

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held August 24, 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
Peter Nelson	Councilman
Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

One audience member

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

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

Nays: 0

No Comment

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

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON JULY 20, 2017 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Charter regarding information about a rate increase. NYSDTF sent a letter establishing the final State equalization rate of 100.00. The Little Free library is ready for install at the Town Park pending location. Speed limit reduction notice from NYSDOT reducing the speed on Carpenter Road to 40 MPH. Food Pantry numbers for July 2017 Families- 80, Children 74, Adults 120, Seniors 22, New Clients 2 and 3508 pounds of food.

MOTION #4 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 #5 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2017 and ZBA MINUTES FROM APRIL 12, 2017 made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

GZRC:

MOTION #9 TO APPOINT CHRIS KEEFE TO THE GZRC made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CLIMATE SMART:

MOTION #10 TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR BENVENUTO TO SIGN THE MITIGATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM REGARDING THE ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION #11 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR JULY made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

Things have been quite quiet mowing roads, ditch work, some black top patching, and weed whacking guide rails. We will be starting to build our two new dodges in house shortly here bodies have just arrived. We have finished up our resurfacing of roads for the year now we will be concentrating on patching roads to get us through this upcoming winter. We have many ditching projects which we will be working on the rest of the year. The county is looking to do a temporary fix on the bridge they own on the Harlemlville road this September to get the weight limit back up from the current 8 ton restriction. Waiting to hear from the engineering firm on Angell Hill Bridge I now they have been out to the site twice so far. I had 2 meetings with FEMA for the snow storm we had back in March regarding state added moneys that we might be eligible for lots and lots of paper work.

MOTION #12 TO ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT FOR JULY made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION# 26 FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT ON AUGUST 24, 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 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 SIXTH (6) MONTH TERM, COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2017 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017, THE PROPOSED PAYMENT TO THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE CONTRACT TERM IS \$55,000.00.

MOTION # 13 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 26 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Local Law #2 for the Year 2017 will be reviewed by the Planning Board to address County Planning's recommendations and the Town Board will review at its next workshop.

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$22783.89
S.L.	\$807.62
General B	\$1300.57
Highway DB	\$144717.56
TOTAL:	\$168696.64

MOTION# 14 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #15 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: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Mort, Matheney

Nays: 0

NO COMMENT

MOTION #16 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT made by Supervisor Benvenuto seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #17 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

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

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley