

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Public Hearing  
September 11, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood,  
Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Attorney  
Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

**ABSENT:** Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Steven Dutcher

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bruce Dolph, Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Pastor Robert Wilkie,  
Tara Donadio- Cornell Cooperative Extension, Michael Vander  
Werff- NYC DEP, Grayson Dutcher - DCSWCD

Supervisor Gregory opened the Public Hearing for anyone wishing to speak in favor or against the consideration of a Cable Television Franchise Agreement with DTC Cable Inc. and the Town of Walton as well as explaining progress toward the implementation of the Small Cities Block Grant Program.

With no comments, Supervisor Gregory closed the Public Hearings at 6:07 p.m.

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Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that Anthony Possemato has decided to step down as BAR member and asked him to come forward to accept a Certificate of Appreciation for his years served on the Board of Assessment Review.

**RESOLUTION #102**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the minutes of August 7, 2017 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**FLOOR TIME:**

Will conduct at end of meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:**

Provided his Annual Inventory report to the Board.

Reported that FEMA was here for additional paperwork on the #4233 Project. Once closed out, the reimbursement will be approximately \$27,000.

Reported that Keith Davis had approached him about a 1993 Ford truck that he would like to donate to the Town of Walton for a parts vehicle.

**RESOLUTION #103**

**DONATION ACCEPTENCE**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong accepting a donated 1993 Ford truck from Keith Davis. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that the new tractor and boom mower will be delivered this week.

Requested permission to surplus a 1992 Case Mower and list on Auctions International.

**RESOLUTION #104**

**SURPLUS 1992 CASE MOWER**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern permission to surplus the 1992 Case Mower as the item is no longer needed by the Town of Walton Highway Department. All in favor, motion carried.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:**

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

Received notification from General Code that they have received our Organizational Analysis and will be proceeding with a code book for the Town of Walton.

I received two awarded permit applications from the Army Corps of Engineers; one for NYSEG to relocate a gas main under the West Branch of the Delaware River and the other for the excavation of material to realign a stream channel for agricultural fields owned by Arthur Siegel on East Brook.

Received the Walton Fire District financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Reported that a Use of Facility to use Veterans Plaza for the donation of a POW flag ceremony on September 23, 2017 as well as September 30, 2017 for the Riverside Alliance Church were received.

**RESOLUTION #105**

**USE OF FACILITY**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood granting permission for the use of Veterans Plaza on September 23, 2017 and September 30, 2017 . All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that 62 dog licenses are past due and I will work with Steve to issue tickets.

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Provided Monthly reports to the Board.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Provided the Supervisors monthly reports.

Supervisor Gregory reported that Francis Zujovic now meets the minimum qualifications standards for sole appointed assessor as prescribed in the Real Property Tax law and 20 NYCRR 8188. Therefore, Supervisor Gregory recommends his sole assessor appointment.

**RESOLUTION #106                    APPOINTMENT OF SOLE ASSESSOR**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving the appointment of Francis Zujovic as Sole Assessor for the Town of Walton for a term of September 11, 2017 – September 30, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Presented the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce membership renewal to the Board for approval.

**RESOLUTION #107                    DELAWARE CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RENEWAL**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern, granting Supervisor Gregory permission to renew the membership with the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce for the 2017-18 year. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gregory presented the Coalition of Watershed Towns Nominations that will be submitted on behalf of the Town of Walton. Regular members are Art Merrill, Bill Layton and Mark Tuthill. Alternate members are Wayland Gladstone, Jake Rosa and Charlie Gregory.

**RESOLUTION #108                    COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS NOMINATIONS**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood granting permission to submit the Coalition of Watershed Town nominations as agreed upon. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor informed the Board that he is in receipt of the signed Kraft Litigation Agreement. Supervisor Gregory explained that Kraft has been granted a reduction in assessment for the 2016 Final Assessment Roll from \$1,350,000 to \$906,000. This will result in a refund to Kraft from the Town of Walton of \$4,144.21. Supervisor Gregory informed the Board that the Village and School have been sent the same information.

Reported that this month the County will review a dedicated site for the DPW and will inform the Board when he has more information.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**RESOLUTION #109**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General Fund A	#179-200	\$35,927.71
General OV B	#13	\$1,168.00
General Hwy DA	#96-103	\$6,151.58
OV Hwy DB	#24-30	\$111,897.51
CDBG	#9	\$20,123.73

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Supervisor Gregory questioned if the committee has met to work out the details of Veterans Plaza. The committee will work on a date to meet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION #110**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Assessor, Code Enforcement and Floodplain Manager Contracts. All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 7:05 p.m.

As a result of executive session, the following resolutions were presented.

**RESOLUTION #111**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT/FLOODPLAIN CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving a contract between the Town of Walton and the Code Enforcement/Floodplain Manager as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #112**

**ASSESSOR CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong approving a contract between the Town of Walton and the Assessor as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #113**

**DTC CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Armstrong that the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement between the Town of Walton and DTC Cable, Inc., as modified by the recommendations of the New York State Public Service Commission, is found to be in compliance with the Regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission and therefore is

approved. A copy of said agreement is attached to these minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #114**

**SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to certify that the Town of Walton held a public hearing to obtain participation from Town citizens to review and comment on progress made in implementation. All approved, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #115**

**BAR APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving Danny Hodges to the Board of Assessment Review for the remainder of the term left by the vacancy of outgoing member Anthony Possemato of 9/30/2018. All in favor, motion carried.

**FLOOR TIME CONTINUED:**

Tara Donadio of Cooperative Extension approached the Board to provide information on Clean Energy Communities Program. Ms. Donadio explained that this program is a NYSERDA Program and is a first come first serve grant. The program offers 18 grants per region with a funding source of three \$100,000 grants and ten \$50,000. Ms. Donadio explained that the applicant must meet a point criteria and have more than 50 points to be eligible for grant selection.

Ms. Donadio explained that this program is to encourage NYS communities to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment. The program is designed for Counties, Cities, Towns, and Villages.

Supervisor Gregory stated one idea for this type of funding could be charging stations that would be placed near areas where people would want to stay and allow for shopping or dinner while waiting.

Councilman Armstrong stated with the new boiler and windows, the town is well on its way for meeting the requirements.

Graydon Dutcher of Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation provided information on the proposed flood gauges for East Brook and West Brook. Mr. Dutcher explained that the gauge on East Brook could be activated with an annual operation and maintenance (O&M) cost of \$17,200. The cost of installing a stage, discharge, & satellite telemetry gauge (similar to the one currently on East Brook) would be \$16,000 with the subsequent O&M also being \$17,200 per year. The original proposal from the United States Geological Society (USGS) of \$83,000 included far more capability than needed. He also suggested there may be funding from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and other sources to help offset the costs.

Mr. Dutcher explained the importance of this data and how valuable it has become to Emergency Services. "Without these gauges, we are blind."

Supervisor Gregory iterated that the safety of our children and the Townsend School is so important and requested permission to seek additional support.

**RESOLUTION #116**

**FLOOD GAUGE SUPPORT**

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong approving the town to move forward on reactivating the stage, discharge, & satellite telemetry gauge on East Brook, installing a stage, discharge, & satellite telemetry gauge on West Brook, and authorizing Supervisor Gregory to seek additional support to help offset the costs associated with the gauges. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk