

Public Hearing
Ghent Town Board
October 10, 2019

A Public Hearing before the Ghent Town Board on October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, New York 12075, to consider the provisions of the Town of Ghent Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Town Law of the State of New York. The following proposed salaries are set forth in the Preliminary Budget: Town Supervisor - \$12,000.00, each Town Board member - \$3,895.00; Town Clerk - \$35,240.00, and Town Superintendent of Highways - \$61,855.00. A copy of the preliminary budget is available at the office of the Ghent Town Clerk where it may be inspected by any interested person during regular office hours. There will be a special meeting of the Ghent Town Board on October 10, 2019 immediately following the preliminary budget public hearing, at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, New York 12075, to consider proposals for improvements to the West Ghent Community Center in connection with grant funding received from the New York State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program and for the purpose of conducting general business of the Town.

Supervisor Benvenuto open the Public Hearing at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Supervisor Benvenuto than read the Public Notice aloud.

Town Accountant Michael Bucci gave a brief overview of the 2020 budget. There will be a 1% decrease in tax for next year. Spending was kept low, even with health cost. Monies will be put into the highway reserve for future purchases.

Supervisor Benvenuto- Ghent Fire Department received a 2 ½ % increase, Chatham Fire 2% and West Ghent Fire remained the unchanged. Mellenville Fire is apportioned at the County.

No Public Comment

Supervisor Benvenuto Closed the Public Hearing at 7:14pm.

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| Present were: Michael Benvenuto | Supervisor |
| Charles Wood | Councilman |
| Peter Nelson | Councilman |
| Patti Matheney | Councilwoman |
| Mallory Mort | Councilman |
| Ben Perry | Highway Superintendent |

Also Present: 6 audience members

MOTION #1 TO OPEN THE MEETING AT 7:15PM made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 27 FOR THE YEAR 2019:

WHEREAS, PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020 TOWN OF GHENT BUDGET THE TOWN OF GHENT MUST SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THAT THE 2020 TOWN OF GHENT BUDGET DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM TAX CAP INCREASE ALLOWANCE, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR CALCULATING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR; WHEREAS, THE TOWN SUPERVISOR HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FACILITATE AND ENSURE THAT THIS FILING IS COMPLETED AS REQUIRED; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD WISHES TO EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO FILE THE REQUISITE INFORMATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN SUPERVISOR IS AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND FILINGS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER'S TAX CAP FILING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AS RELATED TO THE 2020 TOWN BUDGET AND ITS ADOPTION.

MOTION # 2 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 27 FOR THE YEAR 2019 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RFP'S FOR WEST GHENT COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADES:

Seven proposals were received , 3 for the Water Quality Upgrades, 2 for the Heating System Upgrades, 1 for the Floor upgrades and 1 for a 500 Underground Fuel Tank. The Board reviewed each proposal and had a brief discussion on how to proceed.

MOTION # 3 TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM CULLIGAN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS FOR \$7265.00 FOR THE WATER QUALITY UPGRADES made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 4 TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS FROM FIRST FUEL FOR INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND TANK AND UPGRADES TO HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE TOTAL OF \$9565.82 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

The RFP for the flooring will be reissued at a later date due to changes that will be needed to be addressed including door replacements and flooring choices.

MOTION # 5 TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE AT 7:50 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

