

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held September 20, 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
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

Absent- Councilwoman Matheney

PUBLIC COMMENT WAIVED

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Mort

Nays: 0

MOTION #2 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 22,2018 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Collective Hotels and Retreats notified the Town of their intent to apply for and NYS liquor license. Two notices form Charter /Spectrum regarding service changes. Food Pantry number for August: 73 Families, 70 Adults, 104 children, 27 seniors, 1 new client and 3351 lbs of food.

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION # 7 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2018 AND THE ZONING BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2018 AND AUGUST 8, 2018 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

BROADBAND- Meeting with Consolidated Communications went well.

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR AUGUST made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have been quite busy with changing out defective cross pipes around town and finished cleaning up from last month's heavy rain issues. We have been lending a hand to other towns helping them rap up paving just as they help us we have now finished all the paving and sealing we had on our schedule for this year doing 8.5 miles which is around 10 miles less than average due to the bridge. We have installed our bridge top with a hand full of things to finish up we are moving forward day after day getting closer to reopening bridge. We are going to be starting patch work with black top to get a few roads through another plow season before we can get to them to pave next season. Our new Dump Body has left Canada for delivery to us and the other body is awaiting sand blasting and primer then second truck will be stripped down and repaired. We are working on making our own 10' drag black top paver to assist in patching. We received one bid for a plow which will complete the cost of the grant in full and I would like by resolution to except this bid. We did a shared service with the town of Chatham on Daly road which is being charged to a resident who requested the road be sealed on their dollar.

RESOLUTION # 32 FOR THE YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS HAS INDICATED TO THE TOWN THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF PURCHASING AN EVEREST VORTEX PLOW IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE TOWN HIGHWAYS FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN HAS PLACED A BID ADVERTISEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF SAID EQUIPMENT, PURSUANT TO §103 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, AND WHEREAS, ZWACK INC., ROUTE 22, STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168, WAS THE ONLY RESPONDING BIDDER AND THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAID EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,695.00, AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD WISHES TO ACCEPT THE AFOREMENTIONED LOWEST BID MEETING THE REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS, AND TO THEREBY ACQUIRE SAID EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE TOWN HIGHWAYS FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE AFOREMENTIONED BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,695.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EVEREST VORTEX PLOW IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE TOWN HIGHWAYS FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF SAID EQUIPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GHENT.

MOTION # 9 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 32 FOR THE YEAR 2018 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood
Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$19575.20
S.L.	\$836.53
General B	\$1971.81
Highway DB	\$169844.46
TOTAL:	\$192227.90

MOTION# 10 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Wood, Mort
Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT WAIVED

MOTION #11 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Mort
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Radley, Town Clerk

