

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held June 20, 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
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent

Also Present: 4 audience members

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

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

Nays: 0

NO COMMENT

MOTION #2 TO CLOSE THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON MAY 16, 2019 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Village of Philmont requesting a letter of support in connection with funding request for their Local Waterfront Revitalization project. Standardized notice received from LoveApple Farm of their application to serve wine, beer and cider. Food Pantry numbers for May 2019 Families- 71, Children 64, Adults 106, Seniors 24, and 2803 pounds of food.

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE AND SEND A REVISED LETTER OF SUPPORT AFTER CONSULTING TOWN ATTORNEY made by Councilwoman Matheney, 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 APRIL AND MAY made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson 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 Wood 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 Councilman Wood, 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 PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FORM APRIL 3, 2019 AND THE ZBA MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2018 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

The Ghent zoning review committee is scheduled to meet June 25, 2019 at 6:30.

MOTION # 9 TO ACCEPT THE HISTORIANS REPORT MAY made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

YOUTH PARKS AND RECREATION:

Correspondence was received that the Town's SAM grant has been approved by the Division of Budget. Paperwork will need to be signed and sent back to receive funds.

HIGHWAY:

We have been struggling with weather very very wet we keep getting pushed off for paving because paving company is behind due to weather. We have finished with our first round of mowing of the town. We have many ditch/shoulder work jobs we are doing and have planned. I attended Highway School the beginning of June and once again came back with some great info to add to my operation. Last week we had safety training for the crew once again through the Highway Association keeping us in compliance with state reg's. I signed my name to a letter Daphne Jordan just sent the Governor requesting that he reconsider the Extreme Winter Recovery money that he cut from the entire state \$65million without this money it is putting a strain on my budget big time .

Our Used Dump Body auction has closed on Dump Body \$1,025.00 was bid on the unit I could except it or counter offer. We have started #24 rehab job truck is out at sand blasters and body is in shop being prepared to go back on truck. Excepted Gasoline and propane bid piggy backed off of county will put out to bid fuel.

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT BID FOR DUMP BODY made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 20 FOR THE YEAR 2019:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT FROM TIME TO TIME HAS THE NEED TO CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING GASOLINE AND LIQUID PROPANE; ANDWHEREAS, GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SECTION 103, SUBDIVISION 3, AUTHORIZES A MUNICIPALITY TO CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES THROUGH THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED; ANDWHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA HAS RECEIVED BIDS FOR GASOLINE AND LIQUID PROPANE, WHICH ARE COMPETITIVE AND WILL PROVIDE GOOD VALUE TO THE TOWN OF GHENT; ANDWHEREAS, 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 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 #19-008 FOR GASOLINE MADE BY VALLEY ENERGY, WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #240-2019. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #19-009 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 #241-2019. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE BIDS OF SUCH VENDORS FOR GASOLINE AND LIQUID PROPANE IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAYS.

MOTION # 11 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 20 FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND APPROVE ACCEPTION OF BIDS made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION# 12 TO ACCEPT CHRIS KEEFE'S RESIGNATION FROM THE ZBA AND APPORVE HIS APPOINMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD EFFECTIVE 7-1-2019 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 13 TO CHANGE THE AUGUST TOWN BOARD MEETING FROM AUGUST 15TH TO AUGUST 22ND made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

MOTION # 14 TO SET A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 18, 2019 AT 6:50 PM WITH THE GHENT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDED TO SECURE A LOW INTEREST LOAN made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney 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	\$39294.17
S.L.	\$853.62
General B	\$2128.10
Highway DB	\$57826.91
TOTAL:	\$100,102.80

MOTION# 15 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 #16 TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL AT 7:55PM made by Supervisor Benvenuto seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

MOTION #17 TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:24 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

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

MOTION #18 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley, Town Clerk

