

TOWN OF GHENT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
January 18, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held January 18, 2018 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
Peter Nelson	Councilman
Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

No Audience members- Public Comment waived.

**MOTION #1 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 21, 2017 AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 11, 2018** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

The White Stone Café notified the Town Board that they are applying for renewal of their liquor license. Charter Communications notified residents of upcoming channel changes. Food Pantry December 2017 Families- 75 Children 81, Adults 132, Seniors 32 and 3533 pounds of food.

**MOTION #2 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

**MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

**MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING & COMMITTEES:

**MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINTUES OF DECEMBER 6, 2017** made by

Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

Climate Smart- Charging station installation will be tabled until better weather.

DOG CONTROL:

**MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR DECEMBER** made by Councilman Wood seconded by

Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have been very busy with the snow storms, subzero temperatures and blowing wind which keeps us out longer trying to control and keep roads safe. A week ago weather went from 0 to 60 degrees in one day then within 12 hours temps dropped over 40 degrees this takes a toll on our sand salt piles for sure. With running water on frozen ground and melting snow in such a short time frame we weather well with pipes and ditches only one pipe came up out of the ground in one driveway. I have contacted a company by the name Traffic Logic in regards of a portable speed indicator I have to talk to the rep who has offered me a unit to demo which I am looking into. We had a DEC holding tank inspection which we are working on updating our equipment per DEC. Hope to get banners changed tomorrow .Sidewalks?

A brief discussion was held about enforcing residents to keep their sidewalks clear and salted.

**MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT FOR DECEMBER** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION #8 TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR LOCAL LAW #1 REGARDING LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS AND #2 FOR THE YEAR 2018 REGARDING WPV/AND HARASSMENT POLICIES ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 6:50PM AND 6:55PM** made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved

unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

**MOTION # 9 TO PROCEED WITH A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST FOR ROUTE 203** made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

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

General A \$23339.18

S.L. \$807.62

General B \$1888.32

Highway DB \$85581.73

TOTAL: \$110816.85

**MOTION# 10 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS, ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS BUDGET** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Wood, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

Public comment waived.

**MOTION #11 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10PM** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney, approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley