

TOWN OF GHENT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
June 21, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held June 21, 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

Audience Members- 7

Before opening the meeting for Public Comment the Town Board appointed members to the ZBA and Planning Boards due to time constraints of one of the applicants.

**MOTION # 1 TO APPOINT EVAN YOUNG TO THE PLANNING BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2020 AND APPOINT BETH LENAHAN TO THE ZBA TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2019** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

**MOTION #2 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PULBIC COMMENT** made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Mark Johnson presented the Town Board with a letter on behalf of his father, Dr. Merrill Johnson who was also in attendance regarding a Zoning Change from Ag/Residential to Commercial (C1). Also attached was a letter from his realtor Kim Voltz. Dr. Johnson has been trying to sell 30 acres along 9H for 3 years and feels the current zoning of the parcel is hindering his ability to sell. He asks the Town Board to consider the option of the Zoning change.

Claire Gilbert- any update on the Route 66 Bridge?

Supervisor Benvenuto- a meeting was held with DOT, Ghent Fire Co., CCS bus garage and Superintendent Perry to discuss the repairs tentatively scheduled for summer of 2019.

**MOTION #3 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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Food Pantry numbers for May 2018 Families- 80, Children 95, Adults 129, Seniors 21, New Clients 1 and 2813 pounds of food.

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

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

Nays: 0

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

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

Nays: 0

**MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT/ TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

**MOTION # 8 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING BOARD ON MAY 2, 2018** made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

GZRC- Finishing up on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June and will go to Attorney and Board for review.

Broadband- Letter written to Comptroller's office as well as press release written to residents from the Town Board.

Climate Smart- Ribbon cutting for the new charging station was held tonight at 6pm. Press release to follow.

Bicentennial- Town wide mailer to be sent out next week. Next meeting July 9, 6pm at the VFW.

**MOTION #9 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

DOG CONTROL:

**MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN DCO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL AND MAY** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

The beginning of this month I attended Highway school out at Ithaca once again I gathered a great deal of good info. We are getting ready to start paving next week a hand full of roads. We have started the bridge project on Angell Hill with final disassemble of old bridge. We have completed our first round of mowing and have started on second round. I need for the board to take a few seconds this evening and please sign the updated 284 form for allocating the state funds for this year's projects to be paid when due. State Grant, I need board approval to sign and gather info for a \$75,000 State added grant for a new plow truck and equipment .This works like the chips program we front the money and State will reimburse town the \$75,000 which will not cost tax payers anything in the end to get a replacement plow truck the 2003. 2500 will be put up on auction once this unit in in service.

In need of a new Dump Body for one of the 2007, 10 wheelers pieces will be removed from body being removed and utilized on unit we are not replacing at this time. Then body will be put up for auction.

**MOTION #11 TO GRANT SUPERINTENDENT PERRY PERMISSION TO SIGN AND MOVE FORWARD WITH STATE GRANT** made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

**MOTION #12 TO APPROVE BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR AN EVEREST 304 ALL SEASON DUMP BODY** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

FUEL BIDS 2018-2019- RESOLUTION #23 FOR 2018

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT FROM TIME TO TIME HAS THE NEED TO CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE; AND WHEREAS, GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SECTION 103, SUBDIVISION 3, AUTHORIZES A MUNICIPALITY TO CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES THROUGH THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA HAS RECEIVED BIDS FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE, WHICH ARE COMPETITIVE AND WILL PROVIDE GOOD VALUE TO THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ACCEPT THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA BIDS FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #18-006 FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, AND KEROSENE MADE BY KOSCOHERITAGENERGY, LLC, WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #234-2018. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #18-007 FOR GASOLINE MADE BY MAIN BROTHERS OIL CO., WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #233-2018. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #18-008 FOR LIQUID PROPANE MADE BY NOLAN BOTTLE GAS INC., WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #235-2018. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE BIDS OF SUCH VENDORS FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAYS.

**MOTION #13 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #23 FOR THE YEAR 2018** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION #14 TO APPROVE THE 2018-2019 CONTRACT WITH NOTHERN COLUMBIA POP WARNER FOR USE OF THE WATER STREET PARK** made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood  
Nays: 0

**MOTION #15 TO APPROVE THE 30 DAY POSTING OF RESOLUTION #24 FOR THE STANDARD WORKDAY AND REPORTING FOR Elected AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

**MOTION #16 TO CHANGE THE TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST FROM AUGUST 16, 2018 TO AUGUST 24, 2018** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$31891.20
S.L.	\$22.81
General B	\$7265.05
Highway DB	\$56245.87
TOTAL:	\$95424.93

**MOTION # 17 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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

**MOTION # 18 TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE AT 8:05 PM** made by Supervisor Benvenuto seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted

Michelle Radley, Town Clerk