

TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2015

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood Supervisor Bruce Dolph, and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel

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Supervisor Dolph opened the Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for any persons wishing to speak in favor or against Local Law #2 of 2015 “Amending Local Law No. 1 of the year 2002, which is the Town of Walton Dog Control Law and the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

With no comments, Supervisor Dolph closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

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With the resignation of Sean Becker of Cowen Law Firm, the Board was in agreement to appoint Carly Walas as the Town’s Attorney effective immediately. Supervisor Dolph had me administer Attorney Walas oath of office and then asked that she take a seat at the table.

RESOLUTION #93

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Armstrong seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving the minutes of October 5, 2015 and October 14, 2015 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

David Stanton owner of David Stanton Construction thanked the Town for the opportunities through the bidding process and Bruce Dolph for all of his help during the Reporter Green Space Project.

Maureen Wacha invited the Board to participate in the Spend the Day in Walton and Christmas Parade on November 28th. She also thanked Councilman Armstrong for helping put up the Christmas lights on Delaware Street.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Absent

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Provided my Monthly report.

Reported that I had a conversation with Jeff Stanley of JNS Towers on October 19th and discussed the reason why we have not heard anything from Verizon joining our towers after several failed attempts. Jeff stated that Verizon has indicated to him that they are focusing on largely populated areas to be sure all customers in these areas are able to access the system quickly. He stated they are not so concerned with dead spot reception areas and suggested Verizon customers to report these dead areas to Verizon.

Steve Dutcher added that Crown Castle had called him yesterday inquiring about placing Verizon on the current tower. Verizon would prefer to have a backup generator and needed information about the placement location.

Reported that I have been working with DASNY trying to close out the 2014 \$50,000 grant as well as the 2015 \$100,000 grant. Currently right now, DASNY staff is overwhelmed with the amount of grants and are having a hard time keeping up with increased volume. Today I just sent a Grantee Questionnaire and budget modifications for the 2015 grant as requested from DASNY. Because we are using both grants to incorporate the gazebo/pavilion, they will close out both grants at the same time. I questioned if the Board has decided the type of building and when would they like to go out to bid?

Provided an obsolete record request of Taxation and Assessment documents that have met the NYS Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and are no longer required to keep, to the Board for approval.

RESOLUTION #94

OBSOLETE RECORDS

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting permission to properly dispose of 2005-2009 STAR Applications and 2005-2008 Tax Escrow Listings. Roll Call: Aye – Armstrong, Wood, Govern, Rodriguez-Betancourt and Supervisor Dolph, Nay – 0. Motion carried.

Reported that a copy of a Shared Services for Use of Hydro-Seeder from the Town of Middletown has been received and is on file.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided Monthly Report

Requested permission to renew his Certified Flood Plain Manager membership, in the amount of \$140.00 to be shared with the Village of Walton.

RESOLUTION #95

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt approving Code Enforcement Officer to renew his Certified Flood Plain Manager membership in the amount of \$140.00 to be shared with the Village of Walton. All in favor, motion carried.

He reported that he expects to receive the Community Rating System report in December.

Reported that he held a Building in Flood Area training for area contractors. He stated that it went well and plans to hold another one.

Discussion took place from a question that Councilwoman Wood asked. “Can flood insurance continue to increase even after the CRS is completed?” CEO Dutcher stated that it will continue to increase until it reaches full risk value. If a person does not have a mortgage, they don’t have to purchase flood insurance.

Discussion took place on the current flood maps and the process of having them changed after the flood mitigation work is completed.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Dolph asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns with the proposed Local Law #2 of 2015. With none, Supervisor Dolph asked for a motion to accept and approve as presented.

RESOLUTION #96

LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2015

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt to approved Local Law #2 of 2015, a law amending Local Law #1 of 2002, which is the Town of Walton Dog Control Law. All in favor, motion carried.

With no questions or concerns on the proposed 2016 Budget, Supervisor Dolph asked for a motion to accept and approved as presented.

RESOLUITON #97

2016 BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong moving the 2016 Preliminary Budget to the 2016 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that the Local Flood Analysis (LFA) has applied for a \$10,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study on the Flood Plain Restoration Project for areas south of Water Street, including the relocation of a cell tower funded through the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC).

RESOLUTION #98

FEASIBILITY STUDY TO RELOCATE CELL TOWER

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting Supervisor Dolph permission to enter into an agreement with The Catskill Watershed Corporation to conduct a feasibility study on areas south of Water Street and the relocation of a cell tower. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dolph stated that the Village of Walton has received a Utility Notification Feasibility Study and will need to supply information as well.

Reported that he has received notification that NYCDEP has purchased 273 acres on Kellogg Road and will turn this information over to the Planning Board.

Discussion took place on the style and size of the proposed pavilion to be built on the Reporter Green Space area. CEO Dutcher was asked to provide the specifications so that a bid could be advertised.

Councilwoman Wood question about the rental of the pavilion? It was decided that the Board would look into that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Armstrong reported that the Town Hall roof was repaired due to the recent wind storm blowing shingles off.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #99

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	#213-260	\$138,610.88
General OV B	#22-23	\$3,468.41
General Hwy DA	#130-141	\$30,682.05
OV Hwy DB	#49-55	\$98,992.21

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk