

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held July 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
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

Absent- Councilman Mallory Mort - No audience members

Public Comment Waived

MOTION #1 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2018 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

CORESPONDENCE:

Food Pantry numbers for June 2018 Families- 73, Children 74 Adults 111, Seniors 27, New Clients 3 and 2662 pounds of food. A Letter from Consolidated Communications regarding an open house on July 26, 2018 from 3-7.

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

The Columbia County's new fire training center in the Town of Ghent appeared for their first meeting with the Planning Board and is moving forward. The GZRC will be sending their suggested changes to the Town Board regarding the Zoning Code.

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN HISTORIANS REPORT FOR JUNE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION # 7 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR JUNE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have paved just 3 miles with just over 2 or miles to do this season. We were shut down due to weather which kept us from finishing this. We are working on the Angell hill bridge prepping base for products which we are waiting on delivery of. We have been helping other towns and the state out with paving projects .We will be chip sealing roads in two weeks and finish paving the remainder of the roads we could not do to weather. We had 3" rain in about 1.5 and problems occur when this happens we had an embankment slide and we had to reconstruct the embankment .We received 1 Bid for the replacement body for truck number 24 I recommend that we go ahead it meets all the requirements I asked for. Once the bid is accepted we will start prepping this truck for the new body.

I have gathered all info for the Grant requirements and have asked Matt to put together bid info at this time I would like to put out to bid for a new truck and plow equipment for the grant. Once the Dump Body comes off of the dump truck and new truck arrives truck 2 the gmc 2500 we will put them both up for action. I have the check in hand for the equipment we sold on action of \$15,615.00 which will be being used to go towards the new Dump Body. I would like to have your permission once the Dump Body Comes off unit that I be able to list it for sale on auction.

RESOLUTION # 25 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 304 STAINLESS STEEL ALL SEASON DUMP BODY 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 THE EVEREST 304 STAINLESS STEEL ALL SEASON DUMP BODY, PURSUANT TO §103 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, AND WHEREAS, ZWACK INC., ROUTE 22, STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168 WAS ONLY RESPONDING BIDDER AND THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAID EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,795.00, 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 FOR THE EVEREST 304 STAINLESS STEEL ALL SEASON DUMP BODY 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 #8 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #25 FOR YEAR 2018 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION #9 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT FOR JUNE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH EQUIPMENT NEED TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION #10 TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID RELATING TO A NEW TRUCK THROUGH A STATE GRANT made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #26 FOR THE YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT RECOGNIZES THE THREAT POSED BY NATURAL HAZARDS AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE PLANNING TO PREPARE FOR AND MITIGATE THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF SUCH NATURAL HAZARDS; AND WHEREAS, THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 ESTABLISHED NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE AND POST DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAMS; AND WHEREAS, THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT FULLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; AND WHEREAS, THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ("FEMA"); AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS REVIEWED THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND HAS DETERMINED THAT ADOPTION OF THE PLAN IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT AND AFFIRMS THAT THE PLAN WILL BE UPDATED NO LESS THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND ADOPT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND RESOLVES TO EXECUTE THE ACTIONS IN THE PLAN.

MOTION #11 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #26 FOR YEAR 2018 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 27 FOR THE YEAR 2018:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT WISHES TO MODIFY CERTAIN COLUMBIA COUNTY NON-COMPETITIVE CIVIL SERVICE JOB DESCRIPTIONS TO BETTER FIT THE NEEDS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND TO ADOPT THOSE JOB DESCRIPTIONS ONCE MODIFIED; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS COORDINATED WITH THE APPROPRIATE UNION REPRESENTATION TO REVIEW AND MODIFY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY NON-COMPETITIVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC AND SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC, AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A, TO INCLUDE DUTIES TYPICALLY PERFORMED BY A MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR; AND WHEREAS, THE POSITIONS, AS MODIFIED, ARE NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS SUBMITTED THE ATTACHED MODIFIED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC AND SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND REQUESTED APPROVAL THEREOF; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT WISHES TO ADOPT THE MODIFIED JOB DESCRIPTIONS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A HERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY ADOPT THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A HERETO FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC AND SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE RATE OF PAY FOR THESE TITLES SHALL BE AND IS AS FOLLOWS: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC \$22.85 PER HOUR FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND \$23.25 FOR THE YEAR 2019; AND SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC \$20.82 PER HOUR FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND \$21.22 PER HOUR FOR YEAR 2019.

MOTION #13 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #27 FOR YEAR 2018 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION # 14 TO APPROVE THE TEAMSTERS HIGHWAY AGREEMENT FOR THREE YEARS (2019-2021)

made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION # 15 TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR BENVNEUTO TO SIGN TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBIA LAND CONSERVANCY

made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION #16 TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR BENVENUTO TO SEND A LETTER ON THE BEHALF OF THE TOWN BOARD TO MR. JOHNSON REGARDING HIS REQUEST TO REZONE HIS PROPERTY

made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$31547.36
S.L.	\$787.28
General B	\$2886.52
Highway DB	\$84119.36
TOTAL:	\$119340.52

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: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Wood, Matheney

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT WAIVED

MOTION # 18 TO ADJOURN AT 7:51 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley
Town Clerk