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TOWN OF GHENT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 17, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held May 17, 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 (arrived 7:05pm)
Peter Nelson	Councilman
Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

NO AUDIENCE

Public Comment Waived

**MOTION #1 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2018** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jane Fulton sent email regarding the status of the speed reduction request for Route 203. No Food Pantry report this month.

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

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

Nays: 0

**MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND APRIL** 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 BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

**MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT/ TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL** 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 # 6 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING BOARD ON APRIL 4, 2018** made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood  
Nays: 0

The Zoning Review Committee will meet with the Town Board at the May 10, 2018 workshop to discuss progress and ideas.

BROADBAND- Conference call was held with PSC regarding complaints the Town has received due to the Charter/ Spectrum merger. Residents are urged to file complaints with the PSC.9

CLIMATE SMART- The charging station is operational, and suggest was made to have a ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce and Village of Chatham. Clerk Radley will check on dates.

BICENTENNIAL / COMMUNITY DAY- A meeting was held on May 7, 2018 to begin planning. The committee will divide into subcommittees to handle different aspects of the event. The Historian will schedule events leading up to and for the day of October 13, 2018. Rack cards will be ordered for distribution. The new projector will be ordered this week.

**MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We hosted the 7th annual Columbia County Town Highway Superintendent Equipment shop on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We were able to polish up the facility after a long winter. Talking point was our new Dodge 5500 we built in house and how much we were able to save taxes payers by building plow trucks in house. We are once again shifting gears forward on preparing roads for paving the end of June. Along with dealing with everyday operation. We have received 257 bids for the equipment that has been put up for auction, 1998 1ton dump blown engine \$1,275, Chip boxes \$1,350, Minute mount plow \$670, Steam washer \$260, Air grease unit \$160, 2005 5500 dump \$11,900 with total sales of \$15,615. Shared Service agreement between Town and State, Attorney Cabral has a Resolution prepared. We have received multiple bids for every aspect of the Angell Hill Bridge with assist from the engineering firm and Attorney Cabral. I would like your support to move forward on the culvert reconstruction project. Mr. Clearman has given a verbal okay to move forward on the Gardner Road intersection and Johnson road project I spoke with Attorney Cabral regarding this he is working on getting things align for it. We took a dump truck load of scrap steel to Albany this month I would like to request that this \$979.91 be put into the highway fund balance for future use towards the highway department for future equipment.

**MOTION # 8 TO GIVE PERMISSION TO SELL THE ABOVE MENTIONED ITEMS AT AUCTION** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 21 FOR THE YEAR 2018:

WHEREAS, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("NYSDOT") HAS ASKED THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST THE MAINTENANCE OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL ROADS AND HIGHWAYS AND TO PROVIDE A COST SAVINGS BY MAXIMIZING AND EFFECTIVELY UTILIZING THE RESOURCES OF BOTH PARTIES; WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS HAS INDICATED TO THE TOWN BOARD THAT THE TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WISHES TO ENTER INTO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY NYSDOT; WHEREAS, THE COST OF SERVICES, MATERIALS, AND/OR EQUIPMENT SHARED PURSUANT TO THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WILL NOT EXCEED \$10,000; WHEREAS, THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH PARTIES AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO INCREASE THE RELIABILITY OF SERVICES AND REDUCE COSTS; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD DEEMS IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ENTER INTO THE PROPOSED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NYSDOT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE PROPOSED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GHENT.

**MOTION #9 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21 FOR YEAR** made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 22 FOR THE YEAR 2018:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS HAS INDICATED TO THE TOWN BOARD THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF PURCHASING CERTAIN MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPAIR OF THE ANGEL HILL ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF GHENT; WHEREAS, THE MATERIALS ARE THOSE SPECIFIED BY BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, THE ENGINEERS FOR THE BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT; WHEREAS, BARTON AND LOGUIDICE HAS PLACED FOUR BID ADVERTISEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF SAID MATERIALS, MORE SPECIFICALLY, BID ADVERTISEMENTS WERE PLACED FOR PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE BEAMS, CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS, STEEL GUIDE RAILS AND EPOXY COATING; WHEREAS, JEFFERSON CONCRETE CORP., WITH ADDRESS AT 22859 MURROCK CIRCLE, WATERTOWN, NEW YORK 13601, WAS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE BEAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,213.00; WHEREAS, V. ZAPPALA & CO., INC., WITH ADDRESS AT BROADWAY AND FIFTH AVENUE, RENSSELAER, NEW YORK 12144, WAS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,555.78;

WHEREAS, TOWN AND COUNTRY BRIDGE AND RAIL, WITH ADDRESS AT P.O. BOX 16395, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12212, WAS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE STEEL GUIDE RAILS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,617.00; WHEREAS, HARRIS REBAR – BARKER STEEL LLC, WITH ADDRESS 181 COEYMANS INDUSTRIAL PARK LANE, BUILDING C5, COEYMANS, NEW YORK 12045, WAS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE EPOXY COATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$555.00; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD WISHES TO ACCEPT THE AFOREMENTIONED LOWEST BIDS MEETING THE REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS AND TO THEREBY ACQUIRE THE AFOREMENTIONED MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPAIR OF THE ANGEL HILL ROAD BRIDGE. 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 BIDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE BEAMS, CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS, STEEL GUIDE RAILS AND EPOXY COATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPAIR OF THE ANGEL HILL ROAD BRIDGE; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF SAID MATERIALS.

**MOTION #10 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22 FOR YEAR WITH CHANGES IF NEEDED** made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood  
Nays: 0

**MOTION #11 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT** made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood  
Nays: 0

UNIFINISHED BUSINESS:

An RPF was circulated for mowing services, one response was received.

**MOTION # 12 TO APPROVED NORTHERN COLUMBIA LAWN CARE TO PROVIDE MOWING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN** made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood  
Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$26118.36
S.L.	\$835.62
General B	\$1514.29
Highway DB	\$38507.29
TOTAL:	\$67120.23

**MOTION# 13 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

PUBLIC COMMENT WAIVED

**MOTION # 14 TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE AT 8:04 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