

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held October 18, 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- 2

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

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

Nays: 0

NO COMMENTS

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 THE MINUTES FROM THE TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Charter Communications regarding rate changes for its customers. Information given by Chatham Fire Company regarding an increase of funding from the Town of Ghent. Food Pantry numbers for September 2018 Families- 89, Children 88, Adults 144, Seniors 27, New Clients 3 and 3723 pounds of food. Thanksgiving meal distribution will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 9-10:30am.

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 SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER 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 FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 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 AUGUST 1, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood
Nays: 0

MOTION #9 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

CONSOLIDATED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – (moved up in agenda)

Bill Mulrein from Consolidated Communications was present to answer any questions regarding the franchise agreement between them and Town of Ghent. This agreement will include updates regarding expansion of services, higher customer service standards, built in maps, and changes to standard installations.

MOTION # 11 TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING THE CONSOLIDATED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT 6:50 PM made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

HIGHWAY:

We finally opened up Angell Hill Bridge which I am very happy for many reasons we were able to do 90% of the work with our crews and equipment with some shared services as well. Estimated cost with engineering cost was around \$260,000 we were able to keep cost for the entire project was under \$100,000 which was paid by money saved in the highway budget no extra cost to tax payers.

We have been quite busy finishing up end of the year projects before snow flies. Black top patching Pipe work ditching work. We are on the tail end of the new body swap with the body we purchased with the sold equipment and fema money. We have begun to start thinking about winter weather.

We cleaned up yard and took a load of scrap steel to the port I request the money be placed into the fund balance for future equipment purchases \$699.78. We were able to pave 6 miles of road this year and sealed 6.2 miles which puts us just over 70% of our roads being resurfaced in 5 years and 1 bridge which is about 3/4 of our highway system being completed.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 13 TO APPROVE SUPERVIOR BENVENUTO TO SIGN THE CHARGEBACK AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR THE CHATHAM, GREENPORT AND VALATIE RESCUE SQUADS made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

MOTION #14 TO SET A THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2019 TOWN OF GHENT BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2018 AT 7:00PM AND ACCEPT THE 2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

MOTION #15 TO SET A PULBIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #4 FOR POLICY & COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FOR DISCRIMINATION AND HARRASSMENT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT 6:45PM made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2 FOR 2018

	Increase	decrease
DB 2706 Local Gov.t Grants	\$75,000.00	
DB5130.2 Machine/ Equipment		\$75,000.00

MOTION # 16 TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 FOR THE YEAR 2018 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney 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 \$43263.46
S.L. \$834.00
General B \$2403.67
Highway DB \$175432.56
TOTAL: \$221933.69

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 7:50 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