

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held October 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
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

Also Present: 4 audience members

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

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

Nays: 0

NO COMMENT

MOTION # 2 TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN MEETING made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #5 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 #6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR 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 #7 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 5, 2019 AND AUGUST 7, 2019

made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Zoning Review- Awaiting on response from County Planning regarding Local Law #1.

Climate Smart- Lighting completed at Town hall and WGCC, Highway garage still incomplete. An application was received by the Board to fill the vacancy of Karen Mort, who stepped down from the CCEMC. The RFP for the solar work at the Highway garage received no responses, will re issue for another date in time for November's Town Board meeting.

MOTION #8 TO APPOINT DAVID NEWMAN TO THE CCEMC TO FILL THE OPEN SEAT VACATED BY KAREN MORT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 9 TO ACCEPT THE HISTORIANS REPORT SEPTEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have been busy Switching Equipment over from summer to winter getting everything set up. We are just about complete with side mowing and will be switching mowers over to start brush cutting. We are getting a jump on some pipe work scheduled for next spring and are going to be 4 pipes ahead of schedule. We are busy working on the new trailer converting it over to a leaf unit. We did a bunch of preventative maintenance on ditch ways before last night's heavy rains and only had issues due to a tree falling in the ditch line blocking the path of water backing leaves up. We received the money for the \$75,000 Sam Grant and will be putting that money to use for the future equipment for the Highway. I will be heading to Canada next week for my factory tour and meeting with the Everest Engineering people looking forward to the opportunity. We also had a new guy start this week as a MEO. A petition was presented to the board regarding speed limit reduction for Stockport road. Attorney Cabral will draw up a resolution for next month's meeting.

MOTION # 10 TO ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION # 11 TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF GHENT BUDGET FOR 2020 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 12 TO APPROVE THE RESCUE SQUAD CONTRACTS WITH CHATHAM RESCUE, GREENPORT RESCUE AND VALATIE RESCUE FOR THE YEAR 2020 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #13 TO APPROVE THE GHENT SENIORS CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR 2020 made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

The Morris Memorial contract was tabled until next month.

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A \$65880.25

S.L. \$1707.24

General B \$566.52

Highway DB \$43301.09

TOTAL: \$111,455.10

MOTION # 14 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 15 TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE AT 7:35 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

