

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held February 21, 2019 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a pledge to the flag.

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| 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 ON JANUARY 17, 2019 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner will be at the Town Hall, March 21, 2019 at 6:00pm for a Town Hall Meeting for residents who need information regarding the new NYS licensing program. A letter from FFASNY asking for the fee to waived for a firework permit on July 27, 2019 at the CC Fairgrounds. A notice from Collective Hotels and Retreats who will be filing with the NYS liquor Authority for an on premises liquor license. Food pantry #'s for January 71 Families, 57 Adults, 102 children, 27 seniors, 2 new clients and 2417 lbs. of food. The federal shutdown didn't seem to increase pantry use. It did impact purchasing through the NE Reginal Food Bank. Had to purchase cheese and eggs at retail prices.

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE AND APPROVE FEE WIAVER 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 JANUARY 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 JANUARY 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 JANUARY 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 JANUARY 2, 2019 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

Supervisor Benvenuto reminded the Town Board there is an opening for a Planning Board member, Evan Young resigned at February's meeting.

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR JANUARY made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

CLIMATE SMART:

MOTION # 9 TO APPROVE THE NYSEDA GRANT AGREEMENT PENDING ATTONEY REVIEW AND APPROVE RFP FOR LIGHTING PRODJECTS AT THE TOWN HALL, WGCC AND TOWN HIGWHAY GARAGE made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

PARKS AND RECREATION:

MOTION #10 TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFING OF THE TENNIS COURTS IN GHENT AND WEST GHENT made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

Have been busy dealing with rain and small storms and up and down temps, which is never good for the roads. We have been out trimming roads back for upcoming road projects. I reached out to Sam Grant people regarding the grant and finally got a direct answer on the money reimbursement. I am waiting for the final packet of paper work which myself and Matt will have things to fill out. Once that is done then it goes back to the grant writers for their signature at that point they will contact me asking for proof of payments. I was told money is there siting in state bank account making them money on our money owed. Slate Hill Lower section bridge weight limit was dropped due to the fact the bridge is derating do to age. I need the boards permission to except the bids for the equipment we put up sale Truck \$1,500 Cain Hoist \$120 Blown engine \$340 Total of \$1,960 I ask that this money be placed into reserves for future use for the Highway for Equipment purchases please. I will be attending advocacy day on March 6 to lobby for our chips money once again. 284 forms are ready for your signature so I can finish my end according to state.

MOTION #11 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT AND APPROVE HIGHWAYS EQUIPMENT SALE BIDS

made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 16 FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2019-A OF THE UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT, THE TOWN JUSTICES OF THE TOWN OF GHENT MUST PRESENT THEIR RECORDS AND DOCKETS TO THE TOWN BOARD, WHICH SHALL EXAMINE SAID RECORDS AND DOCKETS OR CAUSE SAME TO BE EXAMINED AND A REPORT THEREON SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR A PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND ENTER IN THE MINUTES OF ITS PROCEEDINGS THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DULY EXAMINED AND THAT THE FINES THEREIN COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN, AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN JUSTICES OF THE TOWN OF GHENT PRESENTED THEIR RECORDS AND DOCKETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD CAUSED SAID RECORDS AND DOCKETS TO BE TO BE EXAMINED BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COMPTROLLER, WHICH PRODUCED A REPORT FOR REVIEW BY THE TOWN BOARD AND SUBMISSION TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS DULY EXAMINED SAID REPORT AND DETERMINED THAT THE FINES THEREIN COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN, AS REQUIRED BY LAW. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS REVIEWED AND DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THE REPORT PRODUCED BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COMPTROLLER. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF GHENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SUBMIT A COPY OF SAID REPORT AND THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION.

MOTION # 12 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 16 FOR THE YEAR 2019 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:

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| General A | \$63429.36 |
| S.L. | \$1068.12 |
| General B | \$721.50 |
| Highway DB | \$50469.02 |
| TOTAL: | \$115788.00 |

MOTION# 13 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 #14 TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8.15 PM made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Radley, Town Clerk