

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 22, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held August 22, 2019 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
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

Also Present: 3 audience members

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

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

Nays: 0

NO COMMENT

MOTION #2 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 18, 2019 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kozel's Restaurant notified the Town of their intentions of renewing their liquor license. Living Resources approached the Town for consideration of using the WGRC for basketball. Supervisor Benvenuto responded, but has not heard back yet. Letter regarding tennis courts, which has been addressed. Food Pantry numbers for July 2019 Families- 61, Children 64, Adults 93, Seniors 23, and 2039 pounds of food.

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

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

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

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR JULY 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 # 7 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINTES FROM JULY 10, 2019 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

The ZRC should be ready to present to the Town Board by September. A budget workshop will be set for September 12th at 6pm. The ZRC may be attendance to update board depending on availability. Councilwoman Matheney and Dave Berman met with Barrett's office in regards to broadband and attempting to receive new audit maps of service areas. Councilman Mort reported the lighting installation will begin next week. He will also send Attorney Cabral information for an RFP for September's meeting regarding the solar at the highway garage.

MOTION # 8 TO ACCEPT THE HISTORIANS REPORT JULY made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

MOTION # 9 TO APPROVE BLACKTOP FOR THE WATER STREET BASKETBALL COURT THROUGH SHARED SERVICES WITH THE TOWN OF CHATHAM made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

HIGHWAY:

We have been busy finishing up our paving season we were able to pave 9.6miles of road this season and seal an additional.3.75 Miles as well total this season 13.45 Year to date we have resurfaced in the Past 6 years since I have taken office 108.75 miles out of our 142.90 and we are now getting into our expensive long roads heavily traveled roads. We have replaced a couple of drainage pipes that have failed do to they have reached their life expectancies and have a hand full more on the list to do. We are moving along on our rebuild of the 2nd 2007 Mack should be rolling out of the shop in the next week.

We have been mowing right along and are getting close to finishing our second round which is a double cut and will have to start a third which is very common. Up next besides helping other towns with their paving and sealing we will be doing a good deal of black top patch work. The new lighting has arrived and is in storage awaiting for the people to come and install everything. I have the check for the Dump Body we sold to be requested to be placed into Highway reserves for future purchase. We have received the final paper work for the SAM grant I received to reimbursement us of the \$75,000 we put out for the plow equipment & Truck which will be finalized tonight. have spoken to Mike and Lisa this week regarding doing a budget amendment from the winter sand/salt budget line to move to the equipment line I would like with your permission to put out to bid for a dumping landscape trailer to build into a leaf vac trailer to help us with our fall clean up and storm cleanup of the leaves in our ditches which cause havoc on our drainage infrastructure causing us problems all the time with snow melt and flash floods I would like to transfer \$6,500 put out bid specs for next month's board meeting .

MOTION # 10 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT FOR JULY AND APPROVE AN RFP FOR LEAF VAV TRAILER PURCHASE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 25 FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS HAS INDICATED TO THE TOWN THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF RESERVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,646.55 TO COVER THE COST OF HIGHWAY REPAVING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CONSOLIDATED LOCAL STREET AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ("CHIPS") FUNDING IS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN HAS SET ASIDE IN ITS HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (DB878) A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO FUND THIS REQUEST AND WISHES TO UTILIZE THE MONEY SET ASIDE IN SAID FUND TO COVER THE COSTS OF HIGHWAY REPAVING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CHIPS FUNDING IS RECEIVED; AND WHEREAS, THE CHIPS FUNDING, WHEN RECEIVED, WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO REPLENISH THE AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM THE HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (DB878) PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION; AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$67,646.55 FROM THE HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (DB878) TO THE CHIPS EXPENSE ACCOUNT, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAYS (DB51122); ANDBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF §91 OF THE TOWN LAW, AND SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TAKE EFFECT THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ITS ADOPTION, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS BEING NECESSARY BY THE TOWN, UNLESS A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN CLERK, CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF §91 OF THE TOWN LAW, SEEKING A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM; ANDBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD PROSCRIBED BY §91 OF THE TOWN LAW, THE TOWN SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH TRANSFER OF THE FUNDS AS SPECIFIED HEREIN.

MOTION # 11 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 25 FOR THE YEAR 2019 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Matheney received a letter from a Stockport Road resident requesting the Town's help with DOT in regards to the intersection of 9H/County 22/ Stockport Road. The resident has also sent a letter to DOT outlining his concerns. He also has spoken to Superintendent Perry regarding the same issues. More information will be gathered and discussed at the next workshop.

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A	\$34439.21
S.L.	\$853.62
General B	\$1906.85
Highway DB	\$221807.60
TOTAL:	\$259007.28

MOTION # 12 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:

Kirk Kneller- Thanked Ben for his maintenance on Stockport Road. Has concerns regarding easements regarding the new high/ low voltage lines and new substation. Where there supposed to be easement requests?

Supervisor Benvenuto- the Town was just made aware of the requests and will be contacting NYSEG for more information and will report back.

Kirk Kneller- Thanked the Town Board for the renovations at the Community center and its support of the Chatham Rural Cemetery.

MOTION # 13 TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE AT 8.05 PM made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Radley Town Clerk

