

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Public Hearing
November 13, 2012
6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Patty Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter

Supervisor Dolph opened the Public Hearing for those wishing to speak in favor or against the 2013 Preliminary Budget. He went over the budget and stated there was less than a 1% tax levy increase. There were no comments from the public.

Supervisor Dolph closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #103

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of October 9, 2012 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

No comments from the floor.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that money has been received from the CWC grant for Walton Mountain Road.

Requested permission to surplus a truck box and steel beams no longer needed by the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION #104

DECLARE SUPRLUS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern to declare a truck box and steel beams no long needed by the Highway Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the EWP Project for Marvin Hollow Road is complete.

Reported that he hired Gregory Dungan to replace retired employee Ronald Fletcher.

Reported that the department has been working on removing trees and limbs from streams. He stated he is waiting for good weather to do more.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Reported that the Town Clerk/DCO/Assessor reports have been provided to the Board.

Reported that the DCO has been busy making follow up phone calls on past due dog licenses and in doing so has discovered that new residents state there was not a requirement to license a dog where they previously resided. I informed the Board that with the additional funds placed in the 2013 Budget to cover a dog enumeration should prove to be beneficial again.

Reported to the Board that the Justice records need to be audited by the Board. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would do so prior to the December 11, 2012 meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Reviewed various mail received.

He stated his reason for voting in favor of the pipeline at the County level. He stated there was no evidence that this was a dangerous procedure. He felt it would be a benefit to the economy and to towns that could tap into the line.

Councilman Govern stated he knows of some people that went to work for the pipeline and were able to get out of debt.

Reported that previously the Board voted to review the Abandonment of designated Town of Walton roads. After

looking into the annual cost to maintain these roads; and an amount of \$27,700 provided by Superintendent Geidel. Supervisor Dolph questioned if the Board felt the need to proceed? He stated this whole matter came up over the Budine Hill Road bridge repair.

Councilman Armstrong stated if it is not going to address the single resident roads then in his opinion it's not worth pursuing.

Discussion took place on concerning other roads and the Board came to an agreement not to pursue the closing of any Town of Walton roads at this time.

RESOLUTION #105

WITHDRAWAL THE QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF ROADS.

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood to withdrawal the procedure to abandon the qualified roads as listed in Resolution #84 of 2012. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph stated the County Chamber of Commerce is looking to further promote boating on the Cannonsville Reservoir.

Councilwoman Wood suggested the same for the bicycle route.

Supervisor Dolph suggested opening a Highway Equipment Reserve savings account and transfer \$12,000 from the sale of equipment and \$38,000 from DA savings into this account as well as establishing a Health Reimbursement Account.

RESOLUTION #106

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to open a Highway Equipment Reserve Account and to transfer \$50,000 into this account.

RESOLUTION #107

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

A motion was made by Councilman Rodrigues-Betancourt, seconded by Wood granting permission to open a Health Reimbursement Account with a starting deposit of \$31,000 to be done on January 1, 2013.

Supervisor Dolph review his monthly statements.

RESOLUTUION #108

2013 BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to move the Preliminary Budget as the Town of Walton 2013 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #109

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

General Fund A	#258 -311	\$56,419.73
General OV B	#13-14	\$ 3,085.21
General Hwy DA	#123-136	\$40,459.28
OV Hwy DB	#54-61	\$40,200.47

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #110

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a litigation matter. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Back in regular session at 7:15 p.m. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk