

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 21, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held December 21, 2017 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a pledge to the flag.

Present were: Michael Benvenuto	Supervisor
Charles Wood	Councilman
Patti Matheny	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town
Councilman Nelson- Absent	

Five audience members

MOTION #1 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Mort, Matheny
Nays: 0

NO COMMENTS

MOTION #2 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN MEETING made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheny, Wood
Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2017 AND PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2017 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheny, Mort
Nays: 0

COORESPONDENCE:

Letter from a Ghent resident commending Building Inspector Simonsmeier on a job well done. Charter Communications regarding a price increase. November 2017 Families- 84 Children 87, Adults 147, Seniors 23, New Clients 4 and 2852 pounds of food. Over 90 Thanksgiving dinners were distributed on November 18, 2017, donations from Staron's, Dairy Queen, Ghent Reformed Church and pies by the Retired Teachers association.

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheny, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE ZONING BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2017 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

GZRC- No meeting in December, next meeting January 15, 2018.

Broadband- Questions regarding service on Spook Rock Road. Dave Berman will contact Kevin.

Climate Smart- Met with Plug In regarding charging station. Dig permit submitted for NYSEG.

Bicentennial- Moving along well with journal ads. Banners will be up after the New Year and everything is on track for April event.

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION # 9 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR NOVEMBER made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheney, Wood
Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have been keeping busy doing projects around the yard at the shop trying to get things more organized. The first of the two dodges is now in service and working nicely. Winter has arrived and we have been out dealing with it like usual, this will be the first year in ten years I have ever had to work on a Christmas. I ran some numbers on our tractor trail which is working very nicely to increase our productivity and cut cost on fuel, man power and wear and tear of plow trucks. Tractor trailer hauled 5276 tons of material which is 153 loads with tractor which is on average 8 loads a day breaks down to 19 day of hauling \$3,722 man power fuel consumption of average is around 3.6 at around 53gallons of fuel a day 1,007 gallons \$2,133 fuel and man power \$5,855 this savings does not include any of the equipment hauling strictly dump trailer. If we were still using 10 wheeler to haul this same product we would be at 330 loads with 10 wheel which is 174 more loads,8 loads a day would take us 41 days \$8,031 man power fuel consumption of average is around 3.3 at around 56 gallons a day 2,296 gallons \$4,865 Fuel and man power \$12,896. Cost savings of over \$7,000 in only 19 day of use. We have started the Angell Hill Bridge project per engineers to see what lies behind the bridge pylons which we have found the original concrete from the previous bridge.

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**RESOLUTION #32 FOR THE YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT ON DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 6:45 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT"; WHEREAS, THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; AND WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO SECURE FIRE PROTECTION THROUGH THE GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS "GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018, THE PROPOSED PAYMENT TO THE GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2018 IS \$160,000.00

MOTION # 11 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 32 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #33 FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT ON DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 6:50 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "CHATHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2"; WHEREAS, THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; AND WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO SECURE FIRE PROTECTION THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS "CHATHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "CHATHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2" FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018, THE PROPOSED PAYMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM FOR THE YEAR 2018 IS \$24,291.00.

MOTION # 12 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 33 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #34 FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT ON DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 6:55 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "WEST GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT"; WHEREAS, THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; AND WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO SECURE FIRE PROTECTION THROUGH THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS "WEST GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "WEST GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018, THE PROPOSED PAYMENT TO THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE CONTRACT TERM IS \$100,000.00.

MOTION # 13 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 34 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS-

Review of the modifications proposed by the Planning Board for the procedure for Lot Line adjustments.

MOTION # 14 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A LOCAL LAW REGARDING THE PLANNING BOARDS RECOMMENDATIONS made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Mort, Matheney, Wood
Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$40508.82
S.L.	\$807.62
General B	\$4767.79
Highway DB	\$45880.13
TOTAL:	\$91964.36

MOTION# 15 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS, ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION #16 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MEETING made by Supervisor Benvenuto, seconded by Councilman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

No comments

MOTION #17 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Radley