

TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 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: Lillian Browne- The Walton Reporter, Charles Gregory, Steven Dutcher, Steven Schick, Arnold and Jane Rey, Patrick Doyle and Edmund Doyle

RESOLUTION #53 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of April 13, 2015 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Steven Schick of East Brook Road questioned the Board if the lawn at 1528 East Brook Road would be mowed? Mr. Schick stated, it has been 5 years that he and the neighbors have been dealing with this. CEO Stephen Dutcher explained that the owner would have 30 days to address the matter after the grass reached the height of 10 inches. Supervisor Dolph suggested that the Town Attorney contact the owner prior to the 10 inch grass height becoming an issue.

CEO Stephen Dutcher stated that if the town has to mow the lawn, he clarified that it would only be around the immediate proximity of the house; immediate to him would be 20 feet around the house.

Patrick Doyle of South Mountain Wind updated the Board on the South Mountain Wind Project. He explained that a larger company took over the project for a short period of time, but it is now back in the hands of South Mountain Wind. He explained that a number of studies have been completed with a few more to go. They will continue to look for renewable funding for ways to finance the project.

Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt requested that the company hold a public presentation. Mr. Doyle stated that they have held them in the past and would continue to keep everyone informed.

Mr. Rey of East River Road approached the Board in support of Steve Schick but also to point out a problem with a sluice drain at the end of his driveway.

The owner of what is known as Ballard's Trailer Park requested school bus stop ahead signs, as he is concerned of the speed of the traffic cutting through the park.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Superintendent Geidel addressed Mr. Rey's complaint and stated it will be looked at.

Reported that the new shop lights have been installed and the paperwork for the reimbursement has been filed.

Requested permission to surplus items that are no longer needed.

- 1985 Chevy 3500 pickup - 1
- 1997 International 5070 plow truck -1
- Furnace - 1
- Shop Lights
- 5th Wheel
- Truck toll boxes
- #45,000 winch – 2

RESOLUTION #54

DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the list of items no longer needed by the Town as surplus equipment. All in favor, motion carried

Requested additional funds for the purpose of processing sand at the MacGibbon Mine. He informed the Board that he would like to process enough to last two years and not to exceed \$65,000.

RESOLUTION #55

PROCESSING SAND

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to process approximately two years of sand not to exceed the cost of \$65,000. All in favor, motion carried.

Informed the Board that the Town of Walton has received notification of award for additional CHIPS money. He requested to amend the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys to include Upper East Brook and Miller Roads.

RESOLUTION #56

AMEND AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to amend the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys in resolution #103 of 2014 and to include Upper East Brook and Miller Roads increasing the expenditure by \$32,970.12. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he will once again hire two summer employees for the purpose of mowing. He indicated that the position will run from June 1 – August 28, 2015, 3 days a week.

Reported that an employee request for unpaid leave has been forwarded to the Union for approval.

Reported that the truck received from Hawaii is in nice shape.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that I am returning uncollected taxes in the amount of \$479,772.55 to the Delaware County Treasurer. I collected 88% which is up 1% compared to 2014.

Provided my Monthly report.

Reported that the Democratic Committee has requested use of the facility on June 2, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m if there are no objections. None were given.

Reported that notification has been received from the NYS Department of Transportation stating they are in receipt of a request for a reduction in speed limit on Lower Third Brook, Seely Wood and Upper East Brook Roads. They will perform a review and notify us of the results.

Reported that all the required documentation for the \$50,000 Bonacic grant has been submitted and we are now just waiting for reimbursement. I have also submitted a couple more documents for the \$100,000 Bonacic grant for the old Reporter Building, we should hear soon if they need anything additional.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Dolph recognized me for achieving the New York State Town Clerks Association title of Registered Municipal Clerk. He read a letter from the association notifying the Board of my hard work and dedication to achieve the prestigious designation of "RMC".

Supervisor Dolph presented a resolution to Apply for Funds From the Catskill Watershed Corporation's Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program. He informed the Board that this funding will help reclaim the floodplain adjacent to Water Street in three phases.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION'S FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Walton came together to form the Walton Flood Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Flood Commission, as authorized by the municipalities, utilized grant funding received by the municipalities from the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District's Stream Management Implementation Program, that is funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, to complete a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) for a defined portion of the West Branch Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village of Walton are local units of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the LFA and the actions proposed in that Plan; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch Delaware LFA has been accepted as complete by the Town and Village; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village, with the support of the Walton Flood Commission, have prioritized the lowering of the Floodplain on Water Street; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Catskill Watershed Corporation's (CWC) Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (FHMIP) for the projects recommended by the LFA; and

WHEREAS, the CWC FHMIP requires authorization to pursue funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Walton Board of Trustees supports funding the projects identified by the West Branch Delaware LFA and supports the submission of three (3) applications to the CWC FHMIP for reclaiming the floodplain adjacent to Water Street;

- 1) Phase 1: Infrastructure Relocation Funds in conjunction with the lowering of the Village Parcel #273.7-7-27.1

- 2) Phase 2: Feasibility Study to determine the relocation of buildings and infrastructure and flood plain reconstruction of the western portion of Town of Walton parcel#273.7-7-27.21 and County of Delaware parcel #273.7-7-28.

- 3) Phase 3: Feasibility Study to determine the relocation of buildings and infrastructure and flood plain reconstruction for Dollar General parcel#273.7-7-27.22 and the eastern section of Town of Walton parcel#273.7-7-27.21;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Walton will pursue additional funding to supplement the funding available through the CWC FHMIP.

RESOLUTION #57

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION'S FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the Authorization to apply for Funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation's Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported on mail received

Reported that he received a letter asking him to oppose the pipeline. Supervisor Dolph stated he is in support of the pipeline and feels this is an opportunity to keep our businesses here and help them to grow.

Requested Attorney Becker to follow up with adding leasing to the Town's Procurement Policy.

Provided the Board with details on the most recent audit performed on Delaware County, particularly the use of county owned vehicles. He stated that the findings are embarrassing and the County is in the process of developing a policy to address these findings.

Reported that he will attend a meeting tomorrow to finalize the details of the old Reporter Building. Discussion took place on private individuals wanting items on or in the building. The

Board felt they would seek the advice of the company that will be performing the demo first.

Councilman Armstrong questioned if the Town would be footing the bill for the amount not covered by the grant? Supervisor Dolph stated it was the Towns responsibility but we are seeking additional grants through the DEC and DEP to cover items that the first grant may not.

Supervisor Dolph stated one saving will be that the Village will repair their adjacent parking area allowing for the planned parking area to remain a green area.

Councilman Govern suggested looking for support through the Host Community Agreement since the landfill is located in the Town and we have to haul the debris elsewhere.

Supervisor Dolph turned the meeting over to Attorney Becker for the purpose of finalizing information needed for the RFP for a re-evaluation.

Attorney Becker stated that one option was to have the company enter homes to obtain data information or to just provide data cards that would need to be returned. Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt indicated he did not want anyone entering the homes and felt it should all be based on square footage.

A lengthy discussion took place on the topic and it was decided that the Board would invite John Wolham, ORPS Regional Director and Michael Sabansky, Delaware County Director of Real Property back for additional help and clarification on completing the details of the RFP. Attorney Becker was asked to make the arraignments.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Reported that the unlicensed dog list has grown but he expects it to diminish now that the free rabies clinics have started.

He reported on his conference in Syracuse and informed the Board that he was able to obtain some good ideas for the old Reporter Building.

Reported that we should receive the community rating in July or August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None reported.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #58

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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| General Fund A | #76-93 | \$ | 36,950.45 |
| General OV B | #15 | \$ | 130.00 |
| General Hwy DA | #52-63 | \$ | 20,231.28 |
| OV Hwy DB | #6-11 | \$ | 10,733.15 |

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk