

TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, Attorney Sean Becker and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: R. A. Cairns - The Walton Reporter, Charles Gregory, Steven Dutcher, John Wolham – ORPS Regional Director, Mark Jacobs – Walton Assessor, & Michael Sabansky – Delaware County Director of Real Property, Michael & Nancy Cucciarre-Stuligross.

RESOLUTION #38 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of February 9, 2015 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Regional Director John Wolham from the Office of Real Property Tax Service spoke to the Board about a revaluation process.

He provided the Board with publication such as Guidelines for Cyclical Reassessment, Reassessment Methodology as well as sample RFP's.

Mr. Wolham stated that the more time that has gone by since the last evaluation, the more likely the assessments on the books don't match the real market values. Having a reassessment is a tax neutral where people will pay their fair share.

Mr. Wolham explained the pros and cons of having an in-house team verses hiring a company to perform an evaluation. He stressed the importance of having experienced people and to have the property assessed at the same time and method.

Mr. Wolham explained in detail the Process, valuation work, field review, tax shift analyst, and informal reviews. He indicated how important it was for the assessor to work very closely with the vendor hired.

Supervisor Dolph questioned what happens when a property owner refuses to grant the vendor access to their property? Mr. Wolham stated that in this case the vendor would use estimates.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if properties prone to flooding would be taken into consideration on the value? Mr. Wolham stated yes it would.

Nancy & Mike Cucciarre-Stuligross questioned if homes in their neighborhood that have poor housekeeping can affect the value

of their home? Mr. Wolham explained that the people performing the data collection are trained not to look at the housekeeping of the home such as poor paint, siding, clutter, or poor landscaping. Instead they are looking for structural damage, condition of a roof and would use housing comparables and arm lengths sales.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the Town has been awarded a used freightliner truck from the Federal Surplus Auction. The truck is in Hawaii and he is currently looking for shipping costs.

RESOLUTION #39

PURCHASE OF 2009 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the purchase of a 2009 freightliner truck in the amount of \$4,275.00 plus shipping, and to add to this month's voucher totals. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the replacement shop lighting rebate program will cost approximately \$2,900.

RESOLUTION #40

NYSEG & RG&E REPLACEMENT LIGHTING REBATE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to grant permission to participate in the NYSEG & RG&E Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program to replace the Highway shop lights at a cost of \$2,900. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he attended training on the May 2014 flash flooding and expects \$7,000 in State and Federal reimbursement.

Reported that he spoke with T&T Truck Sales concerning compensation for the mechanics time due to the 1997 truck. He is waiting to hear back from T&T Truck Sales.

Reported on the 2015 Highway bids.

2015 BID SHEET

BIDDER	1-A's	1-B's	1st	1	2	Process Gravel	Process Winter
	Ton Deliv	Ton Deliv	Ton Deliv	Ton Deliv	Ton Deliv	Ton/Yd	Ton/Yd
Carver	\$20.65	18.65	18.65	\$18.90	\$18.90	3.59/5.38	7.50/11.25
DG Const	Did Not Meet Spec			\$17.25	\$17.25		
Cobleskill	\$22.25	\$19.35	\$19.25	\$19.35	\$19.35		
Clark Co.						3.85/5.77	4.95/7.42
LaFever				Did Not Meet Spec			3.33/5.00

POLY PIPE	PRICE PER FOOT							
	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	48"	60"
Chemung	\$5.05	\$6.55	\$9.70	\$14.75	\$23.89	\$30.75	\$51.89	\$91.96

Howes	\$5.44	\$7.12	\$10.42	\$15.95	\$25.93	\$33.30	\$59.62	\$98.97
HD Supply	\$5.05	\$6.55	\$9.70	\$14.75	\$23.89	\$30.75	\$51.89	\$91.96
Steel Sales	\$5.05	\$6.55	\$9.70	\$14.75	\$23.89	\$30.75	\$51.89	\$91.96
POLY PIPE	BANDS							
Chemung	\$7.41	\$9.69	\$14.18	\$21.95	\$47.22	\$60.42	\$102.98	\$179.74
Howes	\$8.15	\$10.65	\$15.55	\$24.15	\$51.94	\$66.45	N/B	N/B
HD Supply	\$7.41	\$9.69	\$14.18	\$21.95	\$47.22	\$60.42	\$102.98	\$179.74
Steel Sales	\$7.41	\$9.69	\$14.18	\$21.95	\$47.22	\$60.42	\$102.98	\$179.74

CORRUGATED METAL PIPE			PRICE PER FOOT				PIPE & BANDS			
	10"	12"	15"	18"	24"	30"	36"	48"	60"	
Chemung	\$8.60	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$13.20	\$16.80	\$26.50	\$31.80	\$57.25	\$90.75	
Steel Sales	\$8.70	\$8.90	\$10.68	\$13.35	\$16.91	\$26.70	\$32.04	\$57.85	\$91.67	

