

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting
October 19, 2016
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Leonard Govern, and Attorney Carly Walas

OTHERS PRESENT: Abby Butler – The Walton Reporter, Mary Kilmer – Delaware Opportunities

RESOLUTION #133 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of October 3, 2016 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

Mary Kilmer of Delaware Opportunities presented WTHRCD-08 to the Board for review and approval to participate in the Homebuyer w/ Rehabilitation CDBG Grant.

RESOLUTION #134 **CDBG GRANT APPLICANT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting approval of WTHRCD-08 to participate in the CDBG Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Reported that trash receptacles are needed at Veterans Plaza. Councilwoman Wood suggested making one of the same style as the Village of Walton has along Main Street. Councilman Armstrong stated there was extra wood leftover from the pavilion and could be used to build at least one receptacle.

Reported that Ken Schrider has been contacted and asked to work with the committee for the placement and location of the donated tree for Veterans Plaza.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if there will be electric accessibility for the Christmas tree? Councilman Armstrong stated we need to look into the cost of running electric first. It was agreed that the committee will contact an electrician and NYSEG for pricing.

Supervisor Gregory stated the Chamber has indicated that they would like to keep the tree located at Wayne Bank for this year's event. Councilwoman stated the decision is not up to the Chamber, as it is no longer a Chamber Parade but a Lions Club Parade. Councilwoman Wood questioned if the tree would be planted at Veterans Plaza prior to the parade? Supervisor Gregory did not have that information.

Discussion took place on the date of a dedication for Veterans Plaza. It was decided to hold the event in the spring.

Supervisor Gregory reported that letters of agreement to participate in the Delaware Counties program for financial help with tax certiorari litigation fees have been received from the Village of Walton and the Walton Central School District. He informed the Board that the Town's July resolution to participate was not specific to SFCU or Kraft and needed to be redone.

The following resolutions were presented.

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION CHALLENGES TO REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware has passed Resolution #168 of 2014 to participate in providing financial assistance for litigation challenges to real property assessments within the town, school districts and villages of Delaware County;

WHEREAS, the Town of Walton requests permission to participate and seek approval from the Finance Committee for assistance with litigation fees associated with a tax certiorari proceeding brought against the Town of Walton by Sidney Federal Credit Union, SBL#273.7-1-33:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Walton is seeking financial assistance for litigation challenges and meets the County of Delaware standards set forth in Resolution #168 of 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the County Attorney and the Real Property Tax Services Director.

RESOLUTION #135

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION CHALLENGES TO REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong granting permission for the Town of Walton to participate and request assistance for litigation challenges on real property assessments. Vote: Armstrong, Wood, Gregory – Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION CHALLENGES TO REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware has passed Resolution #168 of 2014 to participate in providing financial assistance for litigation challenges to real property assessments within the town, school districts and villages of Delaware County;

WHEREAS, the Town of Walton requests permission to participate and seek approval from the Finance Committee for assistance with litigation fees associated with a tax certiorari proceeding brought against the Town of Walton by Kraft General Foods, SBL#273.6-6-8:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Walton is seeking financial assistance for litigation challenges and meets the County of Delaware standards set forth in Resolution #168 of 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the County Attorney and the Real Property Tax Services Director.

RESOLUTION #136 **TITLE: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION CHALLENGES TO REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting permission for the Town of Walton to participate and request assistance for litigation challenges on real property assessments. Vote: Armstrong, Wood, Gregory – Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory reported that progress has been made after a meeting with the School Superintendent and Mayor and will submit the agreements to participate in Financial Assistance for Litigation to the County.

Supervisor Gregory reported to the Board that if a second quote for the Kraft appraisal is not received by tomorrow (Thursday), then he will move forward with the already received companies quote on Friday. He stated this company is ready to start immediately and reminded the Board that prior approval had been granted at the September 23, 2016 meeting.

Supervisor Gregory reported that he and the Highway Superintendent will be going to More Park next week to determine what trees need to be harvested to provide a better view of the Village and to continue the view of the star on More Park.

Councilwoman Wood questioned if he had heard back from the State about clearing trees on Bear Spring in hopes to restore the view to the village again? Supervisor Gregory had not yet.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that after a resident reported that GPS was sending large trucks onto Back River Road which have hit this resident’s mailbox on several occasions, he has contacted the State and received acknowledgement of the e-mail.

Superintendent Geidel requested the Highway Committee to review the truck that is available on the Federal Surplus website in hopes of obtaining it for the Code Enforcement Officer.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #137 **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	#275--276	\$1,090.49
General OV B	#	\$
General Hwy DA	#103	\$1,149.50
OV Hwy DB	#40	\$6,271.80

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #138

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of pending litigation. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:27 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 7:20 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk