is working on the total exemption for the Rasmussen property on Dunk Hill Road as well as a house on Maple Street that has been purchased by the ARC that will come off the tax rolls.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reported that a NYS Broadband Grant for \$1,669,346 to expand broadband access in Walton has been awarded. This is believed to be Delhi Telephones application.

Supervisor Gregory presented a Complete Streets Resolution but was met with many concerns from the Board. It was decided to table the matter.

Discussion took place about the need for roof repairs to the Town Hall. I had questioned if there was John Bonacic grant money available? Supervisor Gregory was going to look into it.

Supervisor Gregory presented the Social Media Policy to the Board. The Board has asked for additional information. There were concerns how to handle FOIL requests as well as retention requirements. This matter was tabled for further information.

Reported that the disposition of Park Street Property #273.8-2-12 has been taken care of.

Reported that he is still waiting for information on the Host Community Agreement.

Supervisor Gregory reported that he was in receipt of a letter from Senator Bonacic supporting the Third Brook Bridge Project and has asked the State to expedite the project.

Supervisor Gregory provided an update on the County DPW relocation issue. He stated that they are currently waiting on appraisals and hopes to have more information at the March 14, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt expressed his concern with building a new Mental Health Facility. He questioned, "why build it if we don't have a Psychiatrist?" The clients still will not be able to get the care they need.

Supervisor Gregory stated he did not believe the new facility will bring in new patients. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt stated he believed it would and continued the design of the building is to allow for more volume but does not feel it will offer the quality of professional care that will be needed. "There is a national shortage of psychologists because of the labor-intensive care it takes to treat patients." Stated Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt.

Supervisor Gregory stated the building will save on rentals of other buildings and will place all the services under one roof.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt urged the County to hire qualified professionals that can truly help the patients and so there is not such a wait for services.

Councilwoman Wood pointed out that it currently takes up to three months to get an appointment.

Councilman Govern was dismissed at 7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilwoman Wood presented guidelines for the use of Veterans Plaza. These guidelines would clarify responsibility of the Buildings and Grounds Committee as well as elaborate what is allowable and what is not. After a few change suggestions, the Board was in agreement of its adoption.

RESOLUTION #51

GUIDELINES FOR VETERANS PLAZA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong accepting the Veterans guidelines with the recommended changes and to be provide to all that request use of the Veterans Plaza. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #52

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#45-58 -	\$9,485.98
General OV B	#5	\$ 71.77
General Hwy DA	#23-36	\$42,576.30
OV Hwy DB	#3-4	\$ 9,519.98

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #53

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee contract for Court Clerk and contractual matter concern a particular employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 7:40 p.m.

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

Out 8:10 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk