TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held January 17, 2019 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 DECEMBER 20, 2018 AND JANUARY 3, 2019 AND THE PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 20, 2018 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson
Nays: 0

COORESPONDENCE:
Food Pantry numbers for December 2018 Families- 77, Children 76 Adults 123 Seniors 26, New Clients 2 and 2400 pounds of food. A request from Building Inspector Walt Simonsmeier to attend the yearly conference in Lake Placid for his required 24 hours of education.

MOTION #2 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE AND APPROVED THE BUILDING INSPECTORS TRAINING 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 TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson
Nays: 0

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FORM DECEMBER 5, 2019 AND DECEMBER 19, 2019 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 HISTORIANS REPORT FOR DECEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson
Nays: 0

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION # 6 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson
Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have been busy dealing with ice flows even having to take grader out to a few spots to cut ice out of ditches to keep ice off of road. Tree work with tree crew and road mower as well. We have been cleaning our back yard up we even screened some top soil for upcoming projects this year removed a mountain of waste. We just put plow wings on truck now the shoulders are hard enough to handle them and awaiting the upcoming weekend storm. We have been diligently working on the new truck setting it up for myself. I have reached out to the state SAM Grant to let them know we have received everything and have all the proof of payments in hand waiting on them grant is in final review I was told to hold onto everything .Now that we have a replacement for the old green pick up I would like permission to go ahead and place truck on the auction site along with an engine that came out of the 1997 we sold last year.

RESOLUTION #15 FOR 2019

WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS HAS INDICATED TO THE TOWN THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF PURCHASING A 4” DIESEL GORMAN RUPP PUMP IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE TOWN HIGHWAYS FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND WHEREAS, SURPLUS FUNDS REMAIN IN THE 2018 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF SAID EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,700.00; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS REQUESTS THE PERMISSION OF THE TOWN BOARD TO ENCUMBER UNSPENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,700.00 FROM THE 2018 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO BE USED IN THE 2019 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS DETERMINED THAT GRANTING THIS REQUEST IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE ENCUMBRANCE OF UNSPENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,700.00 FROM THE 2018 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO BE USED IN THE 2019 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A 4” DIESEL GORMAN RUPP PUMP IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE TOWN HIGHWAYS FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE SUM OF $4,700.00 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM 2018 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET LINE DB5142.1 TO 2019 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET LINE DB5130.1 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

MOTION # 7 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15 FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND APPROVE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINDENT TO SELL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson
Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
MOTION #8 TO SEND OUT LETTERS TO HOMEOWNERS ON ROUTE 66 IN THE HAMLET TO REMIND THEM TO KEEP THEIR SIDEWALKS CLEAR OF SNOW AND ICE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION# 9 TO APPROVE SENDING LETTER FOR THE CLEAN ENGERY COMMUNITY GRANT made by Councilman Wood, 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	$34570.93
S.L.	$
General B	$1341.58
Highway DB	$86480.42
TOTAL:	$122392.93

MOTION# 10 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 # 11 TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS AT 7:43PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Wood, Matheney
Nays: 0
MOTION #12 TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:53 PM made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Wood
Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Radley, Town Clerk