Excavator w/ Operator						
Bidder	Make	Model	Thumb	HP	Weight	Price/Hr
LaFever	Komatsu	290	Yes	197HP	67396	\$185.00
Tweedie	Komatsu	290	Yes	197HP	70000	\$185.00
Clark	Cat	325L	Yes	168HP	61000	\$175.00
Robinson	Cat	325	Yes	190HP	60000	\$175.00
Used Steel Pipe		Price per Foot				
	72"-3/8	84"-3/8	96"-3/8	108"-1/2	120"-1/2	
Chemung	\$204.00	\$258.00	\$389	\$424.00	\$464.00	
County	\$198.50	\$225.00	\$359.80			
	72"-1/2	84"-1/2	96"-3/4	108"-3/4	120"-3/4	
County	\$278.00	\$317.00	\$470.00	\$489.00	\$510.00	

	SEED		MULCH	
	50# Each	50#-Ton	Bale/Ton	Bale/Load
Robertson	\$86.50	\$75.50	\$21.85	\$19.25
Merritt	\$75.00	\$59.50	\$15.75	\$18.75

It was recommended that the bids be awarded as follows:

- Stone Bid = Carver
- Process Gravel = Carver
- Process Winter = Clark Company
- Excavator w/Operator = Clark & Robinson
- Poly Pipe/Bands = Chemung, HD Supply & Steel Sales
- Steel Pipe/Bands = No award
- Corrugated Pipe/Bands = Chemung
- Seed = Merritt
- Mulch = Merritt

RESOLUTION #41

2015 HIGHWAY BID AWARD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to award the bids as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that the Annual Report has been filed and a copy is available for anyone wishing to review it.

Provided my financial report to the Board.

Reported that I am 75% collected with taxes, down from 77% this time last year.

The FedEx has arrived and is operational. The pickup is a 4:00 p.m.

Reported that it should be decided how the billing for the shared Code Enforcement charges should be handled. I explained that currently we bill the Village for the shared truck mileage and 1/2 of the cost of training that we have paid one month and the Village then bills us for the same. I explained we are basically exchanging checks. I discussed that if we switched his cell phone service to AT&T, there could be a savings of \$136.00 annually. Supervisor Dolph asked that the Village Trustee Gregory share the information with the Village Board to come to some agreement as to whom or when the charges get paid or invoiced.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Dolph stated that the County agreed to reduce the selling price of the old Reporter building by 25%. He stated that if the Board was in agreement, it was still contingent on the Village agreeing to waive the past due taxes.

RESOLUTION #42

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the purchase of the old Reporter building from Delaware County contingent that the Village of Walton agrees to waive the past due taxes. All in favor, motion carried.

Reviewed his Financial Reports.

Presented the Board with 2014 Budget Amendments to close out the year.

Budget Amendments December 2014			
General-A	Account	Increase	Increase/Decrease*
Supervisor CE	1220.4		470
Garage, CE	5132.4		90
Assessor, CE	1355.4		430

Buildings, CE	1620.4	10005	
Dogs, PS	3510.1	162	
Independent Auditing	1320.4	100	
Justices, CE	1110.4	250	
Misc. Home & Community	8989.4	141700	
State Retirement	9010.8		10400
Industrial Development, CE	6460.4		2500
Per Capita	3001		16870
Rental of Property	2410		12112
Mortgage Tax	3005		9025
Grants	2706		102300
		153207	153207

Increase in budgeted revenues, decrease in appropriations

Highway - DA	Account	Increase	Increase
Equipment	5130.2	165135	
Equipment, CE	5130.4	1950	
Misc. Home & Community	8989.4	152800	
Health Insurance	9060.8	13870	
Grants	2706		152800
Sale of Equip	2665		28155
Appropriated Fund Balance	909		152800
		333755	333755

Highway - DB	Account	Increase	Increase
General Repair PS	5110.1	10245	
General Repair CE	5110.4	38380	
St. Aid Emergency	3989		48625
		48625	48625

RESOLUTION #43

2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern accepting the budget amendments as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that a letter was received from the Watershed Agricultural Council indicating they are in the process of purchasing a conservation easement from Thomas and Denise Dailey of 235.1 acres at 245 Budine Hill Road. The community now has up to 120 days to review and respond to this submission regarding the acquisition.

He also reported of the purchase of 46 acres on Palmer Hill Road by the NYCDEP.

Reported that the boat launch is moving forward.

Thanked Assessor Mark Jacobs for arranging the State to come and inform the Board on re-assessing.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Requested permission to attend an April 27-29, 2015 Flood Plain Manager training. All in agreement.

Reported on updates to the Flood Information page on the website.

Reported that a couple of buildings have received structural damage due to the heavy snow on roofs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The building committee reported that there will be a meeting following the regular meeting to discuss the possibility of a joint court room with the Village of Walton.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #44

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#32-53	\$ 17,917.51
General OV B	#13	\$ 45.00
General Hwy DA	#16-34	\$ 34,370.03
OV Hwy DB	#3	\$ 202.02

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk